



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

471 NORTH HIGH STREET • EAST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06512

Mayor Joseph A. Carfora

Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

471 NORTH HIGH STREET

EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman William Illingworth (presiding), Vice Chairman Joseph DiSilvestro, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba, Commissioner Paul Carbo

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Detective Robert Brockett, Attorney Michael Luzzi, Fran Perri, Citizens, ETV Videographer

Chairman Illingworth called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Clerk Maldonado; quorum obtained
4. Announcement(s)

Chairman Illingworth acknowledged and welcomed new Town Attorney Michael Luzzi and Mayor's Administrative Assistant Fran Perri.

Chief Lennon mentioned several recent media releases for notable drug arrests and other incidents.

5. Consider and act upon the approval of the regular monthly meeting minutes of October 29, 2019

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept and approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of October 29, 2019 as received; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider and act upon the approval of the monthly reports (November 2019)

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to accept and approve the monthly reports as received; seconded by Vice Chairman DiSilvestro. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider and act upon Committee Reports & Recommendations

- a. Alarms Committee
- b. Police Personnel Committee
- c. Traffic & Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Torrealba provided updates on the following issues previously under review by the Committee:

- i. Suzanne Pellegrino (119 Bradford Avenue) – Asked about the outcome with Ginnetti tractor trailers on Hemingway Avenue. Chief Lennon intended to speak with Sergeant Mulhern and will call Ms. Pellegrino with an answer. He further explained the State statute pertaining to wide turns. Ms. Pellegrino insists it is a U-turn, to which Chairman Illingworth clarified that it is not. Commissioner Torrealba stated that this issue has been previously deferred to the Traffic and Public Safety Committee and is still under review. -from the October 29, 2019 meeting minutes, Public Comment*

Commissioner Torrealba states that there are no trucks making U-turns at this location, and the Board and the Department has no power to prevent drivers from performing actions that are legal, therefore, no further action is recommended on this issue.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to allow Chief Lennon to address agenda item 11.a. for the Board to act upon the Committee recommendation; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Lennon provided copies of Ginnetti's memo to all their drivers regarding the company's Safe Driving Policy which mirrors CGS 14-241, 14-242. Sergeant Mulhern met with Ginnetti expressing concern about the truck drivers making wide turns when arriving and departing from the business. Ginnetti stated that the safety of the general public as well as his drivers is of critical importance. He has posted the Safe Driving Policy in the employee area where the drivers check in on a daily basis, and they must consistently adhere to the policy. Due to the location of the business, with residences on either side, there is no way to change how the trucks arrive/depart the driveway. There is no enforcement action to be taken as they are engaging in legal motor vehicle maneuvers.

Chairman Illingworth commented that he has also witnessed the driver's following the Safe Driving Policy entering the driveway as best they can.

- ii. Residents of East Haven (Laurel Street), dated August 2019 (received September 10, 2019) – Excessive speeding and irresponsible driving at four-way intersection at Laurel Street/Bradley Street/Grannis Street – proposing speed bumps; and tractor trailers shaking homes – propose Eastern Street and Laurel Street as No Thru Trucks*

Commissioner Torrealba cites the enforcement data previously presented for Laurel Street as sufficient evidence that this issue is being appropriately monitored and no further action is recommended. Additionally, regarding the tractor trailers shaking homes, the EHPD or the Board cannot control or overrule the CT DOT. Further, landscaping trucks and trailers do not fall under this statute – even if they are in the roadways – there cannot be any enforcement as they are not doing anything illegal; therefore, the Committee recommends no further action.

Based on the comments from Commissioner Torrealba and the Chief's report, Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Committee that no further action be taken on these issues; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment

9. Correspondence Received/Sent

10. Department Updates (Chief Lennon)

a. Personnel Matters/Injured Employees

- i. Five (5) sworn personnel on long-term injured status; return unknown
- ii. Currently operating short staffed due to injuries, pending promotions and hirings; he requests Special Meetings in December as needed to meet the timeline for January 2020 Academy seats.

- b. Overtime – Remains consistent
- c. Awards & Commendations
- d. Noteworthy News

11. Old Business

- a. Follow-up on Ginnetti Petroleum Transporters – enter/exit business driveway on Hemingway Avenue (Chief Lennon)

Previously addressed under agenda item 7.c.

12. New Business

- a. Consider and act upon the approval of an “Addendum to Employment Agreement” between the East Haven Board of Police Commissioners and Patrick Tracy

Attorney Luzzi has been briefed. He states that the addendum is acceptable and recommends its approval.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the “Addendum to Employment Agreement” between the East Haven Board of Police Commissioners and Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy to be signed by Chairman Illingworth; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer list from the Civil Service Commission

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Certified Lateral Transfer list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Request a certified Police Officer – Grade C Recruit list from the Civil Service Commission

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to request a certified Sergeant list from the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Discussion and approval of revised policies 203.7 (Addressing Biased Policing), 206.3 (Harassment), 207.4 (Early Intervention System), 208.4 (Internal Affairs and Complaint Intake), 407.4 (Force Investigations and Review), 422.4 (Managing the Mentally Ill), 501.5 (Searching and Transporting Arrestees), 502.5 (Securing Arrestees in Station), 606.4 (Emergency Mobilization and Preparedness), and 703.4 (Evidence and Property Control)

Deputy Chief Tracy commented that the majority of the revisions are for CALEA compliance and updating the frequency of trainings to meet increasing demands, legal updates and current trends. There are no monumental changes that will affect our day-to-day operations. Chief Lennon mentioned that revisions to policy 206.3 are consistent with Public Act 1916, and an upcoming policy change to Motor Vehicle Pursuits is due changes in State law and regulations.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 203.7 (Addressing Biased Policing) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 206.3 (Harassment) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 207.4 (Early Intervention System) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 208.4 (Internal Affairs and Complaint Intake) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 407.4 (Force Investigations and Review) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 422.4 (Managing the Mentally Ill) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 501.5 (Searching and Transporting Arrestees) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 502.5 (Securing Arrestees in Station) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 606.4 (Emergency Mobilization and Preparedness) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve revised policy 703.4 (Evidence and Property Control) effective December 15, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Carbo. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Consider and act upon the approval of the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2020

Chairman Illingworth notes that the next regular monthly meeting will be December 17, 2019 due to the Christmas holiday. There will also be Special Meetings as requested by Chief Lennon.

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to approve the Annual Schedule of Meetings for 2020; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chairman DiSilvestro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioners Carbo and Torrealba. Chairman Illingworth wished everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 20:29 minutes]