

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
5:00 PM
Erlingheuser Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Nicholas L. Amico 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 Cassetti	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Attorney Kevin Blake

Recording Secretary recorded five 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 May 5, 2010, regular meeting. Commissioner Cassetti noted a correction in the May 5, 2010 regular meeting minutes that Commissioner Tyszka was present for the meeting. Correction noted. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to accept the May 5, 2010, regular meeting minutes and that the correction is noted. 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		X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			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.

Michael Carpinello

20 Fairview Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Carpinello informed the Board of other ice cream vendors selling ice cream in Ansonia but do not have permits to do so. He stated that this can be a liability to the City because the children run from one ice cream truck to another and can get hurt. Mr. Carpinello asked that this matter be looked into. He noted that he has followed procedure in order to sell ice cream in Ansonia and feels the others should do so as well. Commissioner Goldson asked how Mr. Carpinello is aware that the other vendors do not have permits to sell. Mr. Carpinello responded that Chief Hale provides a copy of valid vendors to him. Chief Hale stated that the matter will be looked into. Attorney Blake also noted that Mr. Carpinello was involved in a motor vehicle accident on East Main Street near Eagle Hose where the arrows on the road have faded. Attorney Blake stated that Mr. Carpinello has agreed to pay half of the deductible. Chief Hale stated that a letter has been sent to Public Works regarding this issue and that he will be sending another letter to Mr. Schryver.

John Kichar
50 Day Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Kichar requested if a stop sign could be placed in front of the police department on Elm Street. Chief Hale stated that the Department of Transportation would have to handle that, but doubted that they would put one there because it did not meet the criteria. Mr. Kichar also asked what time curfew starts? Chief Hale stated that there is no curfew but if he has a noise complaint that he can call the police department and someone will respond. Mr. Kichar also asked the Board if anything can be done about the speeding on Day Street because children ride there bicycles and he is afraid they will get hurt. Chief Hale stated that the matter will be looked into. Lastly, Mr. Kichar also asked if cameras can be placed on Pershing Drive and Division Street because people drive through the stop lights all the time. Chief Hale informed Mr. Kichar that the courts would have to be in agreement with that request, and that it was expensive and still controversial.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the monthly reports. 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			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communications a place them on file as presented and to also accept the two late communications. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file including the two late communications. Commissioner Pitney 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	X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

- A. Letter dated April 27, 2010, to Chief Hale from Lieutenant Williams regarding increase to pistol permit fees. **Chief Hale recommended that the fees be increased, and that he agrees with Lieutenant Williams’s recommendation and that the fees should be consistent with the State. Commissioner Pitney made a motion that the pistol permits fees be increased. Commissioner Cassetti 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		X			
David Cassetti		X	X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

- B. Letter dated May 26, 2010, to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale regarding the vendors who submitted bids for the vehicle maintenance contract for the Ansonia Police Department. **Chief Hale informed the Board that Auto Repairs Unlimited was the only bidder who fully complied with the specifications. Chairman asked for a motion to accept Auto Repairs Unlimited for the maintenance contract. They were in full compliance with the bid specifications and their hourly rate is \$58.85. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to accept Auto Repairs Unlimited for the vehicle maintenance bid. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion by reasons set forth by the Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.**

- C. Letter dated May 26, 2010, to the Board from Chief Kevin J. Hale requesting approval of policies 4.700, 4.800, 5.100, 5.101, 5.310, 5.315, and 5.402. **Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the policies listed. 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			

Late Communication A-Letter dated May 23, 2010 from Kathy Rodriguez regarding her request for signage on Holbrook Court. **Chief Hale reviewed the area with Kathy Rodriguez and Lt. Cota. Chief Hale suggested a “No parking from Here to Corner” sign a minimum of 100 feet east of Holbrook Street. Chief Hale stated that as you come down the two way section of**

Holbrook Court you can not legally turn right because there is only one way in and recommends a “No Right Turn” sign and a “One-Way” sign. Lastly, coming down Holbrook Street approaching Holbrook Court there is nothing to indicate a “Dead End” and recommends a “Dead End” sign be placed. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s advice for Holbrook Court and Holbrook Street and Holbrook Place. 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		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Commissioner Cassetti also recommended that the sign should be a “No Outlet” instead of a “Dead End” sign. Chief Hale also noted that there are several other issues that need to be addressed by the Public Works Department which were described in Ms. Rodriguez’s letter.

Late Communication B- Commissioner Pitney informed the Board that Lou Macero spoke with her regarding the parking issues on 7th Street which is causing problems when turning onto Hubbell Ave. and requested a “No Parking Here to Corner” at 7th Street at Hubbell Ave. and or “No Parking on This Side of Street” between Nolan Road and Hubbell Ave. **The Board agreed to review this matter.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Review of Dawn Morra’s concerns with speeding on Moulthrop Street. **Chief Hale’s recommendation is for chevron signs to be placed because the City will not put up guard rails. Chief Hale also suggests the Metro-Count to be placed to target speeding. Chief Hale also recommended that speed signs be placed and a “Curve Ahead” (warning sign) be placed as well. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s recommendation. 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		X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

2. Shirley Lindsay’s request for speed limit signs in the area of Howard Avenue and Grove Street. **Chief Hale recommended that speed limits sign be place on Grove Street and that the Metro-Counter be placed on Howard Ave. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion the accept Chief Hale’s recommendation. Commissioner Pitney 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	X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Cassetti asked if the Board can ask the State of Connecticut if they can make the section of Bridge Street between West Main Street and Main Street, “No Parking” and two lanes because of traffic build up with the Maple Street Bridge being out. Commissioner Cassetti also asked if the stops sign located by Olson Drive and the Maple Street Bridge can be changed to yield signs. Chief Hale stated that the matter can be looked into. Commissioner Tyszka and Commissioner Goldson expressed there concern with the children crossing the street. Chief Hale will send a letter regarding Commissioner Cassetti’s concern on Bridge Street.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-One officer is out short-term sick leave, one officer is on light duty (worker’s comp), one officer out on worker’s comp. A couple of officers that were out on longer term have returned.

Miscellaneous:

- The budget process is complete. Cuts were made.
- Policy updates have been made and the July meeting should finish the current policies.
- Patrol sectors have adjusted and they are addressing some vandalism and loitering complaints.
- The striking at Hilltop Health continues and there have been minor problems there.
- The supervisor’s vehicle is out permanently.
- The Lovermi matter is on ongoing and will be addressed in court again on June 24, 2010.

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the Chief oral report. Commissioner Pitney 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	X			
David Cassetti	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Commissioner Pitney asked Chief Hale if a license is needed to ride mopeds. Chief Hale said a driver's license is needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

Chief Hale noted that as part of new business, bushes were ripped out from the front of the police Department and Commissioner Pitney was going to try to get funding from the Historical Commission but there are no funds available. Chief Hale said that Public Works will install plants for us. Commissioner Pitney made a recommendation for plants for the outside of the police department. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to accept. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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Nicholas L. Amico (Chair)			X			
Ann Pitney			X			
David Cassetti			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pitney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cassetti 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		X			
David Cassetti		X	X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
Recording Secretary
Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority