

Norwalk Board of Police Commissioners

Mayor Harry W. Rilling

Commissioner Charlie L. Yost

Commissioner Fran Collier-Clemmons

CITY OF NORWALK BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

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

STAFF: Police Chief Thomas Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Susan Zecca;
Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

OTHERS: Mr. Peter Agosto, Norwalk Housing Authority; Mr. Arnold
Fuller, Norwalk Housing Authority; Mr. Devon Moore, Norwalk
Housing Authority; Probation Officer Jason Grady; Detective
Nikolaos Kougioumtzidis; Officer Jean-Maxime Sixto, Officer
Christopher Kassimis; Rev. Sudhir DSouza, St. Philip Church;
Rev. Artie Kassimis, Rev. Carleton Giles

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 14, 2017

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2017.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2017
MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Community Service Awards: Probation Officer Jason Grady; Peter Agosto, Arnold Fuller and Devon Moore

Mayor Rilling called Mr. Agosto, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Moore forward. He explained that there was a fire at Roodner Court on August 28, 2017. These three Norwalk Housing Authority employees made sure that Building #20 was evacuated and that everyone was safe.

The Commissioners then presented Certificates of Community Service to Mr. Agosto, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Moore in recognition of their extraordinary actions.

Mayor Rilling then called Probation Officer Jason Grady forward and informed those present that Probation Officer Grady had identified an individual that was in possession of an illegal firearm. This information allowed the officers to safely take the individual into custody and disarm him without an incident.

The Commissioners then presented a Certificate of Community Service to Probation Officer Grady.

RECOGNITION

**August Officers of the Month – Detective Nikolaos Kougioumtzidis;
Officer Jean-Maxime Sixto, Officer Christopher Kassimis**

Mayor Rilling called Detective Kougioumtzidis forward and explained that Detective Kougioumtzidis had been working on a case involving fentanyl tainted heroin that had been distributed in the area. There have been several deaths due to overdoses associated with this drug. Detective Kougioumtzidis was instrumental in the apprehension of the dealer dispensing this life threatening drug.

The Commissioners then presented Detective Kougioumtzidis with a certificate in recognition of his outstanding work.

Mayor Rilling called Officer Jean-Maxime Sixto and Officer Christopher Kassimis to commend them on their performance during the recovery of a stolen vehicle by some juveniles.

The Commissioners then presented Officer Jean-Maxime Sixto and Officer Christopher Kassimis with certificates in recognition of their outstanding work.

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OPERATIONS REPORT

Deputy Chief Susan Zecca

Patrol Staffing

Deputy Chief Zecca reported that the Department currently had two candidates that graduated from the Police Academy and two additional candidates enrolled in the Academy.

Selective Enforcement Report

Deputy Chief Zecca presented the Selective Enforcement Report and said that the stats were slightly elevated this month. She added that the State Grant for the Department had been increased from 75% to 100% recently.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Deputy Chief Ashley Gonzalez

August Training Report

Deputy Chief Gonzalez then reviewed some of the highlights of the recent training classes given as listed in the Commissioner's information packet.

COURSE APPROVAL

Sgt. Joseph Dinho

The Commissioners review the request from Sgt. Dinho for a course approval.

**** COMMISSION COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COURSE REQUEST FROM SERGEANT DINHO FOR:**

BCJ 2000 – INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BCJ 3150 – PROBATION AND PAROLE

BCJ 2002 – THEORY & PRACTICE OF CORRECTIONS

BCJ 2201 – JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

MAT 1301 – LIBERAL ARTS MATH

ES 1010 – EARTH SCIENCE

TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHAPLAIN
Father Sudhir DSouza, St. Philip Church

Mayor Rilling announced that Father Boccaccio, the Rector of St. Philip Church and one of the Police Chaplains, had recently retired. Father DSouza had been appointed as rector to succeed Father Boccaccio in February of 2017. Father DSouza has also graciously agreed to assume the role of one of the Police Chaplains.

- ** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FATHER DSOUZA AS A NORWALK POLICE CHAPLAIN.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Discussion and evaluation of proposed officer for appointment to the department.

- ** COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE EVALUATION OF PROPOSED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Chief Kulhawik, Deputy Chief Zecca and Deputy Chief Gonzalez entered into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. They returned to public session at 4:10 p.m. No motions made and no votes taken.

- ** A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER COLLIER-CLEMMONS TO OFFER PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT TO TIFFANY LOPEZ AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE START DATE.**
- ** COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Services

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