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PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD – REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025. 3:30 PM.

The Public Safety & Community Relations Board convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 3:30 PM, on JANUARY 22, 2025. Chairperson MCFARLAND called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm.

Roll Call

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

Staff Advisors Present:

Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison; Jamal Simington-Chief of Police, Chad Wamsley-Asst. Chief of Police.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Acknowledgement of the passing of Board Member Surena Fish by Chairperson McFarland.

Approval of Minutes

The following item was presented:

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2024, Regular Public Safety & Community Relations Board Meeting.

Chairperson McFarland called for a motion to approve the Item as presented. Moved by Board Member Farmer. Seconded by Board Member Taylor. Chairperson McFarland called roll:

AYES: Board Member Murphy, Board Member Taylor, Board Member Farmer, and Chairperson McFarland. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on an update of complaints received. (Recommended Motion: None, presentation and discussion only.)

Update of complaints received. 27 Complaints for the year 2024. 4 were withdrawn. 4 are pending and 2 about to be closed. Allegations made in these complaints include dissatisfied with service, unlawful search and seizure, harassment, discrimination, disparaging remarks

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violation of policy procedure, unlawful use of force, violation of law, attention to duty, and excessive force. No complaints asking for PSCRB review. In December 2023 there were 5584 calls for service. In December 2024 there were 5104 calls for service. 480 less calls in 2024 than in 2023.

Item 5.B Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on use of force. (Recommended Motion: None, presentation and discussion only.)

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated there were 15 use of force incidents in December, where force was used or displayed. Two of these incidents involved 2 or more officers. 99.7% of were calls handled without displays or use of force.

Item 5.C Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on taser report. (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

There were 6 taser incidents; two displays and four deployments. Deployment on Black male burglary suspect, loaded weapon found. Deployment on another Black male during traffic stop where illegal drugs and loaded weapon were found in the vehicle. Deployment on Black male. The suspect attempted to flee after a traffic stop. While fleeing the suspect discarded a handgun with removed serial numbers. Deployment on a White male after a bar fight. He began to fight with officers who then deployed a dry stun.

Item 5.D Presentation and Discussion by the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) on Department updates. (Recommended Motion: None, Presentation only.)

Asst. Chief Wamsley stated that the BPD is fully staffed with 133 out of 133 allotted officers for the department. There are 4 in the academy set to graduate on April 25, 2025.

Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) Updates: Assisted in location of vehicle used in ATM robbery by Florida organized theft group in early December. Used 3 times to identify missing or suicidal subjects.

Item 5.E Presentation and Discussion by Chief Simington on the new Bloomington Police Department 5 year Strategic Plan (2024-2029). (Recommended Motion: None, presentation and discussion only.)

Chief Simington discussed highlights of the BPD 5 Year Strategic Plan and the six BPD Strategic Priorities; 1) Employee Inclusion, Wellness and Development, 2) Planning & problem solving, 3) Transparency, 4) Enhance Infrastructure, 5) Community engagement, 6) Crime prevention & traffic safety.

Old Business

Concerning the City Council's request that the PSCRB revisit the wording of their ordinance amendment and consider increasing the size of the board from 9 to 11 members thereby retaining 2 seats exclusively for youth board members. The Board members stated they do not want to increase the size of the board but have the flexibility to fill 2 of the current 9 seats with either youth or adult board members. The language in Ordinance [Ch. 35, Sec. 75] Composition, will change to the following:

C. Two of the nine members ~~shall~~ may be youth members (between the ages of 16 and 21), who shall serve a one-year term.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

February 26, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

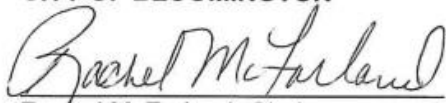
Adjournment

Board Member Murphy made a motion, seconded by Board Member Taylor, **to adjourn.**

Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Rachel McFarland, Chairperson

ATTEST


Michael Hurt, Staff Liaison