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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting February 13, 2023 MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the recitation of the pledge and moment of silence. The Chair asked all those present to remember former Police Commissioner Al Zamary who passed away last month.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Mary Beth Thornton, Commissioner

Members Absent: Chris Trefz, Commissioner

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Attorney Chris Russo of Russo & Rizzio, LLC
Jason Edwards, P.E.
Steve Cipolla Traffic Engineer

Public Comment

There was no one from the public present to speak.

Approval of the January 10, 2023 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Thornton to accept the Police Commission meeting minutes of January 10, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to take item number VII out of order. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion and Consideration of proposed mixed-use development at 7180 & 7192 Main Street, Gateway Commons.

Attorney Russo explained the proposal is a mixed-use development split between Trumbull and Monroe. It is a single building with residential, commercial, offices and 198 parking spaces. The residential is two levels at the front with 57 units, the lower grade area is 8,000 sf office space, and the ground floor is commercial, retail. There is full access to the site from Main Street with an entrance/exit and a right-turn lane. There are two cuts on Main Street. They have met with the fire marshals from both towns.

Attorney Russo indicated to the Chair the traffic light at Victoria would not be utilized, it is 1000' away.

Mr. Cipolla responded to Commissioner Magliocco that CT DOT requires an 8-hour warrant, (8 hours out 12 for a certain standard), the site does not generate enough traffic for a traffic light.

Attorney Russo indicated to Chief Lombardo there are 36 apartments in Trumbull. The building was designed so it is clear which apartments are in Trumbull.

It was clarified a different project is accessing Victoria Drive.

Attorney Russo confirmed for Commissioner Thornton Rails to Trails was behind the property, it is at the rear on the other side of the pond. This site does not have direct access to the trail.

Attorney Russo indicated for the Chair Trumbull will get the sewers, they have been before both Bridgeport and Trumbull WPCA.

Mr. Cipolla explained the traffic study showed during the morning and Saturdays the RT 25 corridor operates similarly to a condition without the development but during the weekday afternoon there is a slight increase in delay at the Spring Hill Road and Tashua intersection and are recommending tuning of the traffic signal to add more green-time to reduce the impact to the condition before development.

Attorney Russo indicated the breakdown of the apartments for Chief Lombardo as follows:

Trumbull Apartments

(4) 2- bedroom studios

(8) Lofts

(20) 1-bedrooms

(4) 2-bedrooms

Monroe Apartments

(2) 2-bedroom studios

(17) 1-bedrooms

(2) 2-bedrooms

Mr. Cipolla responded to Commissioner Magliocco and explained they looked at the peak hours of 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Amazon's vans leave the facility 9-10 a.m. It was confirmed the study was done while school was in session, it was done on a weekday, October 19, 2022 and on a weekend, October 22, 2022.

Mr. Cipolla noted they will widen Main Street's southbound lane for a bypass lane, cars making a left onto the site will not block traffic.

Attorney Russo confirmed for Commissioner Magliocco there are sidewalks.

Mr. Cipolla confirmed for the Chair the traffic study was done during rush hour 4-6 p.m. CT DOT is upgrading the traffic signals' detection at Victoria Drive and Sprig Hill and Tashua.

Attorney Russo indicated they would like to start as soon as soon as possible, they have P&Z in both towns this week to finalize.

Chief Lombardo explained for Commissioner Magliocco it will depend on what type of call it is as to what town would respond to emergencies.

The Chair noted the developers will work CT DOT, this is a state road.

Moved by Commissioner Magliocco, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to approve. Motion passed unanimously

Chief's Monthly Report

Correspondence

- Email from a town employee whose son, a new driver was in a minor accident last week, nobody was injured. Officer Singh responded. The town employee sent an email saying how wonderful and reassuring he was to her son. He was professional, courteous and had an excellent demeanor as he spoke with her son, husband and herself. She said he was an outstanding representative of the department.
- Email thanking Officer Yocher who responded to a person's spouse whose car was disabled, she was upset that she was stuck in the middle of road. Officer Yocher helped her out, used his vehicle to keep her car and roadway safe, he calmed her and stayed with her until AAA responded.
- Internal Memos from the Chief of Police to multiple officers. Chief Lombardo rewards an officer with compensatory time who takes 2 or less sick days in the calendar year. The following received the

comp time: Officer Thomas Dzurenda, Officer Robert Lee, Sergeant Fedor, Lieutenant Jones, Officer Van Fleet, Officer Siljamaki, Officer Carlson, Officer Barton, Lieutenant Weir, Lieutenant Falkenstein, Sergeant Driscoll, Sergeant Coutinho and Detective Perez.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls for Service for the month of January. There were 1830 calls for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Criminal Incidents Report for the month of January. As a public reminder, Chief Lombardo reminded the public to secure their cars, and take valuables and keys out. Most of the car thefts and burglary thefts from cars are cars left unlocked or with keys.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Report for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Alarms for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Monthly Activity Summary for the month of January. Medical Emergencies was added to list.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Incident Statistics Report for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the SRO Report from Officer Duva for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the K-9 Reports from Officer Carlson and Officer Lee for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reported there were nine (9) juvenile arrests for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Arrest Summary Report for Adults for the month of January.

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Traffic Complaints for the month of January.

Detective Division Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity Report for the month of January. Chief Lombardo noted a stolen car was relocated at the mall today. Two people were positioned in the area and

two young men were seen trying to get back into the car. The officers approached and they fled on foot. Both juveniles were apprehended, and were released to their parents, which is protocol. The car was stolen out of New Haven. One of them was wearing an ankle bracelet which means he has multiple priors, The Chief noted the officers are really dedicated and do their best going after stolen cars.

Training Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Monthly Activity Report for the month of January.

Cadet Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Cadet Report for the month of January.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Sick/Injury Report for the month of January.

Budget

Chief Lombard reported overall this year's budget is good, the overtime account will be over because the officers have had to work doubles to cover shortages, but are not expecting to have to ask for a supplemental appropriation because they will be able to cover it from other line items.

AC Byrnes indicated the surplus from the fulltime salaries continues to grow, as of today they lost another fulltime salary. The overtime line item will be offset by the fulltime salaries line item.

Proposed FY2023-2024 Budget

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Proposed FY2023-2024 Budget. Capital Outlay has an increase because last year they used ARPA funds to pay for the cars and equipment, this year they put in what is normally in the budget. The salary line item was increased as well as overtime. The next step is the BOF, that schedule has not been published yet.

AC Byrnes explained they continue to fund the vacancies of sworn personnel and continue to focus on civilianizing what they can.

Chief Lombardo noted they are in the process of hiring new officers. There are three (3) seats at the academy in the spring.

Chief Lombardo responded to Commissioner Magliocco, the officers currently in the academy will get out in July and have 12 weeks of field training. There is one officer in the field who graduated from the academy in December and has six (6) to eight (8) weeks of field training before she

can be on her own. AC Byrnes noted the Field Training Officer was going to the academy tomorrow and would get a status.

Chief Lombardo recognized Officer Quinn Gagstetter, he was off duty in Oxford, and he noticed one of the occupants in the car firing a gun out the car he was behind. He called 911, stayed at a safe distance and continued to follow the vehicle, it went to a parking lot and stopped. There was a police officer in the parking lot, he approached him, identified himself and explained what he witnessed. They took the occupants out of the car, made an arrest and recovered the gun. Oxford is going to recognize Officer Gagstetter at their Selectmen meeting on Wednesday. Officer Gagstetter handled it the way you would want someone to, especially as serious as this could have been. Lieutenant Jones will make sure that Officer Gagstetter is on the list for their award ceremony done every two years.

Old Business

Update on Police Pension Consideration

Chief Lombardo indicated Mr. McCarthy is working with the consultant and has quite a bit of work to do with the consultant, the police department will offer their help.

Chief Lombardo confirmed for Commissioner Thornton the police are being looked at separately. The Chair noted he did not think they could look at them without separating they are two separate accounts. Commissioner Thornton noted the police should be looked at first due to timing.

Chief Lombardo noted the hope is for good news that is fair for everybody. He is aware of other officers applying to departments and does not want this trend to continue. A lot of time and resources has been spent on training and would like to keep them, they are good officers.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Commissioner Thornton, seconded by Commissioner Magliocco the Trumbull Police Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
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Acting Clerk of the Commission