



City of Ansonia

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Nicholas L. Amico, President

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David Casseti, Secretary

Dennis M. Phipps, Commissioner

Bob Goldson, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

5:00 PM

Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner David Casseti chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

All those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

At the request of the Chairman, the Recording Secretary called the roll. The following Commissioners were present.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico			X
Commissioner Ann Pitney			X
Commissioner David Casseti	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Marini, Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Recording Secretary recorded three Commissioners present at the time of the roll call. The Chairman declared a quorum and proceeded with the agenda of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2010, regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the February 3, 2010, regular meeting minutes with the correction to the date of the minutes listed on the agenda (December 2, 2010 to February 3, 2010). Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session to please state their name and address for the record. Chairman also noted that each person would have 3 minutes to speak during the public session.

Ken Plavnicky

15 Mountain View Road

Ansonia, CT 06401

I have a question, it concerns next year with the even side parking. I live on Mt. View Road which is odd, across...odd side parking, odd numbers. Across from me is Casio Street which is odd side parking. There's no even numbers in my general area. What am I suppose to do when I have company and stuff? **Chief Hale-** There's no even numbers on the street? **Plavnicky-** No. Mt. View goes in a circle. Its 15, 17, across from Mt. View is Casio which is 7, 9, 10 or 11 rather. **Chief Hale-** There are a number of streets that...**Chairman-** That have that. **Chief Hale-** Rufus is one of them. There's odd and even on the same side. So I think, and Casio is the same or is it just Mt. View? **Plavnicky-** Casio is the same, it's all odd numbers. **Chief Hale-** We'll take a look at it. There may be a two more streets we'll have to add to the list, but we've run into this in the past. **Commissioner Goldson-** Okay. **Plavnicky-** (Inaudible) **Chairman-** You have the spelling of his name? **Plavnicky-** I'm sorry. **Lester-** I have it from the last meeting.

Chairman- Okay. **Plavnicky-** Question number two, I want to know why the police budget is going up \$70 grand? Are you guys the ones who pass the budget? **Chairman-** No. **Plavnicky-** Who is? **Chairman-** The Board of Apportionment and Taxation, the Board of Aldermen, but the Chief meets with them. They run it by us. **Plavnicky-** They do. **Chairman-** Yes. **Plavnicky-** now is it necessary for it to go up because about taxes I mean...can't they cut back on some overtime or Sergeant pay or whatever? **Chairman-** No. **Plavnicky-** No. **Commissioner Goldson-** We're short. **Multiple people speaking.** **Chairman-** the \$70,000.00 that going up is for, I don't believe it's... **Plavnicky-** It's probably for...**Chairman-** Excuse me. **Plavnicky-** Probably for a (inaudible). **Chairman-** No it has nothing to do with that. Chief you can elaborate more on it or even, we have a Board of Apportionment and Taxation right here, Ed Norman if he could. **Chief Hale-** Well we are still in the process. We are still in part way of a long process. **Chairman-** Right. **Plavnicky-** Is it necessary for it to go up that much I mean...**Chief-** We are part way of a long process. There's still a lot of work to be done with the entire City budget, not just ours. **Plavnicky-** I still think it can remain the same, without any raises or O/T or even stuff that gets, you know. **Commissioner Goldson-** O/T you can't control. **Commissioner Tyszka-** You can't control O/T. **Commissioner Goldson-** You can't, no. **Chairman-** Is there anybody else? Is there anybody else from the public that wishes to speak at this time?

Frank Heusser Jr.
27 Prindle Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Um, I'd like to...I have a few questions for the Board. I'd like to know why the State Police was not called in to investigate Lou Owens when the Chief states Monday, July 28, 2008 newspaper article that this is routine procedure to call in an outside agency to investigate any issues concerning any members of the department. Also, I would like to know how thorough was the investigation? Did the department search Lou Owens' name with DMV to get a list of his previously owned vehicles? Did they run vin numbers to see if the vehicle is still around? I am sure the department did not do that because if they did they would have found that the vehicle is possibly still around and is located in another state. Did you call the last registered owner and ask them about the vehicle as there were only two owners on file for this vehicle? Do I need to go buy this vehicle and drop it off on the front steps of the P.D.? Maybe your Police Commissioner can make me a detective for the police department since I did more work for this case. Or maybe this is what the Chief had decided before this investigation was complete, to brush this under the carpet and that's why they did the investigation themselves. Also, when I had printed the October 2009 police commission meeting there was a request made about opening a test for a sixth sergeants. The Board approved, uh before the Board approved the motion they asked if there's any legal action or any problems that could come up with the prior testing and the Chief said no. Why is the test stopped now? Is there an injunction going on? Is

it going to cause the tax payers any more money now? Is this ___ % tax increase because all of the Chief poor decisions? I really think that this boards needs to overlook this Chief's every move he makes, or better yet, maybe he should resign. One last thing, I wonder if I'll be arrested in the next few weeks form this complaint like it happened in January. **Plavnicky-** I second that. **Heusser-** Can the Board please get back to me on these requests, how thorough was this investigation? **Commissioner Goldson-** Can I answer your question as far as the investigation is concerned. Apparently, we gave you an answer and you're not happy with it. Now, it's everyone right as a citizen, if they don't like the decision that the police commissioner makes or you know we gave you our answer, you can go the State Police yourself and request, anybody can do this...**Heusser-**They can't **Commissioner Goldson-** Yeah you can go... **Heusser-** the request has to be done, excuse me but I called the State Police already. The request has got to be made from the Chief himself. **Commissioner Goldson-** As an individual, you can go to any police barracks. **Heusser-** You can't, I tried. I went there, I've done it. This is what I am telling you. **Commissioner Goldson-** As they... **Chairman-** Frank did you give us a statement, did you send in the statement like I asked you? You said you were going to do it. **Heusser-** A statement? **Chairman-** About your complaint. **Heusser-** Yeah I gave a statement to the Chief, they came down. **Chairman-** You came down? **Heusser-** They came down to me with my... **Chairman-** No, you were suppose to drop off it writing your... **Heusser-** That was a complaint against Flynn. That was something different. **Chairman-** Did you do that? **Heusser-** I did not do that yet. The attorney has not dropped the complaint against Flynn. I'm talking about Owens here. And this is the one where I can guarantee... **Chairman-** Chief did you an investigation on Owens. **Chief-** Yes. **Chairman-** Ok. **Heusser-** And I'm asking if did they check for the vehicle because I found the vehicle. I've a private investigator in the other state who's going to get this vehicle. **Commissioner Goldson-** Well again I'd hate to be redundant, you can go as an individual, any one of us, to go to the State Police and ask for an investigation on anything, on something that you think is wrong as a citizen. So I'm (inaudible) that you, for you to go and do that, please. **Heusser-** I did that and what I am telling you is that they said it in the department. The Chief has to request it. That's what the Board is not comprehending. The Chief has to investigate...the Chief has to request it to be done, I went there, I called. **Chairman-** Chief you did a thorough investigation on it correct. **Chief-** A thorough investigation was done. **Heusser-** what I'm asking is thorough. Did they check for his last registered owners, did they check that, for prior vehicle in his name? Did they call the people that own the vehicle now? That what I'm asking for, information. Did they do that, cause if they did not do that, you can't say it's a thorough investigation and that's why... **Chairman-** Who knows where this car could be, it could be like you said it could be in another state somewhere...**Heusser-** I know where the car is I have a private investigator working on this. **Commissioner Goldson-**This was fifteen years ago your talking about, this incident that happened. **Heusser-** the vehicle was a 1996 Explorer and he sold it in 1999, ok so from 1996 to 1999 he had these running boards put on the car after he paid a Robert Waugh to go steal them. And I'm sure if the State Police did the investigation, I'm sure the State Police would assure the kid involved that he wouldn't have any problems

because right after I make a complaint, I get arrested. But this is all what I'm trying to find out, a thorough investigation your saying. I would like to know if you guys made that attempt to contact... **Commissioner Goldson-** We don't make...**Heusser-** then how do I get a copy of that report? How do I get a copy of what was done, because I'm spending money out of my own pocket to do an investigation, and I want to ask the Board something, and the Chief, if I do this investigation and I prove to the Board and to everybody in the City of Ansonia that he paid somebody to steal these running boards, will he resign and will the Chief resign? Because that's how sure I am and that's...**Chairman-** alright your two minutes is up. **Heusser-** I would like to know that. **Chairman-** Alright Frank. **Heusser-** Ok can I have an answer, will the Chief resign if I prove it. **Commissioner Goldson-** No. **Chairman-** No. **Heusser-** Your not the Chief, I'm asking the Chief. You can't answer for the Chief. **Plavnicky-** Why does this officer over think it's a joke. All he's doing here is laughing at the man when he always... (multiple people speaking) **Chairman-** Alright, alright I will clean this room out, I will clean this room out okay! We have a meeting to run; I will clean this room out! **Heusser-** Every time he sees me he laughs, just so you know. **Commissioner Goldson-** Norman?? **Chairman-** Wait a minute Bob, um I did ask about Ed Norman if he had a couple of comments. **Norman-** Well I thought we were still in public session. **Chairman-** We are in public session and I'm going to get to that if you want to go ahead. Edward Norman of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation gave a brief description as to the budget process.

Chairman asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak.

Edward Norman
51 Grove Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

My name is Ed Norman, I live at 51 Grove Street and the reason I'm here tonight is that I would like to thank the Board and the Chief, on the west side in the fourth ward we are having problems with kids and vandalism and just other violation and we set up a block watch. Detective Tenney and Patrolman Esposito have been instrumental in helping us along. We've had several meetings at the Charter Hose which is in the center of the fourth ward. We've have several meetings there. There's been a lot of interest and activity throughout the west side as far as to start other block watches and I wanted to let your Board know that we are getting a lot of corporation from the police department. One of the biggest things we feel is the biggest deterrent is just signs throughout the neighborhood. They say it's a block watch neighborhood. We have I think it's 21 of those going up within next few weeks. The police department is contributing to our cause. We also have a grant application for literature and signs and that sort of thing. But again, I don't think we'd be anywhere along without the cooperation with the detective and the patrolman that are I guess advocate or liaisons with the department. And the other thing I would like to bring up is on this Saturday, the 6th the Charter Hose is going to have a boot drive and one of the things

was, I spoke to the Chief earlier about permits and what we had to do with that, he recommended signage and we are going to have cones out and everything so that they know there coming to...Commissioner Tyszka- What's the boot drive for? Norman- It's for the Charter Hose, the fire department and what we do there's some equipment that we have to buy, not that, I mean that part of the budget as far as fire department equipment and everything but these are different things that we buy for the fire house. Commissioner Tyszka- I know. Norman- And that's what we're raising funds for so we are going to have a boot drive there so do I put a call into Lt. Williams, is he in charge of traffic just to remind him. Chief- No, I take care of that. I'll talk to Lt. Cota tomorrow. It's Saturday at what time? Norman- We're going to be out there like 9:00 to maybe the noon hour. Chief- Clifton and Pershing. Norman- Clifton and Pershing, yes.

Chairman asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak in the public session. There where none. Public session was closed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti (Chair)			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communications a place them of file as presented.

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the minutes and place them on file.

Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

- A. Letter dated February 11, 2010, to the Board from Mr. John Nolan regarding his request for the Board to alleviate the danger at the intersection of North State and Smith Streets. **Chief Hale informed the Board that this request has been made by Mr. Nolan several times, and the Board has responded to each**

request. The Board decided to leave that intersection the way that it is. Chief Hale recommended that another letter be sent to Mr. Nolan.

- B. Letter dated March 1, 2010, to the Board from Chief Kevin Hale regarding his request for the Board to approve policies 4.403, 5.005, and 5.409. **Chairman asked for Commissioner Goldson to give his recommendation on the approval of the policies listed. Commissioner Goldson state that the policies conform with the regulations of the state and along with the national Police Commissioners Association. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept policies. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Della Volpe’s response regarding Mr. Clayton Jackson’s request to have a street light returned to the corner of Tremont Street and Beaver Street. **Chief Hale informed the Board that he has spoken to Acting Mayor Blume regarding this request and he will be sending a letter to UI approving this request. Chief Hale also state that a letter will be sent to Mr. Jackson to inform him of the status.**
2. Wakelee Avenue study. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to implement the Wakelee Avenue study. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

3. Crosswalk request on Columbia Street at Main Street. **Chief Hale informed the Board that there was a request for a crosswalk on Columbia Street at Main Street. The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation has denied the request and was looking to see is the Board concurred with their decision. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to concur with the CT Department of Transportation on denying this request. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman asked the members present if there was any new business. There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-Two officers on light duty. One officer is out on sick leave.

Miscellaneous:

-The budget process is still ongoing. Hearing with B.O.A.T. will be sometime this month.

-The fingerprint system is up and running.

-The furnace was down one day this week and is being worked on, also the roof is leaking and public works has the funding to fix that.

-The Maple Street bridge will be closed March 15, 2010, for two years because it is going to be replaced. This has a direct impact of the Memorial Day Parade. It will start at Nolan field; continue south on Wakelee Ave., left on Jackson Street down Maple Street, through Olson Dr., onto Lester Street and quick left onto Bridge Street, Left onto West Main Street, Right onto Kingston and Right onto Main Street.

Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept Chief Hale's report. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)						X
Ann Pitney						X
David Casseti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
 Recording Secretary
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority