

**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
Held Via Audio Webinar Pursuant to Temporary Emergency Orders**

Tuesday March 9, 2021
(Immediately following Personnel & Special Protective Mtgs. starting at 6:00 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Legislator Sullivan was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Approval/ Police Policy Review Panel’s “Plan” / Per Executive Order #203 was next.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that in light of what was discussed in the Protective Services Committee meeting, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to table this item; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator Sullivan was absent. Motion carries.

ADOPTION OF A PLAN REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM A REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPLOYMENTS, STRATEGIES, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed Executive Order 203, which directed each local government entity with a police agency to perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 203, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell did convene the head of the local police agency, Sheriff Robert L. Langley, and stakeholders in the community to develop such a plan, which considered evidence-based policing strategies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 203, Putnam County consulted with stakeholders to create a plan to adopt and implement the recommendations resulting from its review and consultation, including any modifications, modernizations, and innovations to its policing deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, tailored to the specific needs of the community and general promotion of improved police agency and community relationships based on trust, fairness, accountability, and transparency, and which seek to reduce any racial disparities in policing; and

WHEREAS, a draft of such plan was offered for public comment to all citizens in Putnam County, and the public was given opportunities to comment on the draft plan in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of public comments, the plan, contained in a report entitled "Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review," has been presented to the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is required by Executive Order 203 to ratify or adopt such plan by local law or resolution, as appropriate, no later than April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has reviewed the Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review report and has moved it to the full Legislature for adoption; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby adopt the Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review report, as attached hereto, as Putnam County's official plan in accordance with Executive Order 203.

There being no further business, at 7:17 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.