

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Daniel O'Connor, Chair, Mayor Richard A. Moccia,
Commissioner Peter Torrano

STAFF: Police Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas Kulhawik

OTHERS: Officer Russell Ouellette, Officer Shannon Sherry,
Officer Mark Edwards, Officer Frank Reda

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Connor called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(MAY 24, 2010 MEETING)

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE
MAY 24, 2010 MEETING.**

**** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAY TRAINING REPORT

Chief Rilling gave a brief overview of the various training classes that were held during the month of May and said that since several of the officers are qualified instructors for various classes, the Department can provide the training completely in house.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

(Off. Bertha Stuckley)

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OFFICER BERTHA STUCKLEY:**

THE SUM OF \$837.50 FOR A COURSE IN MANAGING CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX TOWARDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE; AND

THE SUM OF \$837.50 FOR A COURSE IN FUTURES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX TOWARDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PROMOTIONAL TESTING

Chief Rilling then gave a very brief overview of the four bids for promotional testing.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES FOR PROMOTIONAL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE SUM OF \$16,970.00.
** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONS PLAN

(Withdrawal/Release – Det. Christopher Garcia)

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL/RELEASE REQUEST FROM THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONS PLAN BY DET. CHRISTOPHER GARCIA.**

**** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAY OFFICERS OF THE MONTH
(Off. Russell Ouellette, Off. Shannon Sherry)

Chief Rilling recounted an incident that took place on May 30, 2010, when Officers Ouellette and Sherry were able to resuscitate a three year old drowning victim. Chief Rilling then read the letters of thanks that the officers received from the child's mother, which stated that contributions were made to the Stew Leonard's Children's Charity for Water Safety in the name of each of the officers. The child's mother also said that she wished to express her thanks to the EMTs and others involved in the situation, but had not been able to get their names.

Chief Rilling said that police officers are expected to deal with robberies and other criminal activities, but when the officers can help by saving a life, it is special. He said that the officers were receiving Officer of the Month certificates along with Lifesaving Awards.

The Mayor then asked if The Hour had covered the story of the near drowning and was told that they did not.

Commissioner Torrano said that while he was always proud of the officers, incidents like this, when a life was saved made him feel very proud.

Chairman O'Connor agreed. The Commissioners then presented Officers Ouellette and Sherry with their certificates and their Life Saving Medals.

PROMOTION
(Off. Mark Edwards)

The Chief then said with the retirement of Detective Garcia, it was his pleasure to present Officer Edwards, who previously served in Special Services, for promotion to Detective, effective July 1, 2010. He then added that this was subject to six months of probation.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF OFFICER MARK EDWARDS TO DETECTIVE, EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2010, SUBJECT TO SIX MONTHS OF PROBATION.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Moccia then administered the oath of office to Detective Edwards.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

(Off. Francios Van Rensburg)

Chief Rilling gave everyone a brief overview of the letter that had been received regarding Officer Van Rensburg.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief Rilling then explained that Officer Reda was present to donate two fully trained police dogs to the department. Officer Reda and Officer Peterson had trained these two European dogs. Chief Rilling said that Officer Reda was able to determine when dogs were ready for duty.

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO ACCEPT OFFICER REDA AND OFFICER PETERSON'S DONATION OF TWO FULLY TRAINED POLICE DOGS FOR THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
- ** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING THE**

**APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION,
HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.**
**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission, Chief Rilling and Deputy Chief Kulhawik entered into Executive Session at 4:39 p.m.

The Commission returned from Executive Session at 4:53 p.m.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO RECONFIRM THE ACCEPTANCE OF
THE DROP PLAN REQUESTS OF LT. TIMOTHY MURPHY AND OFF.
MICHAEL BAUER.**
**** COMMISSIONER O'CONNOR SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief Rilling will write a letter to the City of Norwalk Personnel Department informing them of same.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services