

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons
Commissioner Kelly Straniti

CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Commissioner Collier-Clemmons; Commissioner Straniti

STAFF: Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Deputy Chief James Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:46PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION-COMMISSIONER STRANITI.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing- November

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Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of November there are currently 176 sworn personnel and there are currently three vacancies in patrol. He said the workers compensation days used were down from previous months and that 71.75 days were used by a total of 18 operations personnel, and 166.2 sick days were used.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the significant incidents for the month of November and said there were three residential burglaries and the burglaries of motor vehicles have slowed down. He said there was one robbery for the month.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Special Services and said that they remain busy with 14 felony arrests; 15 misdemeanor arrests; 16 warrants and five search warrants. He said they had also made an arrest on a 13 pound delivery of marijuana at UPS.

Deputy Chief Walsh said they also executed a search warrant on an individual who was an ex-gang member out of New York City living on Lexington Avenue Extension. They had recovered two firearms and a large amount of cocaine. He will be federally indicted and they have recovered \$77,000 in cash.

Deputy Chief Walsh said there was a search warrant executed on Camp Street and there had been multiple resident complaints across from Tracey School and arrested two individuals who were selling drugs out of their bedroom window.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the Special Victims Unit remains busy and had an investigation of a Norwalk High School student who had posted a firearm on Snapchat and was met at the airport when he returned to the United States and he was properly arrested and his home was searched and they had found a fake gun.

Deputy Chief Walsh said there was 269 infractions for the November which were down from the previous months. Mayor Rilling said that he has noticed cars going through red light and asked if the traffic enforcement units are out daily. Deputy Chief Walsh said "yes". Mayor Rilling asked what their main focus currently is. Chief Kulhawik said it depends on what complaints are received and changes depending on what the issues are. Deputy Chief Walsh said that the traffic unit gave out 87 tickets last month. Mayor Rilling suggested focusing on some of the busier traffic signals such as East Avenue @ Sunset Hill.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Training Report (November)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that most of the training was for annual firearms and Taser qualifications. She said that Officer Dascola went to train the trainer class for field training officers. There was review credit training for Human Trafficking training, body cameras and crime scene and Human Trafficking training is now required annually as well as body camera training.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Re-assignment Request (Det. John Bell)

Mayor Rilling said for personal reasons Detective John Bell wishes to be returned from the Detective Division to the Patrol Division at the rank of Patrol Officer. Chief Kulhawik said That Detective Bell preferred the work as a patrol officer so he is requesting to go back.

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-ASSIGNMENT REQUEST FROM DETECTIVE JOHN BELL.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Course Approval-Deputy Chief James Walsh

Chief Kulhawik said the course is a Public Procurement Management Course at UNH towards his Master Degree that he has been approved to continue on with.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PROMOTIONS

Officer Lindsey Taylor to Detective

Chief Kulhawik said that Officer Taylor is number one on the list and are requesting that she be promoted to Detective to fill the open spot.

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**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE
PROMOTION OF OFFICER LINDSEY TAYLOR TO DETECTIVE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling administered the Oath of Office for Officer Lindsey Taylor to Detective. Detective Taylor came forward and was offered congratulations by the Board. Reverend Beinke came forward and offered a blessing for Detective Taylor and all the Officers and Detectives.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that a complimentary letter was received from Erin Herring of Parks and Recreation regarding dispatcher Paul Vieser on how well he had handled a call regarding issues at Animal Control.

Chief Kulhawik said that complimentary letter was received for Officer Mogollon on how well he had dealt with an intoxicated person.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter regarding Officer Taborda for assisting the Wilton Police Department with the translation on an incident that they had.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter for Officer Vazquez regarding his handling of an accident. The parents had commented on how well he had taken care of their son and how he had gone above and beyond.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received a complementary letter for Officer Zavitz for dealing with a speeding issue on East Rocks Road.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received an email Sergeant Kalamaniades for helping him several times.

Chief Kulhawik said that he received an email from Attorney Candela of the Law Department for Officer Wasilewski, Officer Holmes, Officer Tejada, Boyd, Officer Bryce, LT. Hume Officer Monteleone, Officer Smith and Sgt. Delallo regarding the lawsuit concerning the brine issue to help him prepare his case and thought they were instrumental in helping him to defend the city in the lawsuit.

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ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd