

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

Zoom Meeting:

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

The meeting was called to order at **6:13 p.m.**

Item #1

Roll call of Commissioners:

Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, City Clerk Lydia Martinez, and Mr. John Fernandes.

Item #2

a. None

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Lieutenant David J. Hoyt who passed away on May 1, 2021.

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

Item #3

Reports:

a. Chief: Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: The SET detail continues to focus on hotspots pertaining to shots fired calls and quality of life issues: Tractor Trailers parked illegally throughout the City. The Chief and Mayor have initiated a Task Force to address the dirt bike issue and 3 bikes were removed on Monday night. Recruit Class-42 graduated on May 7, 2021 with 16 Bridgeport officers and 1 Stratford officer. Bridgeport Police Department is a POSTC accredited academy with the State of Connecticut. Recently there has been several honorable arrests by BPD officer including the apprehension of 3 male suspects that robbed a landscaper. Two firearms were recovered in this arrest. A shot's fired call at Newfield Park this past Saturday is being investigated as well as the two homicides that occurred in the downtown area on Sunday morning. The Chief is invigorating Community Policing and is working with the Liberation Program. The probationary police officers worked closely with Liberation at four locations this past week: Washington Park, Nanny Goat Park, Newfield Park, and McLevy Green. NIBIN is a system that looks at shell casings and can determine if the firearm was used in any prior shootings. The Chief indicated that the department is looking into purchasing this equipment. Currently there have been six homicides for 2021. The recent homicides in the downtown district are under investigation and the department is working closely with the State Liquor Commission and Bridgeport Fire department regarding the issues surrounding illegal after hours establishments.

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 June 8, 2021.

Special Reports:

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New Business:

- a. City Clerk Lydia Martinez addressed the board regarding a recent shot's fired incident at an after-hours club located at 101 Grant Street. The board and Chief Garcia indicated this incident is under investigation with the Detective Bureau and State Liquor Control.

- b. Mr. John Fernandes, owner of Crane and Rigging-900 Housatonic Avenue addressed the board regarding tractor trailers parking along Housatonic Avenue causing a safety concern for his employees. Mr. Fernandes is also requesting a traffic sign to address this issue. Lt. O'Donnell will resubmit this request to the traffic engineer.

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Old Business: None

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation:

- a. Noted

Item #8

Widow's Pension: None

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters:

- a-i:** The board was notified and updated of recent traffic sign installations in Seaside Village.

Addendum item 9a-ii: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve **addendum item 9a-ii.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

- b-i:** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and approve this request for installation of **item 9b-i**

Adjournment: 6:51 p.m.