

Old Saybrook Police Commission
Special Meeting
December 14, 2020
MINUTES

A SPECIAL meeting of the Old Saybrook Police Commission was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 via ZOOM. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed in its entirety at https://youtu.be/YXsx3_p-GXA

Present: Chairman Keeney, Vice Chairman Reid, Secretary Maselli, Commissioners Von Dassel, Quish, Shippee and Wilcox. Chief Spera and Captain DePerry was present from the Department of Police Services.

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. He then led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Police Commission's Special Meeting Schedule in January 2021 regarding the FY 22 Budget

Chairman Keeney stated the dates are January 4, 11, 13 and 14 each being a 6:00PM start.

Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to accept the Special Meeting Schedule as stated by Chairman Keeney. Commissioner Von Dassel seconded the motion.

Secretary Maselli stated he will not be able to attend the January 14th meeting.

The motion to approve the Police Commission's Special Meeting Schedule in January 2021 passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

III. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Police Commission's Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021

Secretary Maselli made a motion to accept the Police Commission's Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion.

The Commission discussed and agreed to change the meeting start times to 7:00PM.

The motion to approve the Police Commission Regular Meeting Schedule for 2021 with a 7:00PM passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

The Commission discussed cancelling the December Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Quish made a motion to cancel the December Regular Meeting. Vice Chairman Reid seconded the motion. The motion to cancel the December Regular Meeting passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

IV. New Records Management and computer Aided Dispatch System/Program Update and Presentation

Sal Annunziato presented an overview of Next Gen and what it does to the Police Commission. Chief Spera, Michael Gardner, Phil Coco, Dan Adams and Andrea Gosselin spoke in favor of the proposed new Dispatch and Records system.

Vice Chairman Reid made a motion to authorize Chief Spera to enter into a contract with Nextgen to replace the current system while keeping the budget net neutral in FY 20-21.

Secretary Maselli seconded the motion.

The motion to authorize Chief Spera to enter into a contract with Nextgen to replace the current system while keeping the budget net neutral in FY 20-21 passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

V. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning Entering into an Executive Session for the Purposes of:

Chairman Keeney made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Chief Spera, Captain DePerry, Larry Hayden and Jennifer Damato to join. Commissioner Von Dassel seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

The Commission Entered into Executive Session at 7:27 PM

a. Discussion of Personnel Matters

Patrolman Tourjee, Kostek and Harris entered Executive Session at 8:56 PM.

Patrolman Tourjee, Kostek and Harris exited Executive Session at 9:17 PM.

b. Interview Candidates for the Position of Patrolman Trainee

August DeFrance entered Executive Session at 9:29PM

August DeFrance exited Executive Session at 9:50PM

Bryan Mora entered Executive Session at 9:56PM

Bryan Mora exited Executive Session at 10:16PM

Jamie Cruz entered Executive Session at 10:21PM

Jamie Cruz exited Executive Session at 10:35PM.

c. Discussion of Matters Related to Collective Bargaining

Commissioner Von Dassel made a motion to exit Executive Session and resume public session.

Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to exit Executive Session and resume public session passed with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against and 0 abstaining.

The Commission exited Executive Session and resumed public session at 11:11PM.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Appointment of Patrolman Trainees.

Secretary Maselli made a motion to authorize the Chief to hire August DeFrance, Bryan Mora and Jamie Cruz at a time that best fits the operations of the department. Commission Quish seconded the motion. The motion to hire August DeFrance, Bryan Mora and Jamie Cruz at a time that best fits the operations of the department passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining. Vice Chairman Reid had respectfully asked the Chairman if he could log off due to be up for almost 24 hours.

VII. Discussion Concerning the Ratified Police Officer's Union Contract.

Chief Spera advised the Commission the contract had been ratified.

VIII. Mothers Against Drunk Driving Awards

Chief Spera presented Patrolman Micowski and Zarbo the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award.

IX. Comments from the Chief of Police

New vehicles have vin numbers, should be arriving mid to late February to dealership.

Budget process started asked for input from staff.

Department is hosting virtual chats with Santa.

Department has a couple COVID positive employees, all are doing fine though.

Disappointed in CT Examiner article. Stated two former employees who claimed misconduct are welcome to fill out sworn affidavit and the Department will get independent investigation started.

X. Comments from Commissioners

Chairman Keeney asked for a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Shippee's father who passed away recently. The Commission observed the motion of silence and offered Commissioner Shippee their condolences.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Von Dassel made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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