

EAST WINDSOR POLICE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: August 8, 2018

**East Windsor Police Department
25 School Street, East Windsor, CT 06088**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Leach. Commissioners Filipone, Burns, Hayes, and Long were present. Also present were Chief Edward DeMarco Jr. and Deputy Chief Roger Hart. Present in the audience were Ms. Joan O'Rourke, Ms. Linda Crossen, Mr. Fred Orris, and Ms. Debra Nordell.

2. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION made by Chairman Leach to add Agenda #7, New Business: Traffic study and hearing.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes from the July 11, 2018, regular meeting were reviewed by all commission members. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to accept the regular meeting minutes of 07/11/2018.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Burns/Long

ALL THOSE VOTING, VOTE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

4. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES:

A) Police Department – Monthly Billing: **MOTION** made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing, end of fiscal year 2017/2018, in the amount of \$5,065.25.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly billing for fiscal year 2018/2019 in the amount of \$12,586.10.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B) Police Department – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements, for fiscal year 2017/2018, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone asked how much money the police department was giving back and that they seem to every year. Chief DeMarco stated they are returning approximately \$72,000. Deputy Chief Hart said there are some outstanding bills (approx. \$1,000) to pay before they will know the exact final amount. Commissioner Filipone and Chairman Leach stated they are giving back a large amount of money.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Filipone to approve the monthly financial statements for fiscal year 2018/2019, as of August 3rd, as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Filipone stated they are right on target; good job.

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

C) Police Commission – Monthly Billing: MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to approve the monthly billing as of 07/31/18 in the total amount of \$125.00

SECONDED by Commissioner Hayes

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

D) Police Commission – Financial Statement: MOTION made by Commissioner Hayes to accept the police commission monthly financial statement dated 07/31/2018 as submitted.

SECONDED by Commissioner Burns

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

6. TRAFFIC AUTHORITY:

Chief DeMarco stated he received notification from the state that they have received the request for the turn lane on Rt. 140.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Leach stated the received the traffic study for the casino and there's a lot of information to digest. He added they will be asking the Legal Traffic Authority (LTA) for approval in the near future. Chief DeMarco stated the hearing is on August 22, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Transportation. He will be attending along with Deputy Chief Hart and Chairman Leach. Commissioner Burns asked who else will be at the hearing. Chief DeMarco said the people who filed the impact report. Commissioner Burns asked if they represent the casino. Chief DeMarco stated they do solely represent the casino. Chairman Leach explained each commissioner will need to set up a date and time to review the study at the police department, educate themselves, and come up with recommendations. A short discussion ensued.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Leach received a response letter from Ms. Deana Prest and he emailed the letter to the Police Commission members.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS:

None.

10. PUBLIC INPUT – Comments and Discussion (5 minutes maximum time per subject)

Ms. O'Rourke stated the police department has her continued support and appreciates the great work they do. She said there are concerned neighbors that had their cars rifled through and would like extra police attention in the area. She also stated people are still blowing through the stop sign on the corner of Pleasant Street and Gardner Street and they are concerned because there are kids in the area. Deputy Chief Hart stated they would use the STEP program for the stop sign and increase officer presence again. Ms. O'Rourke said it does work well when they use the program. Chief DeMarco spoke about the car break-ins issue and that people must call early and call often if they have issues, so the police department is aware of any problems. In the past 30 days, there has been one case reported in that area and it was an open and unlocked car in which a small amount of change was taken from the vehicle. Mr. Orris stated he believes someone was in his car between 1:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., because the dome light was on, but nothing was taken so he didn't report it. Chief DeMarco reiterated to please call early and call often. Deputy Chief Hart stated you can call, report, and tell dispatch you don't need to see an officer if you don't feel the need to meet with them. Chief DeMarco reminded everyone to lock their cars. Ms. Nordell stated officers could sit behind 22 Pleasant Street (Grandview Terrace) to park and be discreet to catch people not stopping at stop signs or while keeping an eye on the area. She also thanked the police department for sending officers to the "Touch a Truck" event; they did a great job and

special thanks to Sgt. McNeice. Ms. Crossen asked if the casino has a plan for the traffic and if the casino traffic will impact Bridge Street. Chief DeMarco stated there is a buildout plan to adjust roads and timing. Deputy Chief Hart added they may widen roads, put in dividers, curbing to prevent turns, etc., and the traffic should not impact Bridge Street.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 pm to include Chief DeMarco and Deputy Chief Hart for discussion on legal issues.

SECONDED by Commissioner Long

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to end Executive Session at 8:12pm

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Commissioner Burns to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

SECONDED by Commissioner Filipone

VOTED IN FAVOR: Commissioners Filipone/Hayes/Burns/Long

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Tweedlie - EWPC Recording Secretary