EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: July 13, 2022
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 7:02 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Long, Riordan, and Rivera-Hills were present. Also present was Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. Present in the audience was Ms. Brittany Brice, candidate for position of part-time Social Worker.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to add Agenda #5, Unfinished Business: Subcommittee report.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

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 June 8, 2022, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members.

MOTION made by Commissioner Long to accept the regular meeting minutes of 6/08/2022.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Rivera-Hills

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/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 in the amount of $26,612.43, as of July 13.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to approve the monthly financial statements, with a balance of $9,390.04, as submitted.
DISCUSSION: Chairman Leach asked Chief DeMarco to explain what happened to the money in the salary line. Chief DeMarco explained the town removed $102,000 from the salary line prior to the end of the budget year. Some went to the operations side for purchase of defibrillators, but approximately $85,000 went towards the proposed community center. Chairman Leach asked if they were notified the money was coming out. Chief DeMarco stated they were not notified. Chairman Leach and the Commissioners expressed concern about the money coming out without any communication from the Treasurer or First Selectman as it could create issues and the Police Commission is in charge of the general management of the department. A discussion ensued. Chairman Leach is going to set up a meeting with the Treasurer and First Selectman to discuss this issue and lack of communication.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) **Police Commission – Financial Statement:** MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 6/30/2022 as submitted with a balance of $131.37.

SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Rivera-Hills stated she is having a conversation with Jason Bowsza tomorrow about the police department building and what does it mean for us if Social Services moves out of the building to the new community center. Chairman Leach said the sub-committee needs to look at this from a completely independent point of view, outside the scope of the Board of Selectmen or any other groups. Regardless of what happens with the community center, it shouldn’t affect what our sub-committee is working on which is a new public safety complex that is worthy, suitable, and fitting for this department. Commissioner Filipone asked if the meeting was just with Jason. Commissioner Rivera-Hills said yes, and the meeting is at 12:30 on the telephone. Commissioner Filipone does not know if he’ll be available. The sub-committee agreed to meet every month at 6:00 p.m. prior to the police commission meeting in the same meeting room starting next month.

6. **TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:**

None.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
   None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:
   None.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:
   None.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)
    None.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
    MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 pm to include Chief DeMarco and candidate Brittany Brice for position of part-time Social Worker, and for discussion on legal and security issues.
    SECONDED by Commissioner Rivera-Hills
    VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills
    ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

    MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to end Executive Session at 8:37 pm
    SECONDED by Commissioner Long
    VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills
    ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

    MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to make a conditional offer to hire Brittany Brice for position of part-time Social Worker contingent upon successful completion of background check and processing.
    SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan
    VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Long/Riordan/Rivera-Hills
    ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION made by Commissioner Rivera-Hills to increase the Chief and Deputy Chief’s hourly pay rate by $7.50 an hour, per year, effective immediately, and for the duration of their employment with the Town of East Windsor Police Department.

SECONDED by Commissioner Riordan

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Riordan to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

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

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary