

## PORTSMOUTH POLICE COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

5:30 p.m. Public Session – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

Kate Coyle, Chair  
Buzz Scherr, Commissioner  
Francesca Fernald, Commissioner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 monthly Police Commission meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers.

**The following people were present for the public session:**

Commissioners Coyle, Scherr and Fernald, Chief Mark Newport, Deputy Chief Michael Maloney, Business Manager Karen Senecal, Executive Assistant Jackie Burnett and members of the police department and the public.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES:**

➤ January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 & February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Action:** Commissioner Scherr moved to accept the minutes of the above-noted Police Commission meetings.

**Seconded by Commissioner Coyle.**

**On a Roll Call Vote:** The motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Coyle:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Scherr:	“Aye.”
Commissioner Fernald:	“Aye.”

- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. POLICE COMMISSION:**

**1. Facilities Update**

**a. Restoration**

Chief Newport provided an overview of the current projects and deficiencies requiring attention inside the police facility.

**b. Community Policing Facility Planning**

The Chair reported

**2. Community Priorities**

**a. Crime Analyst Report**

Deputy Chief Maloney reported on the monthly Crime Analyst's statistics.

**B. CHIEF OF POLICE:**

**1. Recognition**

**a. Ret. Sgt. Phil Miles:** Chief Newport

**2. Monthly Traffic Stats**

Deputy Chief Maloney reported the statistics from January 2023:

**3. Financial Report**

Business Ops. Manager Karen Senecal briefed the Commission on the current state of the police department's budget. The police department is tracking 4% below the cap (

**a. Grant Applications Update**

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**b. Strategic Plan Update**

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**VI. PATROL DIVISION:**

**a.** This report was included in the commission meeting packet.

**VII. COURT OFFICE REPORT:**

**a.** This confidential report was included in the meeting packet.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER BUSINESS:**

**IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regular commission meeting date is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, starting at 5:30 pm. Please always check the municipal meetings calendar for any changes to the schedule leading up to the next meeting.

**X. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**Action: Commissioner Scherr moved** to adjourn the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Police Commission meeting at 6:06 PM.

**Seconded by Commissioner Fernald.**

**On a Voice Vote:** The motion passed 3-0.

END OF MEETING

Police Commission Meeting  
March 5, 2024

*Respectfully Submitted by Jacqueline Burnett, Executive Assistant*  
**Commissioner Buzz Scherr, Recording Clerk of the Commission**