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REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, October 5, 2016 5:00 PM Erlingheuser Room MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ann Pitney 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 Chairwoman, the Recording Secretary called the roll. The following Commissioners were present.

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Commissioner Ann Pitney	X		
Commissioner Bob Goldson	X		
Commissioner Frank Tyszka	X		
Commissioner Paul Heon	X		
Commissioner Michael Rinaldi	X		

Also in attendance:

Chief Kevin J. Hale, Alderman Kaslaitis

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

At this time Chairwoman asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda and move to communication item B. So moved by Commissioner Heon. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon	X		X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

Chief Hale informed the Board that there was an opening for Detective Sergeant, as well as three openings for Detective. Chief Hale introduced James Frolish as the new Detective Sergeant and Brian Harte, Jon Troesser, and Rick (Richard) Esposito as new Detectives for the Ansonia Police Department. Chief Hale asked that the Board look favorably on this. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to move forward with the promotions. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

Mayor David S. Casseti asked James Frolish to step forward to be sworn in.

Mayor Casseti then asked Brian Harte, Jon Troesser, and Rick Esposito to step forward to be sworn in.

Chief Hale informed all those present that tomorrow (October 6, 2016) at 11 a.m. a second ceremony will be done in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

Chairwoman asked for a motion to revert back to the regular agenda. So moved by Commissioner Tyszka. Commissioner Rinaldi seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 regular meeting. Commissioner Goldson made a motion to approve the September 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Heon seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson	X		X			
Frank Tyszka			X			
Paul Heon		X	X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

PUBLIC SESSION:**Roberto Davila****60 Prospect Street****Ansonia, CT 06401**

Mr. Davila is requesting a hidden driveway sign to be placed near his home due to the difficulty he has pulling out of his driveway. At night it is not as bad however during the day he cannot see vehicles coming up the hill due to a blind spot. Chief Hale stated that the Board will look into this matter and will have a resolution at the November meeting.

Annamarie Caporale**26 Page Street****Ansonia, CT 06401**

Ms. Caporale stated that employees from Griffin Hospital park on her street. They park on both sides of her driveway making it very difficult to come out of the driveway. She is requesting a "No Parking" sign to be placed near her driveway. Chairwoman stated that she has looked into the area and had a difficult time getting out of Ms. Caporale's driveway and feels something needs to be done. Commissioner Heon stated that he too has looked into the area and saw how difficult it was to get out of the driveways on that street. He however, was unsure as to what the

proper solution would be. Chief Hale stated the hospital is aware of the complaints and will speak to the employees again. A brief discussion was held. Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to have a "No Parking" sign placed at the western edge of the driveway located at 26 Page Street. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. 3-yes, 2-no. Vote passed 3-2.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson				X		
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon				X		
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

Edward Musante

21 Castle Lane

Ansonia, CT 06401

Mr. Musante wanted to know what the turnout was regarding his complaint last month on the woman not getting arrested for swearing at him at Dunkin Donuts. Chief Hale stated that the officer's felt they did not have cause to arrest the woman. It is what the officer's observations are and what they determined. Commissioner Heon asked Mr. Musante if he provided a court order that the woman was not allowed to be near him. Mr. Musante did not.

Alderman Randy Carrol

40 4th Street

Ansonia, CT 06401

Alderman Carrol stated that he is the Chair for the Ordinance Committee. He just wanted to let the Board know that if they ever need something to go to the Ordinance Committee, to forward the request to the Board of Alderman.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to accept the monthly reports and place them on file. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

Commissioner Tyszka noticed that wildlife complaints are listed on the activity report and he has never seen that before. He feels that it is a good idea that that has been added. Chief Hale stated that those calls are transferred to the DEP and they handle wildlife.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Rinaldi made a motion to accept the communications and place them on file. Commissioner Tyszka seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka		X	X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi	X		X			

- A. Letter dated September 11, 2016, to Chief Hale from Ray Cirisoli requesting a crosswalk at the location of the public parking lot on upper Main Street to the restaurants across the street. **Chief Hale stated this will have to be forwarded to the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to forward this request to the D.O.T. Commissioner Goldson seconded the request. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

- B. Letter dated September 29, 2016, to the Board from Mayor David S. Casseti appointing James Frolish to Detective Sergeant, Brain Harte to Detective, Jonathan Troesser to Detective and Richard Esposito to Detective. **Item was presented at the beginning of the meeting.**
- C. Letter dated September 30, 2016, to the Board from Chief Kevin Hale requesting the approval of policies 2.000- Use of Force, 2.001- Reporting and Investigating Force, and 2.001A- Officer-Involved Shooting. **Commissioner Tyszka had a few corrections and shared them with Chief Hale. Commissioner Tyszka made a motion to approve the (listed) polices. Commissioner Goldson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson		X	X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi			X			

Alderman Carrol just wanted to also mention that there was an altercation (recently) on 4th Street in front of the community center and he stated the officers that were on that call did a commendable job handling the situation because the person was irate. Chief Hale stated he will pass that along.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Elimination of the traffic light on Main Street at Tremont Street- Chief Hale to meet with bank regarding the Department of Transportation's recommendations. **Chief Hale is still awaiting a response from the bank.**
2. Mayor Cassetti's request for a sign to be placed on Park Place, noting drivers on the left have the right of way. **Chief Hale is still awaiting response from the D.O.T.**
3. Send letter to D.O.T. re Mr. Cronin's request for an audible sign at the intersection of Bridge Street and Main Street. **Item completed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

CHIEF'S ORAL REPORT:

Personnel:

- 2 Part-Time Dispatchers released to solo status.
- 4 Promotions
- 1 recruit resigned.
- Hiring process for patrol officer is in progress.
- Currently there is an opening for the records department.
- Lt.'s are transitioning very well.
- Clown threat suspects were arrested today. One was 13 years of age and the other was 14 years of age, both females. Additionally, Emmitt O'Brien had a clown threat as well today and a female was arrested (today) in that case.
- New Police Station- Last week's forum went very well and was well attended. Chief Hale stated he is planning to have more prior to November 8th.

-Chief Hale will be having an Ansonia Police Department open house on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m. and Sat. October 22 at 10:00 a.m.

-On Friday (October 7th) from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ansonia Police will be holding a "Coffee with a Cop" at Starbucks located at Target in Ansonia.

-A follow up on forum with the NAACP- Chief Hale met with leadership of the Boys & Girls Club along with Chief Metzler and Chief Narowski regarding the Police Activities League. The Boys & Girls Club have something similar so a round table will be held on October 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with teens, which will be very similar to what the department is currently doing with the high school students.

Chairwoman asked if there are any retirement dinners for the two officers that are leaving. Chief Hale stated that is usually done by the union. Chief Hale mentioned he will let the Board know if they decide to have one.

Commissioner Tyszka asked Chief Hale about Supernumerary's. Chief Hale stated that Vinnie Abate wants to have recognition for living Supernumerary's and survivors of Supernumerary's. A ceremony will be held at the November Board of Police Commissioners meeting and following the meeting will be a banquet. Chief Hale mentioned that the meeting will have to be held at the High School.

Chairwoman mentioned that at the location of Ford Street and Benz Street there is some curbing that goes out into the road and would like for that to be looked into.

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

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

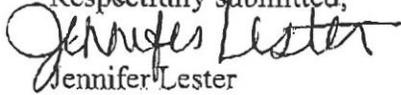
ADJOURNMENT:

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

COMMISSIONER	Motion Made	Seconded Motion	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Ann Pitney			X			
Bob Goldson			X			
Frank Tyszka	X		X			
Paul Heon			X			
Michael Rinaldi		X	X			

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Lester

Recording Secretary

Board of Police Commissioners/Traffic Authority