

March 3, 2014

The Nashua Police Commission held a meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014, in the Nashua Police Department classroom.

Members present:

Commissioner Thomas A. Maffee (Acting Chairman)
 Commissioner Robert E. Valade
 Commissioner Chairman (Vacant)
 Chief John Seusing
 Deputy Chief Andrew Lavoie
 Deputy Chief Christopher Peach
 Karen Smith, NPD Business Manager
 Elaine Marcum, Administrative Project Specialist (acting as recording secretary)
 Alderman Lori Wilshire, Liaison (not in attendance)
 Alderman Michael Soucy, Liaison Alternate

Others Attending the Public Session:

Public Citizen (Matthew Plant)

PUBLIC SESSION

Acting Chairman Commissioner Thomas Maffee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

FY2015 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Business Manager Karen Smith provided the Commissioners with a copy of the FY2015 Proposed Budget Summary of Changes with expanded detail.

The proposed FY2015 budget is \$19,019,527. This is an increase of \$640,716 above the FY2014 budget of \$18,378,811 or an increase of 3.5%. Funding for contingency for negotiations is included in the FY2015 proposed budget calculation in the amount of \$401,240 as a budget adjustment. The majority of the balance of the increase is to fund in-grade promotions and the cost of \$80,000 for a replacement telephone system. Items in our budget for pension, Medi, and FICA have been removed for this budget submission and will be addressed by City Financial Reporting.

Ms. Smith reviewed the summary sheet with the Commissioners including accounts that are level funded, accounts that will be decreased, and accounts that will be increased.

A telephone system placement cost of \$80,000 was included in the FY2015 budget. Commissioner Maffee asked if the telephone system replacement should be part of Capital Improvements. Ms. Smith explained that she brought it to the attention of CFO Griffin and it was recommended that due to time constraints and the urgent need for the phone system replacement, it be included in this budget proposal.

Chief Seusing stated the NPD Workload Assessment Report & Proposal is in the process of being finalized and should be ready for the next Police Commission meeting. Any proposal for adding additional officers is not included in this FY2015 budget. Once the report is finalized, Chief Seusing will make a presentation and proposal to the full Board of Alderman. Ms. Smith will compile the overall cost of hiring an officer to include benefit costs, uniforms, and equipment. If the hiring of additional of additional officers is approved, the Budget Committee may be able to approve adding additional funding to the budget at that time. Chief Seusing added that increasing officers would not necessarily require increasing police vehicles as it would depend on where additional officers would be assigned. However, that would be addressed if necessary.

Alderman Soucy made a suggestion that the Workload Assessment Report be presented and discussed with the full Board of Aldermen who could then send it down to the Budget Committee. Alderman Soucy also commented that the recent presentation regarding the purchase of police vehicles was outstanding.

MOTION: Commissioner Valade made a motion to approve the Nashua Police Department FY2015 Proposed Budget for the total of \$19,019,527. Motion seconded by Commissioner Maffee. Motion carried

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Commissioner Thomas A. Maffee, Clerk/Acting Chairman