

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE  
TASK FORCE**



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**ORDER OF DETERMINATION  
October 5, 2022**

**DATE DECISION ISSUED**  
September 7, 2022

**CASE TITLE - File No. 22014**

Complaint filed by Sergei Severinov against Lt. Lynn Reilly and the Police Department for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(b), by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely and/or complete manner.

**HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT**

On April 19, 2022, the Complaint Committee acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints heard the matter.

Moved by Chair Schmidt, seconded by Member Stein, to find that the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) has jurisdiction, find that the requested records are public and to refer the matter to the SOTF for hearing and requested the SOTF determine if there is a violation of Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance, Sections 67.21(b) by failing to provide the requested records in a complete and timely manner and 67.21(c) by failing to assist the requestor in obtaining their records.

On September 7, 2022, the SOTF held a hearing to review the recommendation form committee and/or to review the merits of the petition/complaint.

Moved by Chair Yankee, seconded by Member Wolfe, to find that the Police Department violated Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance Section(s) 67.21(c) by failing to provide assistance in finding the records and 67.27 by failing to provide an explicit justification in writing for withholding records.

The SOTF ordered the Police Department to provide more extensive assistance in locating the requested records and further orders the Police Department to provide a justification or location of the existence of records for each of the 25 separate requests in the Complainant's overall request. The SOTF referred the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee for monitoring.

**The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

Ayes: 9 - Yankee, Wolfe, Wong, Hyland, Neighbors, LaHood,  
Padmanabhan, Stein, Schmidt

Noes: 0 - None

Absent: 1 - Hill

Matt Yankee, Chair  
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

cc. Sergei Severinov (Complainant)  
Lt. Lynn Reilly, Police Department (Respondent)