

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons
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CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2020

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 6:50PM. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2020

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15 2020 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment this evening.

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OPERATIONS REPORT

Patrol Staffing- June

Deputy Chief Walsh reported and said that for the month of June there were currently 178 sworn personnel, Officer Taylor Equi and Matthew Mitchell were sworn in on June 8, 2020, and there is one vacancy in patrol. He said that 69.25 workers compensation days were used by a total of 17 operations personnel; three officers are on extended workmen's compensation and 169.50 sick days were used.

In June operations were very active in response to the planning and coordination of social protesting, and there were four protests and other events in response to the death of George Floyd. All events were peaceful and there were no instances or arrests made. Mayor Rilling said he was very impressed with the police operations as well as the conduct of the people that were participating in the protests, and he hopes that will continue to happen and continue to respect each other and work towards a mutual understanding of how things can improve. He commended the entire Operations Division as well as Chief Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Zecca, Deputy Chief Walsh and the Detective Division, and said he is very proud on how the officers responded and their main goal was very clear which was the protection of the police officers and protestors.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Special Services and said there was shooting assault investigation on June 11, 2020, at Roodner Court and said that one person was shot during a dispute but between the detectives and patrol were able to ascertain a plate and made an arrest in Fairfield after a pursuit and there were no injuries and a gun was recovered. He said there was also a shooting assault investigation on June 2, 2020, on Cedar Street and one person was shot but the victim was uncooperative and an arrest was made for drug possession.

Deputy Chief Walsh said the burglaries of motor vehicles remain steady and significant but were able to apprehend a juvenile operator for most of them and has been off the street since and most of the night time car burglaries have decreased.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on the Special Victims Unit and said many investigations are pending but enforcement and closure are pending due to Covid- 19 restrictions but have been helping with Covid-19 enforcement in the parks and the schools. He said that most of the School Resource Officers have been transferred back to patrol and the remaining officers and

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supervisors are working with Norwalk High School and Brien McMahon High school on the amended graduation ceremonies which are continually changing.

Deputy Chief Walsh reported on Community Policing and Community Services and said that there was a fatal motor vehicle accident investigation on June 15, 2020 at 125 East Avenue and there were 19 enforcement stops on West Rocks Road, 22 at Winfield Street @ Duck Pond Road and 15 at Newtown Avenue. The speed sign locations were at Roton Avenue, Gregory Blvd and First Street.

Deputy Chief Walsh said that 119 infractions were issued for the month which is a slight increase from May and still fluctuates due to Covid-19, but the traffic unit is starting to address some of the problem areas and have received some citizen complaints.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Training Report (June)

Deputy Chief Zecca reported and said that training for the month of June remains light due to Covid-19 restrictions, but the ESU team did their monthly training as well as the firearms low light training. She said to try and compensate for some of the restrictions we continue to do online training, and did legal updates, blue plan and Covid-19 protection training.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA

*** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1526.50**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- DETECTIVE BRENDAN COLLINS

COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DETECTIVE BRENDAN COLLINS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,410.00

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- OFFICER EDGAR GONZALEZ

COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OFFICER EDGAR GONZALEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,840.00

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT- OFFICER JAMES BARRON

COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OFFICER JAMES BARRON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628.00

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COURSE APPROVAL- SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR SERGEANT RYAN EVARTS.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VACATION CARRY-OVER REQUEST- DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE 98.25 DAYS OF VACATION CARRY-OVER FOR DEPUTY CHIEF SUSAN ZECCA WITH THE CAVEAT THAT SHE DRAW DOWN THE VACATION DAYS BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 30, 2021.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VACATION CARRY-OVER REQUEST FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH

**** COMMISSIONER STRANITI MOVED TO APPROVE 30 DAYS OF VACATION CARRY-OVER FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Complimentary Letters

Chief Kulhawik said that a complimentary email was received for Officer Salley and Officer Lovallo for doing a drive by for her child's graduation.

Chief Kulhawik said that a complementary email was received for all the officers to let them know how much she appreciates all of their hard work.

Chief Kulhawik said that a complementary email was received for the way the officers handled a disturbance problem with a neighbor.

Chief Kulhawik said that a complementary email was received for Officer Mancini for his outstanding service.

Chief Kulhawik said that a complementary email was received from Commissioner Straniti for the compliment she had received for the officer's response for the incident at the FCFAA range.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSED OFFICER (INCLUDING A REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY BACKGROUND APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT). AND DEPUTY CHIEF'S AGREEMENT.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Entered into Executive Session at 7:07 PM.

Returned from Executive Session at 7:19 PM.

**** During Executive Session no motions were made and no votes were taken.**

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE
A NEW CONTRACT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES WALSH EFFECTIVE
AUGUST 1, 2020; SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED
THEREIN, CONTINGENT ON REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY ALL PARTIES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd