

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: January 8, 2020

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Burns (via conference call), and Long were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were Selectman Marie DeSousa, Selectman Sarah Muska, Selectman Charles Nordell, and Ms. Brittany Dixon.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to add the following:

Agenda #7A, New Business: Transfer of Property (three vehicles) to Office of the First Selectman.

Agenda #7B, New Business: Budget for police department

Agenda #11, Executive Session: Interview for position of Dispatcher

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 11, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 12/11/2019.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

EXCUSED: Commissioner Filipone/Safford

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) **Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing, in the amount of \$11,444.74.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to approve the monthly financial statements in the amount of \$1,922,248.61.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing as of 12/31/19 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 12/31/2019 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A) TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to transfer three vehicles to the Office of the Frist Selectman.

DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief Hart stated the three vehicles are: 2009 Dodge Charger (which was purchased off a grant in 2009), 2011 Ford Taurus, and 2011 Crown Victoria.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

B) BUDGET

Chief DeMarco handed out copies of the FY 2020/2021 police department budget in draft form (not for public release until approved by the police commission). He proceeded to cover the budget line by line. A discussion ensued. Chief DeMarco stated the crime rates that were being shown for East Windsor on a recent social media platform are from 2018 and can include property crimes such as shoplifting, etc. East Windsor is a safe town and there has been a reduction in violent crime. We will cover it in depth at a later meeting. A discussion ensued.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

Chief DeMarco stated an opening for a dispatcher is existing due to a resignation.

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

Selectman Sarah Muska stated she did her second ride-a-long on December 28th with Ofc. Gonsalves; her first ride-a-long was with Ofc. Mitchell. She went on to say both officers had different styles and she was impressed with their professionalism and dedication. She thanks the officers for all they do and is proud of the department.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Chairman Leach to meet with Chief DeMarco momentarily, then interview for Dispatcher without Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 7:58 pm

SECONDED by Chairman Leach

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to make a conditional offer to hire Brittany Dixon for position of Dispatcher contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Chairman Leach, Commissioners Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary