

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE  
TASK FORCE**



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**ORDER OF DETERMINATION**

**DATE DECISION ISSUED**  
June 7, 2023

**CASE TITLE - File No. 22020**

File No. 22020: Complaint filed by Sergei Severinov against the Police Department for allegedly violating Administrator Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.21(c), 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, 2023, Complaint Committee, acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints, heard the matter.

Action: Moved by Chair Schmidt, seconded by Member Stein, to find that the Task Force has jurisdiction, that the requested records are public, and refer the matter to the Task Force for hearing and request that the Task Force decide whether there are violations 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, and request that File Nos. 22014 and 22020 be heard concurrently.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Schmidt, Stein  
Noes: 0 - None

On June 7, 2023 the Task Force held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Committee and/or to review the merits of the Petitioner/complaint.

Action: Moved by Member LaHood, seconded by Member Wolf, that File nos. 22020 and 22014 not be combined.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - LaHood, Wolfe, Yankee, Hill, Stein, Wong, Hyland  
Noes: 0 - None  
Absent: 1 - Schmidt

Action: Moved by Member Stein, seconded by Member Hill, to find that the Police Department violated Administrative Code, Sunshine Ordinance, Section(s) 67.21(b), by failing to respond to a public records request in a timely manner or within ten days and to forward the matter to the Compliance and Amendments Committee. The SOTF requested that the SFPD provide copies of documents provided to Mr. Severinov and list other categories of responsive documents that they may have under its jurisdiction and to provide as a follow up process, and order that they turn over the body camera footage within two weeks.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Stein, Hill, LaHood, Wolfe, Yankee, Wong, Hyland  
Noes: 0 - None  
Absent: 1 - Schmidt

On October 24, 2023 the Task Force held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Committee and/or to review the merits of the Petitioner/complaint.

Action: Moved by Chair LaHood, seconded by Member Pilpel, to continue the matter to the December 19, 2023 Compliance and Amendments Committee meeting and requested the SOTF Administrator confirm the Respondent's attendance at the meeting.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - LaHood, Pilpel, Wolfe  
Noes: 0 - None

On February 27, 2024, the Compliance and Amendments Committee held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Task Force and/or to review the merits of the Petition/Complaint.

Action: Moved by Chair LaHood, seconded by Member Wolfe, that the Committee requests that Lt. Beauchamp provide within five business days to Mr. Severinov the bodycam footage and the records identified by the Committee. The Committee requests all the incident case reports associated in item 6A of the letter dated June 21, 2023, and case number 050971912 be sent to Mr. Severinov, and that there may be redactions. The Committee requests that confirmation of this exchange be sent to the Task Force Administrator.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - LaHood, Wolfe, Pilpel, Anderson  
Noes: 0 - None

The Order of Determinations was approved  
by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force  
on: March 6, 2024

cc.     Sergie Severinov (Petitioner)  
          Lt. Chris Beauchamp, Police Department (Respondent)