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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Police Department
September 8, 2020

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission meeting was called to order via virtual at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., Chairman
Angelo Magliocco, Vice Chairman
Chris Trefz
Albert Zamaray
John Vazzano (joined meeting at 6:17 p.m.)

Also Present: Chief Michael Lombardo
Assistant Chief Glenn Byrnes
Deputy Chief Leonard Scinto
Robert Librandi, Town Planner
William Maurer, Town Engineer
Craig Yannes, Tighe & Bond
Christopher Russo, Russo & Rizio LLC
Michael Dion, BL Companies
Raymond Rizio, Russo & Rizio LLC
Jeffrey Dewey, BL Companies
Barry Unger, Barry Unger Associates

Public Comment

Opened Public Comment at 6:00 pm.

There were no public comments. Public Comment was closed at 6:01 p.m.

Approval of the July 14, 2020 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion made to accept the Police Commission Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2020 as presented. Motion made first by Zamary, seconded by Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to move Item 7, Old Business. Motion made first by Trefz, seconded by Magliocco. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Trumbull Police Station Renovation Update

Assistant Chief Byrnes provided an update with the Trumbull Police Station Renovation; he reported very little work has been done since last Police Commission meeting. There was some inspections done by the Project Engineers and now they are considering some improvements to be done in the Shooting Range ventilation that was creating some unwanted noise to the exterior. An acoustic technician will provide a report. That will be one of the last significant pieces for the project before this it is completely done. Anticipated completion will be within the next month or two.

There were no questions.

Discussion and Approval of Traffic Light at Route 111 and 41-57 Monroe Turnpike – William Maurer, Town Engineer, Fred Mascia and Craig Yannes, Tighe & Bond

Chairman Baldwin reminded the Commission this project was discussed at the February 11, 2020 Police Commission meeting. It now requires the Commission to vote on the project.

Town Engineer William Maurer for the Town of Trumbull is looking for an affirmative approval of the Traffic Signal on Route 111 at the former Chips and crossing improvement from the Police Commission.

Craig Yannes of Tighe & Bond indicated that the State had requested some changes to be done on the driveway access to plaza and he went over his diagram. The State would like to close the closest access to driveway to help customers enter and exit the plaza. The isle would be moved and move two parking spacing. Otherwise, the plan shows that everything else remains the same from an operational standpoint. Mr. Yannes indicated what is needed is for local traffic concurrence on the OSTA Application. An email or letter is being requested from the Police Commission the Local Traffic Authority for the Town of Trumbull.

Chair Baldwin asked for confirmation that the only change being done is the closing of the aisle. Chairman Baldwin asked if DC Scinto had any comments regarding the changes.

DC Scinto indicated he had no objections and thought this was a good idea and there would be no loss in parking.

Chairman Baldwin asked if there were any questions from the Commission. There was none from the Commission regarding the changes.

Commissioners Magliocco and Trefz expressed they would need to abstain as they both have interest in the shopping center.

Chairman Baldwin indicated that by the rules of the Town charter there need to be four (4) affirmative votes to pass the motion. Chairman Baldwin indicated this motion has to do with approval a Traffic Signal. He asked of the two Commissioners who abstained, does that pose a conflict in their view.

After Chairman Baldwin explained, the purpose of the vote Commissioner Trefz indicated he was okay to vote since it only pertains to the Traffic Signal. He just mentioned again since he has an interest in the shopping center, so he felt he should abstain.

Chair Baldwin indicated again this has to do with a Traffic Signal on a State Highway and he does not believe it has a direct impact on the shopping center. He believes Commissioners Trefz can participate.

Commissioner Trefz agreed with that.

Chairman Baldwin indicated for the record that he does not believe in his judgment that this poses any conflict.

Chairman Baldwin asked Commissioner Magliocco if the objection to voting was the same for him.

Commissioner Magliocco indicated yes, he has interest in the shopping center along with doing work for the project. He believes as a Traffic Authority standpoint he indicated he would vote if needed since this has to do with a Traffic Signal on a State Highway.

Chairman Baldwin went on to explain since this is for a Traffic Signal on a State Highway recommended by the Town Engineer, etc. he believes they can vote. IF there is problem later on, but believes there will not be, Chairman Baldwin will be willing to indicate he recommended for Commissioners Trefz and Magliocco to vote.

There was no further discussion.

A motion was made by Chairman Baldwin to approve the Traffic Signal on Route 111 and 41-57 Monroe Turnpike in accordance with the plan submitted this evening to the Police Commission, seconded by Zamary. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

7120 Main Street, Traffic Flow, Parking Lot and Loading Dock Proposal – Robert Librandi, Planning & Zoning and William Maurer, Engineering Department and BL Companies and Russo & Rizio, LLC

Robert Librandi of Planning & Zoning, applicant came before the Commission earlier in the year to request an approval from Police Commission for the Amazon Distribution Center, now they are coming back to the Commission as they are making some modifications to the interior delivery route. The P&Z thought it would be appropriate to come back to the Commission to discuss as it could affect the roads. There are some changes on the entrance and exit onto Spring Hill Road and Main Street when everything was originally going out onto Spring Hill Road. Mr. Librandi indicated, Mr. Dion, Mr. Russo and Mr. Rizio are present to discuss the changes further.

Raymond Rizio of Russo & Rizio LLC indicated Michael Dion of DL Company would present to the Commission on the changes. Mr. Dion 7120 Main Street, Special Permit site plan. He discussed the revisions and delivery schedule of operation. DC Scinto and himself spoke at the end of last week and made some changes to the layout of the parking and the exit area. Mr. Dion went over a plan on the screen in which the vans were allowed to make left hand turns. After further discussion with DC Scinto, the vans will now go through the parking lot and will exit onto Springhill Drive. No changes will be done for the vans entering and exiting the area. One of the big changes for the site is the operation of the building is now being reversed. Previously the vans were entering the building on its east side and will exit on the west side of the building. They have revised the plan and traffic flow to have all of the vans heading south on Route 25 (Main Street) now exit onto Spring Hill Road and will utilize the traffic signal to make the left turns. Amazon has revised their van schedule; morning van deliveries will begin at 9:50 a.m. and will not return until 6 p.m. This will eliminate peak times and add some additional trips during the mid-day peak. Mr. Dion went on to explain in further detail the peak and off peak trips into the area of Amazon. The time changes will be presented to the State DOT and if they agree this would increase the level of service over all.

Chairman Baldwin asked if DC Scinto had any concerns.

DC Scinto indicated that the biggest concern was the left hand turn on the second north end driveway. Timing of the lights would benefit.

Chairman Baldwin asked if there were any questions. There was none.

A motion was made by Baldwin to approve the plan, which in part eliminates left hand turns or southbound turns onto Main Street, changes within the interior of the parking lot with the flow of traffic for 7120 Main Street, seconded by Zamary. There was no further discussion. Motion passed with one abstention, Magliocco.

A motion was made by Baldwin to move Item 8 New Business, seconded by Zamary. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Cooper Surgical – Stairs and Crosswalk at 50 Corporate Drive – Barry Unger, Barry Unger Associates Inc.

Barry Unger of Unger Associates. Mr. Unger explained that Cooper Surgical has a campus on Corporate Drive, their Corporate Office is located on 75 Corporate Drive, and the factory is located at 95 Corporate Drive. Mr. Unger explained in detail the plans for the stairs and crosswalk that is being proposed so the employees can go from building to building safely.

Commissioner Magliocco asked Bill Maurer with the stairwell and roadway would there be any issues for the town public works.

Mr. Unger explained that Bob Scinto would maintain everything.

There were no further questions.

A motion was made by Baldwin to approve the plan design of the staircase and crosswalk at 50 Corporate Drive, seconded by Zamary. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report
Correspondence

Chief Lombardo reviewed several emails and letters from Trumbull residents thanking the Department.

Chief Lombardo informed the Police Commission that a long time Special Police Officer who has been with the Department for many years has left the Police Department. The Trumbull Police Department was required about two in half years ago to increase the level of training and participation within the Department on a monthly basis with all personnel that have powers of arrest.

Lucinda Timpanelli Board of Education Chairman sent a letter to Senator Murphy who has proposed a Bill to no longer fund School Resource Officers in police departments throughout the nation. The Trumbull Police Department has three (3) School Resource

Officers who have done a great job. The SROs are funded through the Town budget not through any Federal Grants. Chairman Timpanelli is very supportive of the Department.

Operations

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Calls-for-Service and Criminal Incidents reports for the month of August. Chief Lombardo reminded all Trumbull residents to lock their cars, take any valuables and do not leave your keys in your cars. Every single car stolen from the Town of Trumbull, those vehicles have had their keys and key fobs left inside the vehicles.

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

The Arrest Summary Report Adults showed there were 38 arrests for the month of August.

The K-9 Report showed the activity and training for the month of August.

Traffic Division

The Traffic Report showed 61 cases for the month of August that Officer Siljamaki handled.

Detective Division Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Detective Division Monthly Activity report for the month of August. The division opened 10 new cases; two cases were closed and have 30 open cases.

Training

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Training Report for the month of August.

Cadet Report

The Cadet Activity Report showed no meetings or events for the month of August.

Sick/Injury Report

Chief Lombardo reviewed the sick/injury report for the department for August.

Budget

Chief Lombardo reviewed the Budget Report and indicated overall Budget is where it is supposed to be fiscal year to date. Chief Lombardo wanted to bring up again that for last year's fiscal budget the Department came in under budget for what the Town had allotted. Chief Lombardo indicated that the credit for handling the budget goes to AC Byrnes and he works quite closely with Lt. Lopes to monitor the budget for the Department.

There were no further questions.

Discussion and Consideration of Chief Michael Lombardo's Compensation

Chair Baldwin indicated that the Police Department has enjoyed much success and that success is due to the leadership of Chief Lombardo and his entire staff. Obviously when things go bad, the Chief's get pointed at but when things go good they do not get the credit they deserve. Chair Baldwin believes that the Commission agrees that they have a Chief that they can be extraordinarily proud of. In keeping with the direction of the First Selectman and the Contracts that have been settled, the recommendation at this time to make a proposal that the Chief's salary be increase by 2.25%. This is consistent with the increase that was given to the Union and again it is with the understanding in some point in time in the future Chair Baldwin has the assurance from the First Selectman that they will be looking at and reviewing an adjustment to the Chief's salary again.

Commissioner Magliocco indicated he supports the increase in salary of 2.25%. He believes the Chief does a great job and now with the events that are under his direction as in Coffee with a Cop, Ice Cream with a Cop, SROs, and being on the Police Commission for the past 9 years he has only seen the Police Department get better since Chief Lombardo has joined the Department.

Commissioner Trefz also indicated for the short period of time he has been with the Commission he has been impressed with the results. Everything that has been reported, including controlling the budget. The town is in a good place. Commissioner Trefz is in agreement with the 2.25% salary increase.

A motion was made by Magliocco to increase Chief Michael Lombardo's salary by 2.25% effective July 1, 2020 as described by Chairman Baldwin in conjunction with the rest of the Town, seconded by Trefz. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Magliocco and seconded by Trefz to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Munoz
Clerk of the Commission