

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: September 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

**East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, and Riordan were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr., and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were Selectman Sarah Muska, Selectman Charles Nordell, Joan O'Rourke, and Ana Rivera.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to add item #7, New Business – Discussion of CIP.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the August 11, 2021, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 08/11/2021.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

EXCUSED: Commissioner Mancuso

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Filipone/Riordan

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, as of September 8, 2021, in the amount of \$28,801.71, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach said it looks like good like they're still working on tuition again.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$3,595,195.33, as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing in the total amount of \$125.00.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 08/31/2021 as submitted with a balance of \$1,465.26.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chairman Leach asked where we are with the signs on Wells Road for Skylark Airport. Chief DeMarco stated he called after the last meeting, and he hasn't heard. Chairman Leach will drive past it and let them know. Chief DeMarco said the traffic portal is officially open on the website and it's working well. We get notified of problems immediately and can respond immediately. Chairman Leach explained to the public that after seeing so many requests regarding traffic issues from the community, instead of them having to come to the meeting, they developed an online traffic portal that the public can use to report traffic issues.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach brought up the CIP projects for the police department. Chief DeMarco said it comes in earlier every year and before they can predict prices on items so they do the best they can. Relative to the lockers room, they do have some possible retirements coming up before CIP is completed and funded. He said cruisers is one of the projects and the second project is a serious problem because we can't hire any more women because there are no female lockers left. It's a big project and they don't have the final numbers yet, but it will require a lot of effort due to the space they are working with. Chairman Leach said the CIP cut the cruiser line last year and the year before. Deputy Chief Hart said they are putting in

for three cruisers. Our fleet looks good because we just added two and have at least two to purchase this year because it took so long for the cars to come in. If we get the three or at least two, we should be ok.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief DeMarco stated he and Deputy Chief Hart wrote a grant a couple weeks ago for a \$35,000 unmatched grant. They're really struggling with starting the mental health team because we're down so many police officers. With the grant money they can start it part time using the grant funds. They were just told yesterday they were awarded the \$35,000. They will be starting the program sometime next week.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

Joan O'Rourke said she was a former Hartford police administrator, and she has a lot of respect for the East Windsor Police Department and the work that it does. She also said there are a lot of small kids in her neighborhood and cars come down the street and blow by the stop sign at the corner of Pleasant Street and Gardner Street. She would like extra police attention in that area. Deputy Chief Hart and Chairman Leach said they would put it on the STEP program. Ana Rivera stated she just wanted to come to the meeting, say hello, and formally introduce herself.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:16 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 7:56 pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary