



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

June 11, 2020

Meeting Minutes: 1:22

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

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

Items Session

- Agenda: Approved - Unanimous
- February 18th minutes: Approved - Unanimous
- OPOC Legal Counsel contract Vote: Approved - Unanimous

Public Forum

- Anwar Peace –He noticed while reading the closing report published by the OPO that there was no K9 policy for SPD only guidelines.

OPO Closing Report for C19-040 / Recommendations

- The OPO put this report out as an after action to critically look at the specific incident that occurred in February of 2019 and offer recommendations.
 - High Risk Vehicle Stop: Driver exited the vehicle; passenger got into the driver's seat and led the officers on a high-speed chase. Upon termination of the chase, officers used a K9 to get the subject out of the vehicle, while it appears the subject was surrendering.
 - During review of the Use of Force case, two supervisors found the Use of Force to be outside of policy.
 - The writing of this report led to 23 Recommendations to the Spokane Police Department.

Commissioners' Business

- OPO Closing Report Discussion – Commissioners
 - What do the SPD consider an exceptional technique? How is that determined?
 - Would like to see more reports of this fashion.
- Vote to Approve the 23 Recommendations
 - 4 votes to approve and 1 abstention
- Commissioner Speak Out
 - Commissioner Holman – Concerns with the Police Guild contract not wanting oversight. Encourages all City Council Members to vote no on the contract due to the lack of oversight.
 - Commissioner Smith – Concerned that the Police Guild are not interested in any sort of accountability or transparency with the community. They are trying to weaken what the citizens voted for in 2013.
 - Commissioner Wilburn – The Police Guild doesn't tell us what to do. That is what they have been doing and it's not right

- Commissioner Rose – The citizens voted for independent oversight and that is not what they are getting now. If the Police Guild truly wants change, they need to focus on the areas that truly matter, not the oversight.
- Commissioner Kelley – This contract is deeply and profoundly out of step with the rest of the nation and the world for that matter. It could not have come at a worse time.
- OPOC Statement
 - Would like to ensure that there is a statement from the OPOC on the FB page.
 - Vote to have Commissioner Rose write a statement for the OPOC – Approved Unanimous

Motion Passes or Fails: 5

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:52pm

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