

CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, September 17, 2019

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Collins, III at Police Headquarters, 200 Saw Mill Road. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Raymond Collins, III, Chairman	present
Paul E. Butler, Vice-Chairman	present
Keith Sweeney	present
Peter BonTempo, Secretary	present
Deborah B. Wright, Pension Board	present
Joseph Perno, Interim Chief of Police	present
Carl Flemmig, Interim Deputy Chief	present
Lee Tiernan, Corporation Counsel	present
Nancy Rossi, Mayor	present

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the agenda as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to accept the minutes of September 3, 2019; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

2. Public Session

Chairman Collins asked three times if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

3. Communications

The Commissioners reviewed the following monthly reports for August, 2019:

- 3.1 Investigative Services Division
- 3.2 Overtime
- 3.3 Attendance
- 3.4 Traffic Management Unit
- 3.5 Training Division

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno reported that the POSTC graduation will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 25th in the Lyman Auditorium at Southern Connecticut State University.

He has worked diligently with Corporation Counsel on agenda items 8.1, 8.2 and 9.2. He and Deputy Chief Flemmig attended the 9/11 ceremonies at Bradley Point and the memorial behind the conference center.

He attended The Havens meeting this morning with the Simon Group, utilities, City officials, and the permit coordinator. They discussed a timetable for the closing of the streets, which is yet to be determined.

The Department lost a dispatcher to another State on the 11th of this month. With the fiscal year 20 budget position, they will be hiring two.

Audio-video work was done via a grant to the community room, training room, and was completed today. There is a new projector and we will have two 50" TVs hooked up to that.

The Chief and Deputy Chief discussed the purchase of the vehicles, including the prisoner van, with the Finance Director.

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported that with tonight's retirement, manpower will be at 114 officers.

There are four candidates for the POSTC Academy that was originally scheduled to begin in December, but has been changed to November 15th. The recruitment process will not be affected by the change as we are ahead of schedule with our applicant process. There are two lateral applications that are being reviewed. Officers Aballo and Gause have successfully completed their FTO training and are currently working in Patrol. It is anticipated that Officers Gakidis, Massaro, Bacon and Moore complete their FTO training on September 27th.

He met with Sergeant Dlugolenski to review and update the agency's Emergency Operations Plan. The updated plan has been submitted to the EOC's Director Scott Schwartz.

He attended the 911 ceremonies and attended a meeting regarding The Haven project.

In response to questions, Deputy Chief Flemmig explained that there will be five graduating on September 25th. There will be seven more coming out at the end of December, and four going in on November 15th. If the two laterals are hired, the Department will be at its 120 manpower. With injuries and everything else there are 93+/- available right now.

6. Report of the Committees

None presented.

7. Old Business

None presented.

8. New Business

8.1 Service-connected disability retirement of Captain Richard DiMeola

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler.

Chief Perno stated, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Captain Richard DiMeola for his 39-plus years of service to the citizens of West Haven and the Police Department for the City of West Haven. I'd also like to recognize his numerous commendations which included the Medal of Merit. I would like to personally extend my best wishes to him and his family to enjoy his retirement.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

8.2 Retirement of vested participant – Detective David Perez

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

8.3 Apple Festival on the Green – September 27, 28 and 29, 2019*

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

*Later in the meeting, Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to AMEND the dates from September 27, 2019 to September 27, 28 and 29, 2019; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

8.4 St. Lawrence Walk-a-Thon – Friday, September 20, 2019

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9. Pension Board

9.1 Service-connected disability retirement of Captain Richard DiMeola

Commissioner Wright called for a motion to approve the retirement of Captain Richard DiMeola after his 39 years of service.

Commissioner Butler MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Sweeney. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.2 Retirement of vested participant – Detective David Perez

Commissioner Wright called for a motion to approve the retirement of Detective David Perez after his 14 years of service.

Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

9.3 David Moran of Morgan Stanley – Status of Pension Fund

Mr. Moran reviewed the status of the pension fund and discussed a report he handed out to the Commissioners.

10. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Wright stated, I wish to publicly thank the union for helping and assisting me and my team at the Community House for the Rock & Stroll event. I'd like to thank them for their donation.

11. Executive Session

At approximately 7:20 p.m., Commissioner Sweeney MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 9.1 ISD – Special Victims & Firearms Unit Monthly Activity Report – August, 2019
- 9.2 Pending Litigation

SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Butler MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Commissioner Sweeney. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

12. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Wright MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Commissioner Bon Tempo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Secretary

