

Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh.

Those present: the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh, Commissioners: Barrett, Peterson, Stone, Chief MacNamara, D/C Lyddy, Captain Smith, Lt. Perez, Bill Hurley.

Commissioner Stone was appointed Acting Secretary by the Chairman, Commissioner Hersh.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved on a motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Peterson; carried unanimously.

T.S. #1 – Fairfield Country Day School – Bronson Road and Verna Hill – Request for a 4-way Stop to be added to the intersection of Bronson Road and Verna Hill Road. Recommendation: need to discuss traffic calming measures. Discussion: Ms. Bartolomeo, Dir. Of Finance at the school, addressed the Commission on behalf of the Headmaster. She explained the procedure the school uses, crossing the children, that the teachers do wear orange reflective vests. The crosswalk is used to get to the ice rink and athletic fields daily. Bill Hurley thought a further look at the area, intersection, might be needed along with an accident history of the area. It was suggested that the school might consider hiring a certified crossing guard to cross the children. Accident history, 6 since 2010, two being on school property. Motion by Commissioner Barrett to continue discussion on traffic calming issues and work with school on the safety issues; seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Friendly amendment from Commissioner Peterson to add that the school work into hiring a crossing guard; Commissioner Barrett concurred. Motion with amendment carries unanimously.

T.S. #2 – Mill Plain Road between I-95 and US1 – Request: Five-way intersection has volume, lane capacity, detector, driver behavior issues that lead to congestion. Request Police/Engineering performs site investigation to confirm issues and the forward to State DOT. Recommendation: Traffic detectors across from train station entrance. Discussion: There was no traffic analyze done there recently, however Post Road has approximately 11,000-12,000 cars per day. New light with all the traffic signals was completed in November 2015. It was the consensus by the Commission to have the State take another look at the area, to make sure that all the time sequences are all that we can achieve from the light, and maybe there are further adjustments to be made. Motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Stone to request State DOT take another look at this intersection, especially with regards to light, lane capacity, detectors; carried unanimously.

T.S. #3 – Reef Road between Veteran's Park and Fairfield Beach Road – Request: Tabled from 12/9/15 – for further study – Request alternate parking on Reef Road as well as the evacuation

route. Recommendation: Denied. Discussion: Mr. Karvetz addressed the Commission explaining how he and area residents felt that alternate side of the street parking would be a help in the area. Also, it was noted that cars parked on both sides has a traffic calming effect. A bike, pedestrian path needs more extensive study. Motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Peterson that we need to study this further. Discussion. Friendly amendment to motion by Commissioner Peterson to add that we need to discuss all traffic issues on Reef Road and to deny alternate parking at this time. Commissioner Barrett accepted amendment to motion. Vote: Carried unanimously.

T.S. #4 Fairfield Beach Road between Reef and Dead End – Request – Tabled from 12/9/15 – for further study – advisory signs and Traffic – Request speed to be reduced to 20 mph, speed humps to be installed close enough to one another to prevent speeding, electric sign should be installed to detect and indicate the speed of passing vehicles, increased enforcement, fog lines to be painted on the edges of the roadway to define road boundaries for parking and pedestrians and to make the road more visible during poor lighting and/or foggy conditions. Recommendation: To install No Outlet signs just west of College Place. Need to discuss fog lines. Discussion: Mr. Kravetz, Mr. Callihi, Ms. Rosenbloom Ms. Israel all addressed the Commission explaining their support for reducing the Speed Limit, and citing the speeding and conditions on the street. They asked that the Commission approach the State DOT about reducing the Speed Limit on the street to 20 MPH., and that fog lines on the street would be very helpful. Mr. Hurley noted the 3 existing humps(drainage) that are there already. He felt that the area was not suited for 3 more speed tables. Lt. Perez’s team did a traffic speed study, average speed on street was 23.3 MPH. Sgt. Paris presented accident history/problems involving speed tables/humps in general. It was noted that the road is scheduled for new water main next year, and it was suggested that fog lines be addressed after that has been completed and the road paved. The 2 signs indicating No Outlet were discussed. Chief MacNamara suggested that the signs be posted before you enter the area, i.e. near the Seagrape so that you can avoid going down the No Outlet Street and then are forced to make a turnaround further down. Motion by Commissioner Peterson to place two No Outlet signs just west of College Place; seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Discussion.

Commissioner Peterson withdrew that motion, and offered the following motion: That tow No Outlet Signs be installed in an appropriate manner at the direction of Engineering so that drivers are aware of the street being No Outlet; seconded by Commissioner Barrett; carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Speed limit of 25 MPH vs. 20 MPH. Motion by Commissioner Stone; seconded by Commissioner Barrett that the State DOT be contacted about reducing the Speed Limit to 20 MPH.; carried unanimously.

Old Business: The Library to Library and Shoreline Bike Routes signage and placement were presented to the Commission. Discussion was held on the signs, noting the new one suggested, Share the Road, with the three pictorials on it. Motion by Commissioner Stone that the New “Share the Road Sign” be approved and be placed as per the map; seconded by

Commissioner Peterson. Discussion. Commissioner Peterson asked if this motion included all the signage proposed. Amendment by Commissioner Barrett to include all signage presented and to be placed as per the plan submitted by Engineering; carried unanimously.

Chief Macnamara presented the proposed Budgets for Police, Animal Control, ECC.

Budgets approved as presented, and the Commission will be notified of upcoming Budget hearings.

Motion by Commissioner Barrett; seconded by Commissioner Peterson to add the following donations to the Agenda; carried unanimously.

Miller Nissan \$200 for K-9; Paul Greenburg \$1,000 Public Affairs, Judith Bodie \$25 for Animal Control

Donations;

1. MG MUSTO (dba Michael Gennaro's Steakhouse) \$350 for K-9 pgm
2. Denise Larson Fenton, \$500 for k-9 pgm
3. Denise Larson Fenton \$500 for "Officer Wellness Program".
4. Denise Larson Fenton \$100 to Offr. Evans who donated it to the Police Scholarship
5. Denise Larson Fenton \$100 to Off. G. Wikman who donated it to P.A.L.
6. Colony Grill \$12,500 for "Officer Wellness Pgm"
7. The following for Animal Control: \$50 Stop/Shop gift card w/milk bones and meow mix from Nancy Fray; \$100 from Rebecca Inwood; \$40 from Magda Pleszko.
8. Robert Jursch \$500 "for "Officer Wellness Program"
9. Mary and Anthony Musto \$300 for K-9 program.
10. AKC CAR Canine Support/Relief Fund \$5,000 for K-9 pgm.
11. Wendy Newman \$2,000 for K-9 pgm.
12. Peter/Sandra Tallman \$250 for K-9 program
13. Go-Fund me website for K-9 pgm \$320.26

Motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Barrett to approve the donations and to deposit them into their appropriate accounts; carried unanimously.

The Monthly Reports for Dec and Jan were presented.

Motion by Commissioner Peterson; seconded by Commissioner Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.; carried unanimously.

There was no Private Executive session.

Commissioner Jack Stone

Acting Secretary

