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POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

November 7, 2017

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND APPROVAL AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

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The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. In attendance were Commissioners Sauvigne, Waters, and Mason, Chief Lynch, and Captains Conlan and Cipolla. The meeting was a Special Meeting simply because of a date change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 regular meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Waters and approved 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports were all reviewed and considered, including the monthly Activity, Detective Bureau, MAC/SEU, SRO, Overtime, Accreditation, and K-9 Reports. Nothing was noted as being materially unusual or warranting special attention.

The Commission noted a decline in the number of motor vehicle stops in the prior month, which was due to the Department not being at full staff, training, and the lack of any selective enforcement grants.

The Department received 10 new traffic complaints, which will be investigated. There are currently five ongoing traffic studies.

The recent Tip-a-Cop event was record setting.

The increase in OT for the month was due primarily to state mandated firearm training.

The Department is exploring ways to increase the K-9 presence at the schools.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF.

The Chief did not note any issues of concern and referenced the many letters from the community.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Waters provided a Building Committee report. Things are on schedule for the project to be previewed at the May 2018 annual meeting, and then formally presented in September 2018.

The Chief provided an update on the uncertainty regarding the budget given uncertainty surrounding State cuts.

The Department is in the midst of a campaign to increase awareness and compliance with handicap parking in Town, including speaking to businesses about technical requirements and compliance.

The Chief reported on a dispatch issues, which appears to be a run card problem, which the PD and FD are working on to solve.

NEW BUSINESS

The members of the Police Fund Committee will be First Selectwomen Vanderslice, Commissioner Waters, Chief Lynch, and Detective Tarrant.

Commissioner Waters' motion, seconded by Commissioner Sauvigne that Sgt. Tornello be removed from probation as new Sgt., effective November 11, 2017, provided nothing occurs between the date of the meeting and November 11, 2017 that would warrant reconsideration of that decision, approved 3-0.

The Commission approved the 2018 meeting schedule with one change, from January 8 to January 9, 2017.

A resident has complained of a dangerous intersection at Hurlbutt and Maple Ave, which the Department will investigate.

The Department will make a presentation to the BOS at the BOS 12/2/2017 meeting regarding staffing levels at the PD and the reasons for those levels.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at the meeting, and no public comment was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:03 pm, the Commission went into executive session to discuss (i) an update on the Union negotiations, and (ii) two disciplinary actions taken by the Chief. The disciplinary actions were not addressed in detail because the officer's involved have a right to appeal to the Commission and care was taken to avoid any potential substantive discussion regarding the matters.

At 8:09 pm, the Commission came out of executive session, no action having been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioners Waters, passed 3 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew C. Mason, Acting Secretary

