



EAST HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Mayor Joseph Carfora



Honorable Board of
Police Commissioners

HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2020 AT 7:00 PM
EAST HAVEN SENIOR CENTER
91 TAYLOR AVENUE
EAST HAVEN, CT

COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT: Chairman Paul Carbo (presiding), Vice Chairman Dominic Balletto, Commissioner Dawne Flynn, Commissioner Eduardo Torrealba

OTHER(S) PRESENT: Chief Edward Lennon, Deputy Chief Patrick Tracy, Attorney Michael Luzzi, Clerk Marsha Maldonado

Chairman Carbo called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call – Quorum obtained
4. Interview and consideration of candidates for promotion to Sergeant (Executive Session)
5. Interview and consideration of candidate for promotion to Detective (Executive Session)
6. Interview and consideration of candidate for hire to Recruit Police Officer – Grade C (Executive Session)

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to conduct the interviews in executive session with the Board, Chief Lennon, Deputy Chief Tracy and Attorney Luzzi present; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Executive session commenced at 7:07 PM.

Candidate Detective Scott Carignan went in to executive session at 7:09 PM and exited at 7:20 PM.

Candidate Detective Shirley Conyers went in to executive session at 7:21 PM and exited at 7:29 PM.

Candidate Paul Scelza went in to executive session at 7:39 PM and exited at 7:49 PM.

Chairman Carbo concluded executive session and public session resumed at 8:03 PM.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to promote Officer Ryan Gorman to the rank of Sergeant effective August 3, 2020; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba who asked Officer Gorman if he would like to withdraw himself from the Detective list; Officer Gorman replied in the affirmative. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Torrealba addressed all the candidates in saying that the second most difficult tasks of the Board is the promotion process especially for the East Haven Police Department. We have incredibly qualified candidates which makes the promotion process extremely difficult for the Commissioners and the fact that all the candidates may not be promoted at this time, it is not a reflection on the candidates themselves, it is a reflection of the high quality of the officers we have in this Department. We have a young Department and there will be more opportunities to come and he does not want anyone to be disappointed.

Vice Chairman Balletto stated that the candidates interviewed were all amazing and thanked everyone for their service, noting that their records where unbelievable and he is sure they would be seeing them again shortly.

Since Ryan Gorman has withdrawn from the Detective list, Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to promote to the rank of Detective the three remaining individuals in the following order: Officer Molly Perry effective August 17, 2020, Officer Nicholas Adams effective September 15, 2020 and Officer Gregory Borer effective October 15, 2020; seconded by Commissioner Torrealba. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Balletto made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Paul Scelza for the position of Recruit Police Officer – Grade C pending the successful passing of a medical examination including a drug screening, and a pre-Academy physical fitness test which must be administered within the timeframe as established by CT POST regulations. The effective hire date will be determined by the Chief of Police upon obtaining the first available recruit seat at an upcoming police Academy class; seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All in favor. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Balletto addressed Officer Borer [via phone] asking if he would like to withdraw from the Sergeant list due to his promotion to Detective effective October 15, 2020. Officer Borer replied that he would like to remain on the Sergeant list.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Torrealba made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice Chairman Balletto. Chairman Carbo adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha M. Maldonado
Clerk to the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

[Audio recording on file – duration 08:06 minutes for public session only; executive session excluded]