

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

Zoom Meeting:

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

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 p.m.**

Item #1 **Roll call of Commissioners:**
Lyons, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, and Diaz.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, Councilmember Maria I. Valle, and Mr. Frank Tate.

Item #2 **a. None**

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer George W. Zwally who passed away on May 19, 2021.

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

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

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Recent increase in violent crime in the city with the Detective Bureau actively working on shooting/homicide cases. Currently there have been 7 homicides for 2021, and an increase in shots fired/Shot Spotter activations. Task force is actively working on removing firearms from the streets and recently seized 8 firearms. Strategic Enforcement Details continue to be assigned to hot spot areas in the city. The Chief strongly recommends that all incidents and crime be reported immediately to the EOC. Police Entry Exam will be administered by Civil Service on June 19 and 26, 2021 and a lieutenant's promotional exam will be given in September. Scheduled community events this weekend includes Juneteenth celebration on June 19, opening of the Caribe Baseball League, and a Boat Show at Steelpointe Harbor. Lieutenant Cotto is actively working on the accreditation process with the State. The Chief will host a Zoom Town Hall Community Meeting on June 29, 2021, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Participants include Chief Garcia, Project Longevity Team, Immigration Department, Center for Family Justice and several clergy members. Chief Garcia reports the recent gun by back program was a success with 12 rifles, 28 pistols, 2 assault rifles and several BB guns turned in. The Chief reports an update on an incident reported to the board by City Clerk Lydia Martinez regarding an illegal after clubs on Grant Street. The department closely monitors this area with frequent checks for violations.

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. Barros Hearings are being scheduled for OIA Case: 18I-114 and 18I-174.

Special Reports:

Item #4

New Business:

- a. Councilmember Valle addressed the board regarding ordinance issues and an illegal auto repair shop operating in the area of 600 Hallett Street.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 4b**.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cruz the board unanimously voted to approve **item 4c**.
- d. Addendum item 4d was forwarded to the Traffic Engineer.

Item #5

Old Business: None

Item #6

Correspondence: Addendum item 6a noted.

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation: None

Item #8

Widow's Pension:

- a: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 8a**.
- b: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 8b**.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve addendum **item 8c**.

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

- i, ii, iii, iv, and v:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve **items 9a-i, ii, iii, iv, and v**.

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i, ii, iii, and vi: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and deny **item 9b-i, ii, iii, and vi.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:

iv: Item 9b-iv has been withdrawn.

v: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and approve the installation of this sign.

Adjournment: 6:58 p.m.

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

Lyons, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, and Diaz.

1: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Mrs. Barbara L. Zwally to receive a widow’s pension effective immediately (Pension Plan-A).

2: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Mr. James DePietro, Jr. to receive a regular Plan-B (partial) pension effective July 8, 2021.

3. Addendum item 3-On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Mr. James O’Neill to receive a regular Plan-B (partial) pension effective July 8, 2021.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:05 p.m.**

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