

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, November 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Employment & Training Building**  
**330 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Conference Room 1**

## **MINUTES**

### **I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Chair Scott Gillespie**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Therese Barquet  
Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Felix Hunziker  
Alejandro Navarro  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson

**Absent:** Yenny Velazquez

**Vacancies:** One

**Administrative Staff:** Terry Simpson, Investigator – Absent  
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I – Present

**Council Liaison:** Jael Myrick, Council Liaison – Absent

**City Attorney's Office Representative:** Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 1, 2014)**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Roberson** and second by **Commissioner Bautista**, the minutes for the regular meeting of October 1, 2014, were approved with one revision. **Commissioner Hunziker** said that at the bottom of page five he wanted it to be clear that making people aware of the police commission applied to everyone, not just a specific individual.

### **III REPORT OF COUNCIL LIAISON JAELE MYRICK**

A. Report on recent activities, events, incidents and related matters

No report.

**IV REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)**

- A. Report on latest crime statistics and ShotSpotter activity.

**D/C Brown** handed out the crime stats for September. He said property crimes usually increase during the holidays so they are doing more outreach and developing strategies for the Hilltop Mall, Costco and Target shopping areas. He said that overall crime is down; gunfire is also down.

- B. Report of other recent activities, events, incidents, and related matters.

**D/C Brown** said they are in the process of reviewing the police student survey and will be forwarding their comments within the next two weeks. He reported that the special assignments in the police department have term limits that are about to expire and people will be rotating back to patrol. They are currently working on promotional testing for sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. He said that RPD was selected to be a part of the Department of Justice's Violence Reduction Network. They were selected as a co-site with Oakland. They have been given front of the line access to an array of federal resources. **D/C Brown** handed out a draft of the body-worn camera policy for the commissioners to review. He gave an update of the officer involved shooting that happened in September. The investigation is nearing a close and they will be having a public hearing soon that the commissioners are welcome to attend.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if the body cameras will be on during the booking process. **D/C Brown** said the primary intended use will be for officers to use while in the field responding to calls for service. When the incident is over, the camera will be turned off and won't be used during the booking process.

**Commissioner Stephenson** said if the officers are responsible for downloading the data, they will have to be off the street for a considerable amount of time. **D/C Brown** said the download process happens quickly. They will be testing this when they get the cameras in January.

**Commissioner Hunziker** said the policy says that the AVR must be activated during the course of any interaction with the public that becomes adversarial after initial contact. He said that means that the officer could do something that creates the adversity and then he turns the device on, so basically there's no insight into what started it all. He was also concerned that the discretion rests with the officer and not the public as to when the cameras will be turned off.

**Chair Gillespie** said that the policy will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

**Commissioner Roberson** asked about the shooting at 28<sup>th</sup> and McBryde last night. **D/C Brown** said it appears that it involved some rival Latino gangsters. Four people were shot; everyone will survive injuries.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked if they could have a demonstration of the body camera at the next police commission meeting. **D/C Brown** said yes.

**V DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WHAT ROLE THE POLICE COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE IN THE EVENT OF AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

Should RPD Policy Section 312.33 be amended to add the following new section (i) to RPD's Force Review Committee composition:

- (i) And, in the case of a fatal officer involved shooting, the Chair of the Richmond Police Commission

**Chair Gillespie** said that if this commission wishes to insinuate itself into the process, the only way it could be done is to amend Policy #312 Use of Force Review to include the Chair of the Richmond Police Commission. This may be the only way to ask if the commission can be included in the shooting review process. This would have to be approved by the chief and the RPOA. He said that this discussion is important because the public feels that the police commission should get involved and this will let the public know that the commission has tried. After discussion, **Commissioner Hunziker** made a motion to make a recommendation to the chief to amend Policy 312.33 to add the chair of the Richmond Police Commission to be involved in the shooting review board in the case of fatal officer involved shootings. It was seconded by **Commissioner Barquet**. The motion failed with the following vote: Ayes – 3; Noes – 1; Abstentions – 2.

**VI PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no public speakers.

**VII DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STUDENT SURVEY (Commissioner Barquet)**

**Commissioner Barquet** said that she and **Commissioner Hunziker** worked on the survey together and it came out quite well. The chief is reviewing the survey and they will wait to see if he has any comments. They hope to have them before the next police commission meeting so that the survey can be finalized. **Commissioner Roberson** suggested waiting for the next semester, which would be in January, to hand out the survey at the schools. **Commission Barquet** said they will also try to get input from RYSE and PAL as well.

**VIII REPORTS BY:**

- **CHAIRPERSON**
- **COMMISSIONERS**
- **STAFF**

**Commissioner Bautista**

- Served at election poll

**Commissioner Navarro**

- Volunteered time in Parchester Village rebuilding a playground

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**Commissioner Roberson**

- Attended Andrew Young Lecture on 10/20
- Helped with RPAL Halloween event
- Attended badge pinning for the fire department
- Attended LoVonya deJean school breakfast

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Scott Gillespie, Chair