

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 3, 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

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

Commissioner Tyszka was not present at the time of roll call but entered the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2010, regular meeting and October 20, 2010 special meeting. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the October 6, 2010, regular meeting

minutes and the October 20, 2010 special meeting minutes. 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			

At this time Chairman asked for a motion to move up item #11 Employment Status of Officer Mustafa Salahuddin from the agenda.

Commissioner Pitney made a motion to deviate item #11 from the agenda which deals with the employment of Officer Mustafa Salahuddin. 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			

Chairman called on the City attorney Fran Teodosio at this time.

“Thank you Mr. Chairman, I need to report to the Police Commission that at 4 o’clock today I received a letter from Attorney Robert Serafinowicz who is the attorney for Officer Mustafa Salahuddin. It is a very brief letter if I can read it into the record.”

“Please be advised that my client Mustafa Salahuddin has elected to retire from the Ansonia Police Department, effective immediately. Please contact me regarding completing the requisite paperwork. The original version of this letter will be personally delivered to your Oxford office tomorrow.”

“Mr. Chairman that means it is not necessary for your commission to hold a hearing. This letter will be provided to the commission but also a copy to Chief Hale and the original I would forward onto Chief Hale and Officer Mustafa Salahuddin will effectively move through the administrative of this City and retire.”

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communication. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the communication. 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 Casseti	X		X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to speak during the public session, and if so to please state your name and address for the record.

Kevin Diulio
Clifton Avenue
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Diulio requested that the crosswalk on Clifton Ave. which is located in front of his multi-family home be relocated. Commissioner Goldson asked where the crosswalk is located on the street. Mr. Diulio stated that it the only crosswalk on Clifton Avenue and its right in front of his home. Chief Hale stated that Tara Kolakowski from the Mayor’s office informed him of this situation. Chief Hale informed the Board that the crosswalk goes to the Boys and Girls Club. Commissioner Casseti asked if the crosswalk could be taken out and Commissioner Pitney asked if the Boys and Girls Club use it. Chief Hale stated that this matter will be looked into. Commissioner Pitney made a motion that the Board look into eliminating the crosswalk near the Boys and Girls Club if they do not object and moving it by Father Lar Drive. Commissioner Casseti 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 Casseti		X	X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

James Sheehy
203 Wakelee Ave.
Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Sheehy explained to the Board that the parking on Wakelee Avenue which is where his office is located is very limited on parking. Mr. Sheehy requested that the Board look into Wakelee Avenue not having any overnight parking and during the day they have two (2) hour parking. Mr. Sheehy also requested that during winter parking on the odd side of Wakelee Avenue that parking be suspended from Nolan Field to Nickel Street. Chief Hale noted to Mr. Sheehy that every year the parking changes for winter parking and that timed parking is very difficult to monitor but also stated that he can look into the issues on Wakelee Ave.

There was no one else for the public session.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Commissioner Cassetti 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		X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman asked for a motion to accept the communications a place them on file as presented. Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. 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			

- A. Letter dated October 19, 2010, to the Board for the Department of Transportation regarding the approval of “No Parking 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.” on the north side of SR 727 (Bridge Street). (Exact location is noted in the letter) Also attached to the letter is a notification of the CT Transportation Institute Road Safety 365 workshop on November 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the members of the Board if they wish to attend. **Chief Hale stated the business owners are satisfied with approved parking and the D.O.T. Bridge project will be responsible for the signs. FYI Only.**

Commissioner Cassetti asked if the City can pay for the training. Chief Hale stated that he would look at the training line item and see if there is enough funding.

Chairman requested a motion for the approval of the Board of Police Commissioners schedule for 2011 provided by the recording secretary. Commissioner Pitney made a motion to accept the meeting schedule for 2011. 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			

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board to discuss issues concerning a new pension recipient. **Still awaiting response from CMERS. Matter has been tabled.**

Commissioner Cassetti asked Chief Hale when the speed limit signs will be placed on High Acres Road. Chief Hale stated that he is waiting for the posts to come in.

Chairman asked Chief Hale when the crosswalk is going to be placed at Griffin Hospital. Chief Hale informed the Chairman that he is waiting on the Public Works Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

-Two officers are out on workers compensation injuries, one officer is on light duty on a workers compensation injury.

-There is an opening for Part-Time records Clerk. There will also be an opening for a Part-Time Dispatcher; one of our Part-Time Dispatcher's resigned.

Miscellaneous:

-RFP Dispatch recording system currently out.

-The Sergeants written exam will be held on November 10, 2010.

-November 9, 2010 3 members of the department will be attending a domestic violence training program with Umbrella. The two trainers are coming from Maryland. They will train the 3 officers and in turn those three officers will train the remaining officers of the department in domestic violence.

Commissioner Goldson asked Chief Hale where the training was going to be held, Chief Hale informed the Board that the training will be held in Shelton.

-The new roof should be completed today.

-The Body Shop MOU is completed one body shop did not sign the MOU.

-One officer gave me a list of observations through out town that may need to be addressed.

- Grove Street/Howard Ave. - If you are coming south bound (from the Fire Department) there should be a sign placed that says "traffic from left does not stop".
- Jewett St/Beaver Street- Similar signage to be placed in that area (traffic from right does not stop).
- Bridge Street east bound- Marking was put in yesterday. Commissioner Tyszka asked if there was enforcement. Chief Hale responded that there is normally a grace period before taking enforcement.

-Sergeant Flynn will be receiving the 2010 Rotary Award. Commissioners must notify Jennifer Lester if they will be attending.

- Chief Hale reminded the Board that they need to vote on the handicap parking request at 1 Meadow Street.

Commissioner Goldson noted that the Board has a past practice on handicap parking requests. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Pitney seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Cassetti made a motion to accept Chief Hale’s oral report. 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			

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Lester
 Recording Secretary
 Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority