

City of West Haven, CT
Board of Police Commissioners
Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the West Haven Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Raymond Collins III at West Haven Police Headquarters, 200 Sawmill Road. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Raymond Collins III, <i>Chairman</i>	Present
Paul E. Butler, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Present
John M. Carrano, <i>Commissioner</i>	Absent
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

Chief Perno introduced Item 8.1 to the agenda regarding the street closure of Captain Thomas Boulevard eastbound between Platt Ave and Kelsey Ave on Saturday, November 6th, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Commissioner Butler MOVED to add Item 8.1 to the agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the agenda as amended; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Butler MOVED to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented from October 19th, 2021; SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Input

Chairman Collins asked three times if any person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

3. Communications

3.1 K9 Report Sgt Bloom/K9 Ike – September, 2021

3.2 Investigative Services Report – September, 2021

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4. Report of the Chief – No Report

5. Report of the Deputy Chief – No Report

Commissioner Suggs voiced concerns that residents have made regarding UNH Parking on Ruden Street. He asked if there was an appropriate way to address the parking issues on a city-wide scale, considering that there isn't enough space now to accommodate all the cars that park on that street.

Chief Perno acknowledged that many of the houses are two family homes with only one driveway. He stated that in the case of scenarios like snow emergencies, people are allowed to park on their lawns, but in non-inclement weather, it's not feasible to implement a policy like that. He explained that at the moment there isn't a solution to solve the parking issue.

Deputy Chief Flemmig suggested that conversations could be held with UNH to try to make an arrangement with students.

Commissioner Suggs also asked how it can be determined if a car parked on the street is a UNH student or a non-UNH student, especially for vehicles that have in-state license plates.

Chief Perno answered that students who park in the UNH lots are supposed to have a UNH sticker on them. Commissioner Wright explained that some students try to avoid paying for a parking sticker by parking on the streets.

Commissioner Suggs added that there are students who rent houses on Ruden Street and don't have a sticker because they park on the street where they are renting. He emphasized that there needs to be a solution to mitigate the parking issues.

Commissioner Wright explained that from her experience at UNH, it has been a problem that has existed for a long time and finding a feasible solution is difficult. Chief Perno added that UNH is building on their parking lots, which has therefore led to a decrease in parking spaces.

6. Report of the Committees – No Report

7. Old Business – No Report

8. New Business

8.1 – Street closure of Captain Thomas Boulevard eastbound between Platt Ave and Kelsey Ave on Saturday, November 6th, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Commissioner Wright MOVED to accept the plans for the street closure; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Pension Board

Mr. David Moran from Raymond James gave a brief report on the status of the police pension.

Commissioner Wright mentioned that a while back she and Mr. Moran discussed looking at allocations and adding additional minority and women groups. She asked if they would be looking more into the matter towards the end of this year or beginning of next year.

Mr. Moran explained that it would likely be towards the beginning of next year. He said that they can discuss it further in December.

Chief Perno mentioned that at the council meeting last Monday, it was mentioned that there were 3 scenarios of a pension offer to the 401K officers now. He asked if Mr. Moran was involved in that matter.

Mr. Moran answered that he was not directly involved in that discussion. He stated that he would find out more information and follow up on the matter.

10. Executive Session

Commissioner Butler MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following monthly report:

10.1 Street Crime Report – September, 2021

Motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners entered Executive Session at 7:12 PM.

11. Return to Regular Session/Adjournment

At 7:17 PM, the Commissioners returned to regular session and adjourned by a motion from Commissioner Wright; SECONDED by Commissioner Butler. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Briana Hojo
Recording Clerk