BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, AT 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: **ABSENT:**
Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Board of Finance Liaison, Jon Mace

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Zoppo-Sassu called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
No Awards.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Nick Palmer, 69 Cronin Street, spoke in opposition to the City's LPR and automated camera program.

Detective Travisano and Officer Kichar spoke regarding the Bristol Police Department Internship Program.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council Member Tyler moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2026, REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Sapp-Smith moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2026 SPECIAL POLICE BOARD MEETING, seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: PASSED (6-1. Commissioner Ghio abstained)

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 31, 2026 SPECIAL POLICE BOARD MEETING, seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: PASSED (6-1. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu abstained)

Commissioner Lewis moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 SPECIAL POLICE BOARD MEETING, seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: PASSED (5-2. Mayor Zoppo-Sassu and Commissioner Kilbourne abstained.

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5. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Lewis moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND PLACE ON FILE, seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu received two Facebook communications, one from Diane Zibold from Holley Road concerning the increase in traffic on Woodland Street hill. The second one is from Morgan Murphy concerning the intersection of Morris and Louisiana for the high school walkers. She requested a zone car check at that intersection occasionally between 7:00 am and 7:30 am.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

No committee reports.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Chief Morello

None

8.2 Police Commissioners

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Chief Morello

i. Chief's Report

Chief Morello reviewed the Chief's report.

ii. Board of Finance Request

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST OF $6,400 FROM THE SERGEANT ALEX HAMZY MEMORIAL FUND AND $400 FROM THE RAFI HAMZY FUND TO SUPPORT THE CADET PROGRAM TO UPGRADE RADIOS, seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iii. Marwood Condominiums Parking Waiver Request

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE PARKING WAIVER REQUEST FROM MARWOOD CONDOMINIUMS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

iv. State of CT DOT Highway Safety Grants

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE APPLYING FOR AND PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING GRANTS IF AWARDED: DISTRACTED DRIVING HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT GRANT, DUI ENFORCEMENT GRANT AND SPEED & AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT, seconded by Council Member Tyler.

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VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

v. To direct Traffic Lieutenant Lang Mussen to request that the CT DOT conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the use of heavy trucks on Willis Street, including, but not restricting such use by heavy vehicles and providing alternative routes.

Commissioner Lemieux moved to DIRECT LIEUTENANT LANG MUSSEN TO REQUEST THAT THE CT DOT CONDUCT A STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF HEAVY TRUCKS ON WILLIS STREET, INCLUDING, BUT NOT RESTRICTING SUCH USE BY HEAVY VEHICLES AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE ROUTES, seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

vi. Crosswalks on Wolcott Street near BCHS
Chief Morello will reach out to the SRO for input and email the response so the information is available for the Public Works meeting.

9.2 Police Commissioners
No new business.

10. ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Sapp-Smith moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 16th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026, was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 6:37 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary

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