

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: September 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

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

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, Riordan, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present was Chief Matthew Carl.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to add Agenda #7B, New Business: Special meeting dates for officer candidate interviews.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the August 9, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the regular meeting minutes of 08/09/2023.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

**A) Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing in the amount of \$13,255.15.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairman Leach said it's great to see we received money from the town. Chief Carl explained the vendor list that Commissioner Filipone wants will have to be created. The list from the town has almost 4700 vendors and we can't isolate the police list. The police use a list that is coded and doesn't show the vendor names so they will need to manually translate the codes to the vendor names and type them out.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of \$3,440,262.16.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 08/31/2023 as submitted with a balance of \$1,475.00.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chairman Leach said he received an email from a resident that is concerned about speeding on Kreyssig Road. One recommendation from the resident was to add speed bumps and another was speed signs. Chairman Leach said we cannot add speed bumps. Chief Carl stated a study was done October 14, 2020 - November 11, 2020. He is trying to locate the actual traffic study to review. We did recently put out a speed trailer to collect the data (speed, volume, etc.) and will give the results as soon as we can download them; the Lieutenant who does this is out on extended leave. We will put them on the STEP program and enforce speed violations. He will update at next month's meeting and will write the resident back. Commissioner Filipone asked if the data can be broken down by hours. Chief Carl stated yes it can as its very comprehensive.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Carl stated they put in CIP requests. They asked for two cruisers (Chevy Tahoes), but don't have exact pricing yet, but estimate is \$70,000 each with all equipment. The Ford models are changing so we don't know if the equipment will fit which is why they went with Chevy. A discussion ensued. We did upgrades to our server for the doors and cameras with

money left over from last year. Our current security isn't in compliance with Criminal Justice Information System, so we need to replace 16 analog cameras with digital. In addition, we need to upgrade our booking cameras. It was discovered we had one camera that was on the federal ban list, and it has been disconnected. The CIP for security upgrades is \$69,232.00 for critical security infrastructure. Chairman Leach asked about the women's locker room. Chief Carl stated they need to get an engineer for a total study of the building to go over security issues and locker room issues. They need an engineer to decide if we should renovate the building or get a new safety complex. Commissioner Riordan asked about the heat in the administrative offices. Chief Carl stated there is still no heat in the administrative offices and they don't have a date yet of when that will be fixed. The Commissioners discussed special meeting dates for the officer candidate interviews. They also discussed the dispatcher opening since the candidate that was offered the position declined. A discussion ensued. They will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to hold four officer candidate interviews.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chief Carl stated Chris Sheehan is leaving to go to the MA State Police. The radio system is moving along and we are waiting for the RFP. Wells Road has been closed for construction and the foreman has been instructed to communicate better when the road needs to be closed. Wapping Road will need to be closed for about a day and a half for solar generators and we have asked to be updated on the dates. Having to hire several new officers at once will create a large cost for the department and wasn't budgeted for. The cost of the academy and the cost to outfit new officers could be around \$30,000, plus another \$20,000 for training. The Hartford Community Court was opened on September 1st and takes lower-level cases to take the burden off of GA14. Commissioner Filipone asked if we could get help from other towns if we needed it. Chief Carl stated we could get mutual aid if we ever really needed to and hopes it doesn't come to that. Chief Carl stated he went to some recent community events such as the first responders kickball tournament and they paired up with the ambulance and beat the fire department. He also attended the police K-9 event at Evergreen Walk to raise funds for backpacks.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

None.

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

None.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 pm to include Chief Matthew Carl for Dispatcher interviews.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to end Executive Session at 8:52 pm

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Riordan

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary**