



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

August 20, 2019

Meeting Minutes: 1:41

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

- OPOC Commissioners present: Ladd Smith, Jenny Rose, James Wilburn and Elizabeth Kelley
- Legal Counsel: Dennis Hession
- OPO staff members present: Bart Logue, Luvimae Omana and Christina Coty

Items Session

- The Agenda approved
- The July 16th minutes were approved, Commissioner Kelley abstained from vote.
- Texting questions – going forward you will be able to text questions to the OPOC real time, and they will be answered time permitting.

Public Forum

- Robert Esseltine - Citizen
 - Came out to speak in favor of renewing Ombudsman Logue's contract
 - Filed a complaint in 2017; Mr. Logue gave him dignity and respect like he had never received from anyone in a government agency.
- Ron Wright - Citizen
 - Came out to speak in favor of renewing Ombudsman Logue's contract.
- Danien Penta – Center for Justice
 - Praised the work of Mr. Logue and the OPO
 - Stated that the recent events regarding police conduct would not have come to light had it not been for Mr. Logue's efforts.

Guest Speaker:

- Unable to make this month work with a guest speaker

Analyst Update:

- Use of Force dashboards are near completion. The OPO has been working with the City Web group and Mr. Scales to ensure the dashboards are ready to launch.
- The dashboards are currently being run in a test environment, where the Web group found they do not load on mobile devices properly.
- City Media, the OPO and SPD are working on a joint Media Release to launch the Dashboards for the public, which will be put on FB & Twitter.

OPO Report

- OPO Highlights for July
 - 107 contacts, 3 complaints, 19 referrals, 9 OPO interviews
 - 9 cases certified, 11 special cases reviewed
 - 6 community events
- Discussed changes to staffing inside the Internal Affairs unit.
- He was asked to be a presenter during the NACOLE Annual Conference, where he will speak on a panel regarding Driving Change Forward.
- Critical Incident

- Officer shot at Thursday morning

Commissioners' Business

- 2018 Annual Reports
 - Annual reports are completed and will be presented to the City Council on September 9th.
- Community Events
 - Unity in the Community
 - NAACP Monthly Meeting
 - NAACP Conference in September
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Rose – Ride along with Sgt. Eckersley, was a great experience. He was able to provide many experiences during their shift
 - Commissioner Kelley – In June, the American Bar Association came to town. Commissioner Kelley asked Ms. Omana to speak on a task force of women in Criminal Justice on a panel. Ms. Omana did an excellent job and represented the office very well.
 - Commissioner Smith – Had an hour long meeting with Chief Meidl. It was a very productive meeting.
- Other Business
 - Police Guild PRR
 - Requested all texts, emails, handwritten notes regarding Use of Force case F19-016 between City Council Members, Mayor's Office, City Legal and the Ombudsman Office.
 - Use of Force Cases
 - Recommendation will be made regarding the timeliness of UOF cases being submitted to the OPO, due to gaps in the current ordinance.
- Executive Session – 6:30-6:47pm
 - Ombudsman Logue contract renewal discussion
- Contract Renewal Vote
 - Commissioner Kelley – Motions to add a 3 year term to Mr. Logue's contract
 - Commissioner Wilburn – Seconds the motion
 - Community Comment
 - Elaine Tyree – The level of respect rising above the disrespect is amazing and is what Spokane will need for change to happen.
 - Approved Unanimously
 - Ombudsman Bart Logue Accepted Contract renewal for 3 years
- Commissioner Photos taken at Huntington Park

Motion Passes or Fails:

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:11pm

**Note: Minutes are summarized by staff. A video recording of the meeting is on file -
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