

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners
Mayor Harry W. Rilling
Commissioner Charlie L. Yost
Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Chairman; Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons, Commissioner Charles Yost

STAFF: Deputy Chief Susan Zecca; Officers in attendance for recognition as noted

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Suda spoke about the changes on Elizabeth Street and difficulty it presents when traffic builds up across from the PD parking lot. He noted that since the cones are movable, they are moved and the access is limited and delayed. He suggested that permanent cones such as those on East Avenue at the I-95 entrance ramp be used as a measure to divide the traffic.

Mayor Rilling suggested that this comment be forwarded to Mr. Chimento at DPW, as it is a Traffic Authority issue—which was the previous meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 22, 2015

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AS SUBMITTED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

September Training Reports

Deputy Chief Zecca described the reports and explained that it represented mostly routine training. She added that Fair and Impartial training went well with 65% of the department trained.

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Commissioner Yost asked about the body camera training. Deputy Chief replied that it is about 60% completed with more training moving forward next week.

Tuition Reimbursement

Deputy Chief Susan Zecca, Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

Mayor Rilling noted that the reimbursement paperwork appeared to be in order and recommended separate motions, as follows:

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF ZECCA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$536.50. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPUTY CHIEF GONZALEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$333.50. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

Course Approval

Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

Mayor Rilling noted that the paperwork appeared to be in order and recommended approval.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE APPROVAL FOR DEPUTY CHIEF GONZALEZ AS SUBMITTED. ****

September Officers of the Month

Officers Russell Ouellette, Mark Suda, Vidal Goñez, Richard Delallo

Deputy Chief Zecca referred to the incident report that the officers are being recognized for their efforts which resulted in an important arrest. She read the recognition issued by Chief Kulhawik and noted the actions in recovering a weapon during a selective enforcement assignment.

Mayor Rilling stated that this was another example by the officers that illustrates the intuitive actions done every day to set a high standard and work as a team.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF SEPTEMBER OFFICERS OF THE MONTH FOR OFFICERS RUSSELL OUELLETTE, MARK SUDA, VIDAL GOÑEZ, RICHARD DELALLO. ****
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ****

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Awards Committee Recommendation for Police Awards

Distinguished Service Award

Officer Brendan Collins

Deputy Chief Zecca brought to the attention of the Commissioners the actions of Officer Collins and his re-canvassing and search of the area in which Officer Mosher had arrested a gang member a few hours earlier. In some bushes near the scene of the arrest, Officer Collins recovered a semi-automatic handgun which may be associated with the arrest of the fleeing suspect.

Distinguished Service Award

Officers Mark Suda, Kyle Lipeika, Steven Luciano, Michael Pugliese

Deputy Chief Zecca referred to the incident report and summarized the details where Officers Suda and Ouellette rescued a family stranded on Shea Island and assisted them onto the Marine Unit boat and brought back to the mainland via Norwalk Harbor. She read the memo to the officers from Chief Kulhawik that on behalf of the families that you rendered aid, we want to thank you for your quick response, selflessness and professionalism during this rescue operation.

Mayor Rilling noted that this is another example of setting a high standard and in the department to take that extra step and make us proud of all they do.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR OFFICERS MARK SUDA, BRENDAN COLLINS, KYLE LIPEIKA, STEVEN LUCIANO, AND MICHAEL PUGLIESE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling noted that the next meeting is Monday, November 16 at 4:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox

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