



MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD - REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024, 3:30 PM

The Public Safety and Community Relations Board convened in regular session at 3:30 PM, October 23, 2024. Board Chairperson Rachel McFarland called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ashley Farmer	Board Member	Present
Tylian Smith	Vice Board Chair	Present
Arthur Taylor	Board Member	Present
Rachel McFarland	Board Chair	Present
Surena Fish	Board Member	Absent
William Bennett	Board Member	Absent
Sean Murphy	Board Member	Absent

Staff Present: Micheal Hurt, Staff Liaison

Public Comment

Neither in person or emailed public comment was received.

Consent Agenda

No Items were considered on the Consent Agenda.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2024, Regular Session Public Safety and Community Relations Board Meeting.

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Farmer, to approve the item as presented.

Board Chair McFarland directed the Staff Liaison to call roll:

AYES: McFarland; Smith; Farmer; Taylor

Motion passed.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received.

Chad Wamsley reported 22 complaints have been submitted for 2024 and 4 have been withdrawn and 1 was pending. No complaints asked for PSCRB review. The complaints involved

dissatisfaction with service; unlawful search and seizure; discrimination; harassment, disparaging remarks; unlawful use of force, etc.

Chad Wamsley reported on Calls for Service statistics: September 2023 = 6,576; September 2024 = 7184. Calls for service increased from May to September due to 275 homeless encampment calls; 192 schools checks; 165 investigative traffic stops; 144 traffic stops; 111 checks for well-being; 103 criminal damage to property; 103 more suspicious person calls, and more.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Presentation by the Bloomington Police Department on the taser use report.

Chad Wamsley reported on the September use of force report statistics: 21 incidents where force was used or displayed. 99.7% of all calls in September were handled without force being used or displayed.

Chad Wamsley provided the September taser report: 9 incidents involving a taser. 5 taser displays and 4 taser deployments. (1) Deployment for a white female, for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest; (2) Deployment for a white male attempting to conceal contraband and resisting officers; (3) Deployment for a Black male, for trespassing and confrontation with officers; and (4) Deployment for a white male at a local tavern, for resisting officers.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Presentation on personnel training and continued education by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD).

There was no information to provide.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.E. Presentation on recruitment statistics by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD).

Chad Wamsley reported on recruitment statistics. Chad Wamsley noted there were a 127 total of 133 officers allotted. Chad Wamsley stated there was one retirement on October 4th, two officers were out on injury, two going through the disability process, and two were out on military leave. Chad Wamsley stated that five new officers were currently in the Police Academy and would graduate on December 20th. BPD hoped to send five new recruits to the academy on January 4th or 5th. Chad Wamsley reported there were also two lateral candidates who would start on December 2, 2024.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.F. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on general department updates.

Chad Wamsley provided Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) updates: Assisted the Normal PD with the Homecoming homicide investigation. BPD assisted the McLean County Sheriff Department in locating a suspect's vehicle in a home burglary case. BPD also tracked a suspect's vehicle in a store theft case to a local motel lot where the two suspects were arrested with the stolen merchandise. BPD also located a missing juvenile.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.G. Consideration and action on future meeting dates, times, location, and topics

Michael Hurt stated that the next meeting date would be November 27, 2024 which was the day before Thanksgiving, and the December meeting was scheduled for Christmas Day. Mr. Hurt suggested a special meeting date to hold a December special quarterly meeting and combine everything for the quarterly and regular meetings.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.H. Consideration and Action on proposing an ordinance to amend city code Chapter 35-402 to amend the number of members on the board.

Mr. Hurt stated the Board had previous conversation regarding a proposed amendment for the composition of the Board. He explained that the change would update the language in Chapter 35, Section 75, Item C to read "~~two of the nine members shall may be youth members between the ages of 16 and 21 who will serve a one-year term .~~"

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Board Member Farmer, to approve the Item as presented.

Board Chair McFarland directed the Staff Liaison to call roll:

AYES: McFarland; Smith; Farmer; Taylor

Motion passed.

New Business

The following item was presented:

Item 6.A. Review and discussion on 2024 police complaints.

Chad Wamsley discussed and reviewed the police complaints received for 2024.

Adjournment

Board Member Taylor made a motion, seconded by Vice Board Chair Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

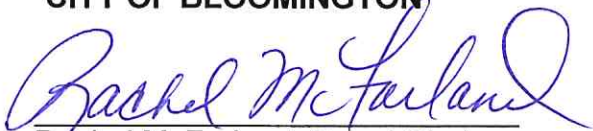
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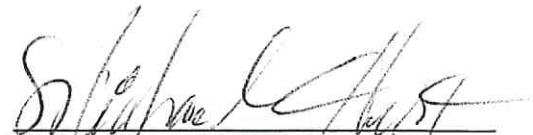
AYES: McFarland; Smith; Farmer; Taylor

Motion passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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Rachel McFarland, Board Chairperson


Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison

