



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

October 20, 2020

Meeting Minutes: 1:15

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Attendance

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

Items Session

- Agenda approved pending a month change for the minutes
- August 18th minutes approved

Public Forum

- None

OPO Report

- August Report
 - 121 contacts, 0 complaints, 8 referrals, 152 OPO interviews
 - Certified 4 cases and 4 returned for further investigation in August. The returned cases were centered around the May 31st protest.
 - Discussion with the Human Rights Commissioner regarding the job duties of our office to ensure no overlap in the creation of a potential civil rights office
 - City Proclamation for National Ombuds Day created by City Council
- September Report
 - 84 contacts, 4 Complaints and 18 Referrals
 - 2 primary obstacles for the month were complaints on Corona Virus and mask compliance/enforcement by the SPD and an increase in evictions even with the Governor's Moratorium
 - NACOLE Annual Conference was completed in September
- Officer Involved Shootings
 - August 7th intersection of Crestline and Courtland Ave
 - PAC Team received information on the location of a subject wanted for a string of cellphone store armed robberies. When they moved into detain him, he displayed a firearm. Officers tried to deescalate the situation before shots were fired. Suspect expected to make a full recovery, no officers were injured.
 - September 11th Rodeway Inn – Spokane Valley
 - PAC Team investigating a report of a robbery car jacking in Airway Heights the previous day. Both AHPD and SPD had tried to pursue the suspect, but stopped pursuit due to dangerous behavior. SPD located the suspect in his vehicle in the parking lot of the Rodeway Inn. Officers instructed him to exit the vehicle and when he did he fired at officers, striking one officer. Suspect

was pronounced dead at the scene and the officer was transported to a local hospital where his condition stabilized.

- September 24th Bell Motel Hyw 2
 - PAC Team and DV Unit were investigating a DV Suspect wanted for various counts, after firing rounds into her home and pistol whipping her. While calling for additional resources, officers witnessed the suspect walking through the parking lot. Officers and the suspect exchanged words and then the officers fired their weapons. The suspect was injured and transferred to a local hospital but later died of his injuries. No officers were injured
- Shift in IA staff: new Lt. Cowles will be replacing Lt. Wohl. Sgt Wuthrich will be retiring in November and a replacement will be announced soon.

Commissioners' Business

- Presentation of Annual Reports to City Council – Commissioner Rose
 - Presented the report in their work study session in October.
 - Focused on the budget for the FTE position where it received positive feedback from the council.
 - Would like to have the annual reports completed earlier in the year for 2020
- May 31st Protest Closing Report – Commissioners Rose
 - The Chief informed Mr. Logue that the Police Guild filed a grievance over the report
 - This has slowed down the progress and the Guild is waiting on a meeting with the City Administration
- Commissioner Vacancies – Commissioner Rose
 - Reminded Council Member Cathcart and Council Member Burke about the Commissioner follow up. They have selected a commissioner and they are starting the process.
 - Council Member Kinnear and Council Member Wilkerson are still finding an applicants
- Commissioner Speak out –
 - Commissioner Wilburn – Was planning a citywide Kwanza event but the SRHD informed him that it would not be approved.
 - Commissioner Smith – He is moving to a different home but it should not impact his position with him being appointed by the Mayor. Wants to let the OPO that he fully supports all that we are doing especially keeping things going during this time of Covid.
 - Commissioner Rose – Wishes that we had more time to get the Proclamation into the media to pick it up.
- Executive Session – 6:23pm – 6:45pm at the latest
 - To discuss Bart Logue PAR

Motion Passes or Fails: 2

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:53pm

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