

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2010**

- ATTENDANCE:** Daniel O'Connor, Chair, Commissioner Peter Torrano,
Mayor Richard A. Moccia (4:20 p.m.)
- STAFF:** Police Chief Harry Rilling, Deputy Chief Thomas Kulhawik
- OTHERS:** Lt. Ronald Smith; Sgt. Drew Sedlock, Det. David Orr, Det. Louie
Giannatasio, Off. Frank Reda

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
(JUNE 30, 2010)

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF THE JUNE 30, 2010 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.
** CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

JUNE TRAINING REPORTS

Chief Rilling reviewed the training classes that were held during June with the Commissioners.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

(Capt. Ernest Vitarbo, Lt. Brian Cunningham & Off. Justin Bisceglie)

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE
FOLLOWING TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS**

**THE SUM OF \$1,077.99 TO CAPT. ERNEST VITARBO FOR A COURSE
IN COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW HAVEN TOWARDS A MASTERS DEGREE;**

**THE SUM OF \$213.50 TO LT. BRIAN CUNNINGHAM FOR A COURSE
IN INTRODUCTION TO NUTRITION AT NORWALK COMMUNITY
COLLEGE TOWARDS AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN CRIMINAL
JUSTICE;**

**AND THE SUM OF \$702.00 TO OFFICER JUSTIN BISCEGLIE
TOWARD THE FOLLOWING COURSES:
ENGLISH 101;
PSYCHOLOGY 111 (GENERAL); AND
WRITING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
AT NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TOWARD AN ASSOCIATES
DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

- ** CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COURSE APPROVAL
(Off. Justin Bisceglie)

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED THE FOLLOWING COURSE
APPROVALS:
INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA; AND
LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION
AT NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TOWARD AN ASSOCIATES
DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

- ** CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EDUCATIONAL STIPEND
(Off. Cristina Capela)

Chief Rilling reviewed the details. Commissioner Torrano asked why this item comes before the Commissioners. Chief Rilling said that it always has in the past.

- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE
EDUCATION STIPEND FOR OFF. CRISTINA CAPELA.**
- ** CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Moccia joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF ASSET FORFEITURES FROM SPECIAL SERVICES

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ASSET FORFEITURES
FROM SPECIAL SERVICES.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

(Lt. Ronald Smith)

Chief Rilling explained that since no payments had been made to Lt. Smith for DROP plan, he could withdraw his application. The Commissioners asked Lt. Smith if he wished to do so. Lt. Smith said he did.

- ** **COMMISSIONER TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN APPLICATION FOR LT. RONALD SMITH.**
- ** **MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

JUNE OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

(Sgt. Drew Sedlock, Det. James O’Leary, Det. Eileen Northcott, Det. David Orr, Det. Rafael Fonseca, Det. Louie Giannattasio, Off. Frank Reda & K9 Czar)

Chief Rilling said that he wished to publicly congratulate the officers for their fine work in dealing with the horrific double homicide on June 14th. He said that from the initial 911 call through the final apprehension of the suspect, everyone functioned at peak efficiency. When he met with the Dickens family at the hospital, he had promised them that the Police Department would apprehend the suspect because he had every confidence that the officers would. The officers went above and beyond the call of duty when they put themselves in harm’s way after it became apparent that the armed suspect was in a heavily wooded area.

Mayor Moccia asked Chief Rilling how long it was before the suspect was apprehended. Chief Rilling said that the suspect was in custody within four hours. The Mayor then said that he was at a National Conference for Mayors when the incident happened. Other mayors who were in attendance at the conference complimented him on how quickly the Department apprehended the suspect.

Chairman O’Connor said that the level of coordination and cooperation that happened during the incident was amazing.

In recognition of these actions, the Commissioners then presented the officers with a Certificate of Appreciation.

CIVILIAN RECOGNITION

(Dispatcher Tina Dear)

Chief Rilling said that he would also like to mention the professionalism of Dispatcher Tina Dear during the incident and said that there was a certificate of appreciation for her, also.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE FOUR INDIVIDUALS FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chief Rilling said he was pleased to announce that Sgt. Drew Sedlock, Det. David Orr, Det. Louie Giannatasio, and Off. Frank Reda had been nominated to receive the Department's second highest award, the Public Service Cross.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AWARDED OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE CROSS TO SGT. DREW SEDLOCK, DET. DAVID ORR, DET. LOUIE GIANNATTASIO, AND OFF. FRANK REDA.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Family members of the officers then came forward and to present the officers with their medals.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

(Sgt. Melissa Lepore, Off. Anthony DePanfilis, and Off. John Taranto)

Mayor Moccia then said that the officers may now wear uniform shorts and light weight traffic vests on traffic/construction duty.

He then said that with the number of people who had attended the Fourth of July fireworks display he was amazed that there was not one incident. He expressed his thanks to the police for such a smooth operation.

Mayor Moccia said that he would like to have an item on the next Traffic Authority meeting agenda about a problem that is developing on Washington Street with vendors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no business regarding personnel or legal issues to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COMMISSIONER TORRANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services