

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

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

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

OTHERS: Detective Justin Bisceglie, Officer Brendan Collins, Officer Patrick English, Detective Dominick Cisero, Detective John Taranto, Detective Daniel Fitzmaurice, Detective Tomasz Podgorski, Detective John Sura, Officer Richard Holmes, Officer Nelson Figueroa, Officer Andrew Roncinske

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2017

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2017.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2017 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one who wished to address the Commission at this time.

**** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO SUSPEND RULES TO ADDRESS ISSUES REGARDING PERSONNEL.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RE-ASSIGNMENT REQUEST.

(Det. Louis Giannattasio)

Chief Kulhawik said that Detective Giannattasio had requested to be transferred back to Patrol. This transfer would result in a vacancy in the Detective Division. Chief Kulhawik said that the Department was also proposing to add a Sergeant position to the force for

the Professional Standards. Promoting a detective to that position will create a second vacancy in the Detective Division.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REASSIGNMENT OF DETECTIVE GIANNATTASIO TO THE PATROL DIVISION WITH REGRET EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2017.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PROMOTIONS

(Det. Justin Bisceglie, Off. Brendan Collins and Off. Patrick English)

Mayor Rilling announced that the first promotion was for Detective Justin Bisceglie to the rank of Sergeant.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF DETECTIVE BISCEGLIE TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2017.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling administered the oath of office to Detective Bisceglie. A family member pinned the badge on Sergeant Bisceglie.

Mayor Rilling announced that the second promotion was for Officer Brendan Collins to the rank of Detective.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF OFFICER COLLINS TO THE RANK OF DETECTIVE EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2017.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Collier-Clemmons administered the oath of office to Officer Collins. A family member pinned on his badge.

Mayor Rilling announced that the third promotion was for Officer Patrick English to the rank of Detective.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF OFFICER ENGLISH TO THE RANK OF DETECTIVE EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2017.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Yost administered the oath of office. A family member pinned on his badge.

RECOGNITION

January Officers of the Month

(Det. Dominick Cisero, Det. John Taranto, Det. Daniel Fitzmaurice,
Det. Tomasz Podgorski, Det. John Sura, Off. Richard Holmes,
Off. Nelson Figueroa, Off. Andrew Roncinske)

Chief Kulhawik gave an overview of a number of arrests that involved robberies with a facsimile firearm. These facsimile guns were used in a number of recent robberies and the individuals involved in those robberies have now been arrested.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Zecca presented the Selective Enforcement Report and said that the stats were comparable to last month.

Patrol Staffing

The personnel selection for Academy candidates continues. She updated the Commissioners on the upcoming DROP candidates. Chief Kulhawik updated the Commissioners on the status of the potential police candidates. There are still three positions open and one of those slots is being held open for a lateral transfer from New Haven.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Chief Kulhawik said that Deputy Chief Gonzalez was in his third week of classes at the Columbia Southern University.

Training (January 2017)

Chief Kulhawik then reviewed some of the highlights of the classes recently held. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons asked if there had been any increases in racial flyers being put in mailboxes. Chief Kulhawik said that there was only that one night, but added there was an additional isolated incident involving a young person who was not arrested.

COMMUNITY ROOM REQUEST

Chief Kulhawik said that there was a newly formed condo association that had requested to use the Community Room. He said that there was a \$50.00 fee along with a \$150.00 deposit and insurance. The group does not have a budget. Mayor Rilling said that the

deposit was started after there was some damage to the room following a event. Chief Kulhawik said that the Community Room gets a lot of use. Mayor Rilling asked if it was a regularly scheduled meeting. Chief Kulhawik said that it was. Commissioner Collier-Clemmons said that she thought the Commissioner should review the item after a set period of time. The discussion moved to the fees for the use of City owned rooms.

- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM BY THE COLUMBUS COURT ASSOCIATION WITH A WAIVER OF THE \$50.00 FEE AND THE \$150.00 DEPOSIT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PERSONNEL MATTERS CONT'D.

Tuition Reimbursement (Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez)

The Commissioners reviewed the request from Deputy Chief Gonzalez for a tuition reimbursement.

- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF \$358.50 FOR DEPUTY CHIEF GONZALEZ FOR "TERRORISM INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" COURSES AT COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Tuition Reimbursement (Lt. Terrence Blake)

- ** **COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT OF \$957.50 FOR LIEUTENANT BLAKE FOR "WHITE COLLAR CRIME" COURSE AT SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DROP REQUEST (Off. Robert Curry)

- ** **COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP REQUEST FOR OFFICER ROBERT CURRY. HIS DATE OF RETIREMENT WILL BE FEBRUARY 28, 2018.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
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