

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026, AT 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairperson
Commissioner Rory Ghio - via Zoom
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Council Member Sue Tyler
Board of Finance Liaison, Jon Mace

ABSENT:

Commissioner Gloria Sapp Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AWARDS

Officers McNally, Genovese, and Gotowala received the Life Saving Award regarding an incident on June 21, 2026. Officer McNally was also awarded Officer of the Month for July, 2026.

Detective Verillo, Officers Genovese, Bazarewsky, Giannini, and Southington Detective Thomson were awarded the Silver Star Award.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gabby Carrano, 70 Seneca Road, spoke in opposition to license plate readers, red light cameras, and speed cameras.

Mary Ann Sirois, 362 Shrub Road, spoke in opposition to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices.

Duane Mack, 67 Stearns Street, spoke regarding the need for crosswalk signals through the City.

Shelley Mastroianni, 120 Sixth Street, spoke in opposition to the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Tyler moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2026, REGULAR POLICE BOARD, seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS AND PLACE ON FILE, seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Chief Morello

i. LPR Transparency Portal

Chief Morello reviewed the Flock transparency portal, which is located on the City of Bristol Police Department's website under Useful Resources: Bristol CT PD Transparency Portal.

b. Police Commissioners

i. Response from Corporation Counsel regarding the ordinance authorizing the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices.

Commissioner Kilbourne made a motion TO PLACE ON FILE THE RESPONSE FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL REGARDING THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ii. Report as to the disposition of complaint filed against the Chief and Deputy Chief.

Mayor Zoppo Sassu responded that the summaries have been distributed to the Police Commission. The outcome was no cause found for discipline or any action to be taken against the Chief or Deputy Chief. Some recommendations were made regarding processes and procedures, and most of those changes have already been implemented.

Commissioner Kilbourne made a motion TO PLACE ON FILE, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Council member Tyler discussed the ordinance authorizing the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices.

Council member Tyler made a motion to REFER BACK TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO REMOVE ANY REFERENCE TO SPEED CAMERAS, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS THAT INCLUDE SPEED CAMERAS, seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

A discussion was held regarding the motion. Mayor Zoppo Sassu called for a roll call vote on whether to refer this back to the Ordinance Committee.

Commissioner Kilbourne - no

Commissioner Lemieux - yes

Council Member Tyler - yes

Commissioner Lewis - yes

Commissioner Ghio - yes

Chairperson Mayor Zoppo Sassu – no

VOTE: PASSED YES – 4 NO – 2

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chief Morello

i. Chief's Report

Chief Morello reviewed the monthly Chief's report.

ii. Board of Finance Request

Commissioner Ghio moved to APPROVE THE CARRYOVER OF \$34,805, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

b. Police Commissioners

i. Bristol Vision Zero Initiative

Mayor Zoppo Sassu discussed the Bristol Vision Zero Initiative with the Board.

Mayor Zoppo Sassu asked if there were any other questions or concerns. Chief Morello responded with a question to Council Member Tyler about a post she made on Facebook. Council Member Tyler responded that it was a sarcastic response to a sarcastic comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lemieux moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Council Member Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 18th day of August, 2026, was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 6:54 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas

Recording Secretary