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CITIZEN POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

May 30, 2007 City Council Chambers, 9th Floor, City Hall Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Adrianne Sears
Vice Chairperson David P. Stewart
Commissioner Joy Brown-Price
Commissioner Wayne Spencer
Commissioner Judy A. Bowles
Commissioner Donald Nicholson
Commissioner Rita Hall

Commissioner Ozell Butler

Members Absent:

Commissioner Cleveland Brown Commissioner Nannette Marchand Commissioner Gerald Thompson

Mr. Cleveland Brown was advised by staff that a special citizen police oversight commission meeting was scheduled to review citizen complaints. Due to the fact that his mandatory background check had yet not been completed, Mr. Brown was excused from the meeting.

Staff Present

Mr. Jeff Muir, Assistant City Administrator Ms. Katie Howe, Administrative Analyst Ms. Kathy Ares, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sears called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Butler gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairperson Sears requested that the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting reflect that, due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting adjourned prior to commission member remarks.

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It was moved by Commissioner Spencer and seconded by Commissioner Hall Chairperson Sears that the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting be approved with corrections.

The Motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

There were no commission advisor reports.

CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 6:41 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Stewart left at 7:56 p.m.

Closed session adjourned at 9:12 p.m. The public session reconvened in the City Council Chambers at 9:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Staff reported that the commission reviewed twelve (12) complaints, of which eleven (11) were referred to the police department for further investigation. One (1) complaint was considered "no further investigation required."

STAFF REMARKS

There were no staff remarks.

COMMISSION MEMBER REMARKS

Commissioner Spencer commented that he was glad to be in attendance.

Commissioner Brown-Price commented that she is pleased that the commission is catching up with reports, and that staff was organizing review of reports in such a way that the commission would be caught up soon.

Commissioner Hall thanked staff for their support and positive attitude, and commented that she was happy to be in attendance and that the commission will be caught up reviewing reports soon.

Commissioner Butler commented on staff performing a beautiful job.

Commissioner Bowles commented that the commission covered a lot of material at the meeting. She also commented that she was grateful to have such knowledgeable fellow commissioners.

Commissioner Nicholson shared the importance of holding officers accountable for misdeeds and that he requests a closed session meeting with the Chief of Police soon.

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Chairperson Sears thanked staff for their hard work and encouraged commissioners to complete their ride-along training. The Chairperson also reiterated that several reports reviewed in closed session were unclear, and that the commission recommend a solution to the Police Department (i.e. report formatting/template/writing instruction). She concurred with Commissioner Nicholson regarding the need of a closed session meeting with the Chief of Police, and requested that the formation of an ad hoc committee to plan a town hall meeting be placed on next month's agenda. Chairperson Sears suggested at each Citizen Police Oversight Commission meeting a *sergeant of arms* parliamentary be elected selected at the start of each meeting.

Commissioner Butler left the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

(Corrections and additions are italicized; deletions are strikeouts)