

November 13, 2014

The Nashua Police Commission held a meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the Nashua Police Department.

Members present:

Commissioner Thomas A. Maffee, Chairman
Commissioner Robert E. Valade, Clerk
Commissioner Carl Andrade
Chief John Seusing
Deputy Chief Andrew Lavoie
Deputy Chief Michael Carignan
Karen Smith, NPD Business Manager (not in attendance)
Elaine Marcum, Administrative Project Specialist (acting as recording secretary)

Others Attending the Public Session:

Alderman Lori Wilshire
Alderman Michael Soucy (not in attendance)
Citizen Matthew Plante

PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Maffee called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES:

- October 28, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Andrade made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014, meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Valade. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Matthew Plante commented that he prefers the Commissioners holding their meetings in the morning versus evening meetings. Commissioner Maffee stated that we will consider revisiting meeting times sometime after the first of the year.

BUDGET:

Business Manager Karen Smith did not attend this meeting; therefore, there was no budget report.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Verbal report by Deputy Chief Michael Carignan:

Deputy Carignan reported that one of our sergeants was bitten by one of our K9s during a training session. A review of the incident showed no fault by the K9. A full recovery is expected.

In October there was a truck/pedestrian accident on Amherst Street in which the pedestrian died from his injuries. The Accident Reconstruction Unit was assigned to investigate. At this time, it appears that the pedestrian, who was wearing dark clothing, stepped out and was struck. The truck has been inspected and was found to be in compliance. The investigation is ongoing.

An officer suffered an injury during a foot chase. The subject was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and D/V Simple Assault.

Verbal report by Deputy Chief Andrew Lavoie:

A 22-year-old male was arrested and charged accordingly, including, as a drug enterprise leader for his part in running a mobile drug delivery service in which he used a 20-year-old and a juvenile to sell crack cocaine and heroin.

Two people were recently arrested and charged following an investigation into repeat shoplifters who reported they were "stealing to order" at the request of various pawn shop owners. The pawn shop owners were selling the stolen goods out of their residence on various internet sites and not the pawn shops. Police located approximately \$60,000 in stolen merchandise hidden in the residence. The City is working on getting their pawn shop permits revoked.

An arrest was made yesterday at 35 Ash Street in which 900 grams of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$35,000 was located.

During the month of October, there were 22 reported drug overdoses. Since 2011, this is up significantly from the average for October of 3 cases. Deputy Lavoie reported that it is difficult to track actual drug deaths and there are likely more overdoses that go unreported as the person may have recovered on their own.

MOTION: Commissioner Andrade made a motion to accept the activity report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Valade. Motion carried.

NEW DEPARTMENT K9s:

Effective September 12, 2014, the Nashua Police Department has added the following new K9s and handlers to the K9 Unit:

- K9 Scooby Doo. Handler: Officer Joshua Trefry
- K9 Vorik. Handler: Officer Guido Marchionda

These K9s, a Belgian Malinois and a Dutch Shepherd, are still in training and are expected to be working on the street by the first of the year. These two dogs bring the total number of dogs in the unit up to four.

PROMOTION / CHANGE OF POSITION:

Effective November 3, 2014, Records Technician II, Louise Corrigan, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Records Manager.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Seusing reported that Mayor Lozeau has signed off on our request to go to bid for the Class A uniforms. The Chief plans on attending the Finance Committee meeting when it is scheduled on the agenda.

Commissioner Andrade commented on the results of the last Citizen Police Academy survey. He found the survey results and comments to be extremely positive and suggested that the RAD program be included in the next academy. Also, based on the survey, he suggested combining the Professional Standards Bureau and the Legal Bureau into one evening.

Chief Seusing thanked the Commissioners for attending the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Police Athletic League (PAL) which was held last week. One of the highlights of the evening came from guest speaker Nashua Police Officer Christopher Toomey who spoke about his personal experience as a troubled youth and how Nashua Police Officer Michael Ledoux took him under his wing and guided him at an important time in his life. Thanks to Officer Ledoux's guidance, Officer Toomey is a college graduate, six-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and a Nashua Police Officer.

Commissioner Andrade thanked citizen Matthew Plante for attending tonight's meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES SEALED

PUBLIC SESSION INTO NONPUBLIC SESSION:

MOTION: Commissioner Maffee asked for a motion by roll call vote to suspend the public session and enter non-public session as authorized by:

RSA 91-A:3, II (b) HIRING

Motion by Commissioner Andrade, seconded by Commissioner Valade. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Commissioner Maffee – yes; Commissioner Valade – yes; Commissioner Andrade – yes

MOTION TO SEAL RSA 91-A:3 III: Commissioner Valade made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrade.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES SEALED

CONTINUATION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

MOTION: Commissioner Maffee asked for a motion by roll call vote to continue non-public as authorized by:

RSA 91-A:3, II(e) PENDING CLAIMS OR LITIGATION

Motion by Commissioner Valade, seconded by Commissioner Andrade. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Commissioner Maffee – yes; Commissioner Valade – yes; Commissioner Andrade – yes

MOTION TO SEAL RSA 91-A:3 III: Commissioner Valade made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrade.

END OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

MOTION: Commissioner Valade made a motion to end the non-public session and return to public session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Andrade. Motion carried.

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Valade made a motion to end the public session and adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Andrade. Motion carried.

Time: 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Robert Valade, Clerk