FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Yvonne Perkins,

Complainant

against

Docket #FIC 2018-0150

Chief, Police Department, City of Danbury; Police Department, City of Danbury; and City of Danbury,

Respondents

July 25, 2018

The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on May 31, 2018 at 11:00 AM, at which time the respondents appeared with their counsel, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney D. Randall DiBella, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with Diane Rosemark, Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Danbury, and Captain Daniel C. Mulvey of the Danbury Police Department. Attorney DiBella represented that he had spent approximately 10 hours working with Attorney Rosemark and Captain Mulvey to locate and review responsive records, to disclose responsive records to the complainant and to prepare for the contested case hearing. Attorney DiBella further represented that all responsive records had been disclosed to the complainant, free of charge.

It is difficult to understand why, with all of the available means of technology, the complainant failed to notify the Commission that the hearing was not necessary.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of July 25, 2018.

Cynthia A. Cannata

Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

YVONNE PERKINS, 4 Moss Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF DANBURY; POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF DANBURY; AND CITY OF DANBURY, c/o Attorney D. Randall DiBella, Cramer and Anderson, 51 Main Street, Milford, CT 06776

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