

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, October 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Raymond Collins III at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the fallen officers of Bristol, CT.

Attendance

Raymond Collins III, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
John M. Carrano, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Christopher Suggs, <i>Commissioner</i>	Present
Deborah B. Wright, <i>Pension Board Chair and Commissioner</i>	Present
Joseph Perno, <i>Chief of Police</i>	Present
Carl Flemmig, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Present

Agenda

Chairman Collins asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Chief Perno requested to add 11.2 Policy Discussion under Executive Session. Commissioner Butler made a motion to add item 11.2 Policy Discussion; seconded by Commissioner Wright. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Collins asked for a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Butler moved to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Wright. It passed unanimously.

1. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Butler made a motion to accept the minutes of October 4, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Wright. The motion passed by majority. Commissioner Suggs abstained because he was absent.

2. Public Input

Brian Riley, who is retired from the West Haven Police Department, now works at the policy academy. He wanted to publicly acknowledge the WHPD for the high quality of the department and how officers praise the department.

3. Communications

- 3.1 Attendance Report – September 2022
- 3.2 Traffic Management Report – September 2022

3.3 Animal Control Report – September 2022

4. Report of the Chief

Chief Perno reported that he is moving forward with the hopeful replacement of the HVAC system at Animal Control. He is also hoping to have the phone systems upgraded.

5. Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Flemmig reported the department is currently staffed at 111 Officers. The department is minus 9 Officers in the Police Academy, 1 Officer on FTO, 2 Sergeants and 8 Officers out injured/light duty. This leaves 91 available Officers. Seven academy recruits will graduate in December and two will graduate in March/April 2023. The Training Unit will be conducting recruit applicant interviews within the next two weeks for a POSTC Academy class starting in January 2023.

6. **Report of the Committees** – There were no committee reports.

7. **Old Business** - None presented.

8. New Business

8.1 Disputed Parking Ticket #14551 Cassandra Tortora – Commissioner Butler made a motion to waive the ticket with the condition that if it occurs again the ticket will not be waived; seconded by Commissioner Carrano. Deputy Chief Carrano noted that Cassandra Tortora was apologetic and there hasn't been another incident at the address. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Pension Board

9.1 Dave Moran from Raymond James – He will be at the 11/15/2022 meeting.

10. **Commissioners Report** – There were no commissioner reports.

11. Executive Session

11.1 Exit Interview – Alfonso Aballo

11.2 Policy Discussion

The Executive Session began at 7:14 PM and ended at 8:17 PM. Commissioner Butler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Carrano. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.