

MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 7B, the in-person open meeting requirements for a public agency have been suspended. As a result, the Public Commission will conduct a public meeting remotely using video/audio conference technology in real time.

Commissioners Present: Marianne Coffin, Chairperson
Via Zoom George Kain, Secretary
Issy Caporale
John Frey
Ralph Money

Also Present: Chief Jeff Kreitz
Via Zoom

Absent Major Brown

These minutes are an overview of the meeting; not a verbatim text.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Chairperson Coffin. This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Coffin requested a motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Money made the motion and Commissioner Kain seconded the motion.

All in favor

2. COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE

A. Voicemail

Commissioner Kain reported there were no voicemail correspondence for the month of May.

B. Written Correspondence

There was no written correspondence for the month of May.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update of Chief's Goals

Chief Kreitz reported this is the 6-month mark in the calendar year for his goals for the year 2021. He went over where we stand and

summarized each goal.

B. P & Z /Comment Request for 626 Danbury Road

Chairperson Coffin gave a review from a traffic stand point request where Planning and Zoning seeks the Police Commission comment on the prospect of a used car dealership and mechanic shop at 626 Danbury Road. The Police Commission has no concerns at this time.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Feasibility Update

The GEO Technical Analysis has been completed. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to discuss the results.

5. CHIEF'S REPORT

A. Traffic/Sign Report

There was no report turned in for the month of May by Sign Officer Mark Caswell.

B. Training/PR Report

The following report was submitted by Capt. Shawn Platt, Division of Professional Standards.

**Ridgefield Police Department
Training & Community Policing/Public Relations Report
May 2021**

Training Attended:

May 24: Lt. Smith, Lt. Fowler, Lt. Gates, Sgt. Gogola, PO Gjodesen, PO Caba, PO Daly, PO Mulvihill, Det. DuBord, PO McMahon, PO DiFalco, PO Hartling and PO Williams attended the Arrest and Control Training held at the Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield.

May 25: Chief Kreitz, Major Brown, Sgt. Brown, Det. Papstein, Det. Dardis, PO Giglio, Det. Ryan, PO Capozzi, PO Ladue, PO Olivares, PO Seibert, PO Geller, PO Shimko and PO McKnight attended Arrest and Control Training held at the Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield.

Virtual Training Attended:

May 12 & May 25 Disp. Browning attended a Supervisor Communication Training (virtually).

P/R Events: Police Memorial Ceremony – May 27, 2021 – At The Lounsbury House.

RHS Intern Liam Dinnan was present from 5/19/21 - 6/9/21.

A total of 16 Public Relations were performed during the month(s) to include:

- Various talks with downtown shop owners and community members at large.
- Continued stop and talks at houses of worship.
- Multiple Social Media posts of Police Activities & Safety Messages.

C. Department Statistics

Chief Kreitz reported the total incidents for the month of May was 1,027. Year-to-date there have been 4,820 incidents. He also highlighted some of the incidents to include catalytic converter thefts and no stolen vehicles reported for the month of May to name a few.

D. New Candidate Testing Update

Chief Kreitz stated he is pleased with the fact that 166 applicants applied for the police officer position; which was through the PoliceApp. The written exam section of the application process is through the PoliceApp and the physical agility part will be given by the Ridgefield Police Department. Candidate interviews will be held in July.

6. UNION PARTICIPATION

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chairperson Coffin stated that the Police Commission Meeting for July 8, 2021 will be cancelled.

Commissioner Money made a motion to adjourn the Police Commission Meeting at 5:50pm. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

George Kain
Police Commission Secretary