



Office of Police Ombudsman Commission Minutes

November 18, 2020

Meeting Minutes: 1:24

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm

Attendance

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

Items Session

- Introduction of Commissioner Jasmin
- Agenda approved
- October 20th minutes approved – Commissioner Jasmin - abstained

Public Forum

- None

OPO Report

- October Report
 - 85 contacts, 14 interviews, 3 complaints and 5 referrals
 - 14 cases certified, 2 returned for further investigation, 9 UOF, 2 K9, 3 Collisions and 2 Pursuits
 - New IA LT. Matt Cowles
- Training – Fall in Service was attended (in Person)
- Chief Meidl inquired about what step the grievance was at. Grievance pertained to OPO writing a report on the Protest/Riot response following the George Floyd death
- Ordinance requirement of completing Ride Along's will not be able to be completed due to the Governors mandates.
 - There will need to be a resolution for the Ordinance that waives the ride along piece of the ordinance

San Francisco Highlight of SPD Use of Force Analysis

- City of San Francisco Office of the Controller and Department of Accountability released a report after auditing police use of force where the City of Spokane Police Department was discussed
- SPD was mentioned in one of the recommendations where they utilized the UOF dashboards on the OPO.
- Spokane Police Department “goes beyond simply counting incidents by analyzing UOF data to gain greater insight into how its officers use force”

Commissioners' Business

- OPO Review on the Protests Update – Commissioner Rose
 - Due to a grievance filed by the Police Guild; The OPO is currently unable to create the report pertaining to the May/June protests.

- The OPO was going to do an independent review of the police response to the protests that occurred.
- Budget Request Update – Commissioners Rose
 - After 2 years the OPO was granted FTE status for the Administrative Specialist position
- Commissioner Vacancies – Commissioner Rose
 - Council Member Kinnear and Council Member Wilkerson are still finding an applicants
- Chair/Vice Chair Nominations –
 - Commissioner Rose asked if there were any Commissioners that were interested in the positions and asked for nominations for the position of Chair
 - Commissioner Wilburn nominated Commissioner Rose for Chair and Commissioner Smith for Vice-Chair
 - Commissioner Rose asked if Commissioner Smith would be interested in going back to the Chair position for 2021 to which Commissioner Smith said he would be open to that.
 - Commissioner Rose nominated Commissioner Smith for Chair for 2021
 - Commissioner Wilburn Seconded Commissioner Smith for Chair
 - Votes were unanimous for Commissioner Smith to become Chair for 2021
 - Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Rose for the position of Vice-Chair
 - Commissioner Wilburn Seconded Commissioner Rose for Vice-Chair
 - Votes were unanimous for Commissioner Rose to become Vice-Chair for 2021
- Commissioner Speak out –
 - Commissioner Wilburn – Shared that his sister passed. Then shared that they were approved to have their Kwanza celebration in the Spokane Valley Mirabeau Center on December 26th.
 - Commissioner Smith – Condolences to Commissioner Wilburn on the loss of his sister. Welcome to the OPOC to Commissioner Jasmin. Would like to express his disappointment to the Police Guild for continuing to make oversight in Spokane difficult and cumbersome. He will not be afraid to call this out every time.
 - Commissioner Rose – Received a request from CP Beggs, Mayor Woodward and Chief Meidl asking her to be part of a board 12 people reviewing ways to make things better in Spokane between SPD and the community
 - Commissioner Jasmin – For someone who just joined the Commission, he feels like the meeting was easy to understand and he appreciates it. To hear that there is a reluctance with oversight from the Police Guild is frustrating. He appreciates that there are great things being done here by the SPD as pointed out by the report in San Francisco, it will only go so far without true accountability.
- December Meeting

- Due to the need for a resolution on the ordinance a Special Meeting is requested for December 1st, 2020
- Votes were unanimous for a December 1st, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion Passes or Fails: 5

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:53pm

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