

# EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: September 11, 2019

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 7:02 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 Selectman Andrew Hoffman, Selectman Charles Szymanski, and Ms. Sarah Muska. There was a moment of silence in honor of the lives lost on 9/11.

## 2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

## 3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 10, 2019, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 07/10/2019.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Burns

**VOTED IN FAVOR:** Commissioners Filipone/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 approve the monthly billing, as of August 9<sup>th</sup>, in the amount of \$11,591.12.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**Police Department – Monthly Billing:** **MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to approve the monthly billing, as of September 6<sup>th</sup>, in the amount of \$21,744.09 (includes Animal Control for \$75).

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Filipone asked what the charge for All Traffic in the amount of \$4,835.00 was for. Deputy Chief Hart explained it was built into the budget and is for the all traffic solutions speed sign pole mount that was budgeted as an equipment purchase.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Filipone

**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 with a current balance of \$2,909,252.08.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION** made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing as of 08/31/19 in the total amount of \$125.00

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 08/31/2019 as submitted.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Burns

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

Chief DeMarco explained the traffic study for Depot Street and Emily Road has been completed. He will make copies for each Commissioner so they can review the study. The State recommended no stop sign. They can discuss at the next Police Commission meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Hayes feels the 35mph speed limit on Skinner Road is too fast for the area because it's congested with a lot of houses. He believes there should be a sign that says "heavily populated area" or the speed limit should be lowered. He would like a study done on

that road. Deputy Chief Hart said they can take a look at the area. Normally people that live on the street would submit a complaint for a study to be done and then the state would come out to determine speed; he added that sometimes there can be too many signs on roads. They will do a study to see if cautionary signs would be recommended.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Chief DeMarco stated the CIP requests have been completed and they will need approval from the Police Commission. They are requesting 2 ½ vehicles, 6 computers, and the 4<sup>th</sup> and final installment for NexGen. The new Ford Explorers aren't available yet and the pricing isn't out yet. A discussion ensued.

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

Selectman Hoffman stated he answered all the questions given to him from the Police Commission regarding the Tyler Regional Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) on July 23, 2019. In addition, he said one of the concerns of the Police Commission was one of the larger departments leaving TRACS. He stated he spoke with them and they have no plans of leaving TRACS. He added that he spoke to East Hartford and they said there is less participation on the part of police officers because of TRACS. They like the TRACS consortium and plan to stay. Furthermore, First Selectman Maynard has sent the TRACS agreement to legal counsel (Attorney Bob DeCrescenzo) and plans to bring the contract to the board meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> for further action. He also plans to see if TRACS is willing to allow East Windsor to be a part of the consortium. He would like to know where the Police Commission stands. Commissioner Hayes asked if Selectman Hoffman was there as a Selectman or member of the public. Selectman Hoffman stated he was there as a Selectman to keep the Police Commission updated on where we are with TRACS. Chairman Leach asked if a copy of the agreement would be made available to the Police Commission. Selectman Szymanski stated a copy would be made available to them. Selectman Szymanski said he heard Chief DeMarco sent a letter to South Windsor not approving TRACS. Chief DeMarco stated that is not true. Chairman Leach asked where Selectman Szymanski had heard about the letter, but Selectman Szymanski would not reveal his source. Chairman Leach thanked the Selectmen for coming and the information.

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 7:21 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart momentarily, then interviews for Police Officer and Dispatcher without Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to end Executive Session at 8:36 pm

**SECONDED** by Chairman Leach

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Burns to make a conditional offer to hire Lindsey Gallagher for position of Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Burns to make a conditional offer to hire Nathan Blische for position of Dispatcher contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long.

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Long to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Hayes

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to end Executive Session at 8:56 pm

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Long

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

**ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 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**