

Northampton Policing Review Commission: Spending and Contracts Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11th, 2021
5:30-7:30pm
Remote Meeting

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1. Call to Order
 - Announcement of Zoom Recording
 - Roll Call
 - Approval of meeting minutes
2. Public comment: 30 minutes
3. Discussion of previous full meeting
4. Discussion of public hearing
5. Organize the procedure and method for budgetary recommendation
6. Organize the procedure and method for contractual recommendation
Northampton
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting Scheduling and Agenda
9. Adjourn

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Josey Rosales at 5:35pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING

This meeting is being recorded for the public record and would be available on Northampton Open Media, as well as, the City of Northampton website.

ROLL CALL:

Daniel Cannity Present
Michael Quinlan Present
Josey Rosales Present

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Josey Rosales moved to approve the minutes from the joint Alternatives and Spending & Contracts subcommittee meeting from March 3, 2021. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. 4 Discussion of public hearing

Commissioner Dan Cannity said for him, he heard a lot of the same refrain like the concern is who will keep me safe. He said he thinks the report does a pretty good job addressing that but he would like to make sure that it's reinforced. He said there's plenty of things that the commission is recommending but noted the commission is also saying that they have to be implemented without dropping service for a lot of things.

Michael Quinlan said it's wonderful that that was all being addressed together. He said it basically makes the point that the commission would like every single person treated equally. He said funding these opportunities to make Northampton as safe as possible.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said they are trying to continue to frame the conversation, not about cuts so much as it is a reinvestment reallocation.

4. Organize the procedure and method for budgetary and contracts recommendation

The commissioners edited the draft budgetary and contracts recommendation document.

Commissioner Josey Rosales said it's important to make sure that the committee doesn't drop the ball on services that people really require. They said people are worried and for a lot of people, the police service is a vanguard of protection. They said this work is not meant to invalidate any of the people who've spoken here about their positive experiences.

Commissioner Michael Quinlan said almost anybody would be a little concerned about people having to make a snap decision on so many different levels and being well prepared for it.

Commissioner Josey Rosales agreed and said this ultimately is a huge part of what the committee is doing here. They said like the commission has said over and over again, it's not trying to punish the police department, it's trying to make sure that there are people who are doing the job. They said we've known the police have taken on more and more responsibilities and, in some way the commission is trying to take some of those off of their

plate, so that they could do the parts that we absolutely required them to do and to do them well.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Josey Rosales moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.