

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING: March 14, 2018

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Hayes, Burns, and Long were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were Detective Sergeant Matt Carl and Sergeant Jeff Reimer.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the February 14, 2018, special meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the special meeting minutes of 02/14/2018.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked if we have a school safety plan in place. Deputy Chief Hart explained there is a safety plan in place.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long.

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the monthly billing, to include Animal Control, in the total amount of \$10,174.32.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked how we make up for the deficit in the Animal Control line. Deputy Chief Hart explained we get money for collection of dog licensing.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly billing as of 02/28/18 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 02/28/2018 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Hayes stated John Burnham extends his gratitude to Chief DeMarco for a speedy remedy for a problem he had. Chairman Leach said he read in the paper that the Charter Study Committee was studying eliminating the police commission. He went on to say the police commission is not under charter, but under ordinance and passed out paperwork regarding state statute. He said he heard members say they don't know what the police commission does, but yet no one shows up at the police commission meetings to see what

they do. He said the police commission is elected by the community, answers to the community, and that is who we serve. Our focus is justice and budgetary responsibilities and we serve the community in this fashion. Commissioner Burns stated that someone made a comment that no one serving on the police commission has knowledge of police work. Chairman Leach stated “well, that’s just false” and went on to state the police commission is a non-political commission and to eliminate them would be detrimental to the police department and a disservice to the community. A discussion ensued.

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

None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to enter into Executive Session at 6:24 pm to include Chief DeMarco, Deputy Chief Hart, Detective Sergeant Carl, and Sergeant Reimer for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to end Executive Session at 7:12pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary