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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00pm at Stamford Police Headquarters Community Room.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Flinn, Bass and Mercede. Chief Timothy Shaw, Lt. Sean Cooney and Sgts. Gioielli and Gasparino, Director Jankowski, John Flynn, Jere Eaton, Wendy Skratt, Max Cisnercs, Brian Merlen, Fritz Chery.

Commissioner Abbazia called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. There were 33 participants listening on Zoom.

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Abbazia asked for a motion to be made to accept the minutes from the December 9 and 21, 2020 meetings. Commissioner Mercede made the motion and Commissioner Figueroa second. All were in favor and it passed 5-0

Comments from the Public

Commissioner Abbazia asked if there were any comments from the public and the following spoke:

John Flynn – complaint regarding Barrier video footage

Brian Merlen – complaint regarding the way Police handle medical calls and people with mental health issues

Chief Shaw read his Summary regarding the investigation on protest and arrests of August 8, 2020.

Commissioner Abbazia stated that the Commission has received the Internal Affairs Inquiry Report regarding August 8, 2020. The Commission will further review the Report and Summary and have an assessment at next month's meeting.

Chief Shaw updated the Commission on the staffing and recent hiring. As of today we have 262 sworn officers and just hired four new recruits who will be sworn in on January 7, 2021 and report to Police Headquarters January 8, 2021 for their remote academy. I/A has requested four seats in the Milford Academy for April 2021. Sometime in April 2021, we would like to put together a lateral test for recruiting and test in August.

Chief Shaw updated the Commission on the SPD COVID Situation. Since March 2020, we have had 40 positive cases. We currently have six out at this time with positive results. We are taking every precaution to keep social distance, wear masks, clean cars, etc. 40% of the SPD had the first COVID vaccine on December 24, 2020. The second vaccine is scheduled for January 21, 2021.

Chief Shaw gave the Commission the Internal Affairs year-end report. In the year 2020 there were 44 Internal Complaints of which 38 are closed and 6 still open. Letters of Reprimand, Verbal warnings and Officers received re-training.

There were 8 Administrative Inquiries with 5 closed and 3 still open. Reprimand, retraining, loss of days and suspension were issued.

Commissioner Bass made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:29pm second by Commissioner Figueroa.

Commissioner Abbazia came out of Executive Session at 5:53pm

Commissioner Abbazia stated the Commission would execute their findings of the August 8, 2020 protest/arrests at the February 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Mercede made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm second by Commissioner Figueroa

Next Commission Meeting scheduled for Monday February 1, 2020 at 5:00pm in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Submitted,

Timothy Abbazia

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Chairman