

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

Zoom Meeting:

<https://www.bridgeportct.gov/policecommission>

The meeting was called to order at **6:02 p.m.**

Item #1 **Roll call of Commissioners:**

Lyons, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, and Councilmember Eneida Martinez.

Item #2 **a. None**

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Raymond Kelly who passed away on February 27, 2021.

c. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve item **2c.**

d. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve item **2d.**

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Proactive details have resulted in 18 guns and 3 assault weapons recently removed from the streets of Bridgeport. Last night, patrol officers recovered 2 firearms with no injuries or incidents and SET continues to target “hot spot” locations. Command staff recently walked and spoke to residents in neighborhoods. The recruitment team recently kicked off its campaign and 100 individuals have signed up to take the police officer entry level test. The recruitment team recently visited several surrounding communities. Chief Garcia shared with the board the new recruitment video and the Mobile Command Vehicle has been in numerous areas in the City to engage community members. The Chief also met recently with Clergy to share the recruitment video. The Detective Bureau arrested 2 suspects involved in recent homicides. Project Longevity conducted a recent call-in to provide resources. Chief Garcia is starting a Juvenile Outreach Program that will partner with State and local law enforcements agencies. The Chief and Lieutenant Cotto will be presenting the police budget to the Common Council on April 21, 2021. Commissioner Roach discussed the recent incident with TNT and the issue of dirt bikes and a location for storage of bikes.

b. Union: None

Executive Session: None

- c. **OIA:** A monthly report by the OIC of Internal Affairs was submitted to the Police Commission.

Public Session:

- d. **Clerk:**

- a. A Second-Step Barros Hearing is scheduled for May 4, 2021.

Special Reports:

Item #4

New Business:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto the board unanimously voted to approve a “Three-Way Stop” sign at Wilmot Avenue and Alex Street.

- b. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 4b**.

Item #5

Old Business: None

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation: a, b, and c: Noted

Item #8

Widow’s Pension:

- a, b, and c: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve items **8-a, b, and c**.

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

Refer to item 4a.

Other Scheduled Matters b: None

Adjournment: 6:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS FOR PENSION PLAN “A and B” MEMBERS:

Lyons, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz

- 1, 2, and 3:** On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine approve the request of Mrs. Sandra Kelly and Mrs. Miriam Llanos to receive a widow’s pension (Plan-A), and Mrs. Elva Santana to receive a widow’s pension (Plan-B), effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **6:54 p.m.**