POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Police Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jenna Caulfield at 7:03 P.M. via Zoom Meeting. In attendance were Commissioner Terry Fogarty, Commissioner Michael Long, Commissioner Travis Schweizer, Commissioner Tenesha Grant, Chief Nicholas Boulter, Deputy Chief Chris Davis, Lt. Gregory Samselski, recommended new dispatcher Brennen Halscheid, Cheryl Cook and Lloyd Huie from the Spirit Council.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Fogarty read the summary of letters received since the last meeting of the Commission on April 12, 2021.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Fogarty and seconded by Commissioner Long, it was unanimous:

VOTED: Move the Spirit Council Presentation to after correspondence.

4. SPIRIT COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Cheryl Cook and Lloyd Huie presented an overview on what the SPIRIT Council does, who the members are and their purpose. Their mission is to help Simsbury become more inclusive, fostering awareness, action, and a community where all voices are welcomed. They strive to drive progress in diversity, equity and inclusion of all people.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After a motion was made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. REPORTS

a. Chairperson's Report

- On April 22nd there was a stop Asian hate rally. Chief Boulter spoke and focused on building relationships between the officers and the public
- There was a budget referendum on May 4th in which the budget was passed; the police budget was a part of this
- In person meetings will potentially resume in July
- The Police Commission received an email correspondence which was forwarded to all the commissioners

b. Chief's Report

i. General

Marcus Communication continues to work on the new public radio system

Personnel:

- Continuing going through applications and interview to fill the three police vacancies
- 2 officers are still out due to a non-work related injury; anticipating them being back to work in late May or June

Chief Boulter noted that May 15th is recognized at Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of the 15th is National Police Week. During this week we honor the men and women who have been killed in the line of duty. Sworn members of the department are authorized to wear memorial bands on their uniform badges during this week to honor those who have fallen.

- ii. Consolidated Monthly Report March 2021 No comments
- iii. Preliminary Monthly Activity Report April 2021 Motor vehicle stops have been steadily increasing since December

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Dispatcher Selection Recommendation

The Deputy Chief introduced Brennen Halscheid to the Police Commission and gave an overview on his work experience.

After a motion was made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Fogarty, it was unanimous:

VOTED: To approve the hiring of Brennen Halscheid.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long made motion to adjourn at 8:03 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Grant. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna Caulfield, Chairperson

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