

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, July 21, 2020**

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 (6:09 pm), Farrow, Diaz, and Cuminotto. **Also present:** Chief Armando J. Perez, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, and Reverend Manuel Garcia.

Item #2 **a.** The pledge of allegiance was observed.

b: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item **2b**

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: Crime statistics week ending July 12, 2020: overall crime is down by 0.63%, currently 10 homicides, in 2019= 9, currently 63 individuals sustained gunshot wounds vs in 2019=49. Hot spot details with Bridgeport and State police officers assigned to PTB, Green Homes, Stratford Avenue and East Main Street areas to combat crime issues. The detective bureau has solved and in the process of solving recent homicides. Parks detail is in place and going well, a class of 22 recruit officers have been approved to begin the academy in September, the department continues to work towards State of Connecticut Accreditation and is updating and putting in place 16 policies. COVID-19 and recent protest activity has increased overtime costs to \$400,000. Recent investigations by the detective bureau and narcotics and vice division resulted in arrests and seizure of firearms and continued work with FBI and Justice department regarding the court house shooting, Columbus Statue was removed by the City who wanted to err on the side of caution, Kronos project is doing well and Project Longevity supervised by Sergeant Philip Sharp.

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:

c. Clerk: The board was reminded that the Department Clerk is still waiting to hear from the City for approval to use the conference rooms at City Hall Annex or another location to continue numerous Barros hearings.

- d. **Special Reports:** The board updated on a widow's pension (Plan-B) submitted by Mrs. Barbara DeCarlo. A special meeting for July 28, 2020 is planned to address this issue pending the arrival of the death certificate to complete the widow's pension packet.

Item #4 **New Businesses:** None

Item #5 **Old Business:**
a. Reverend Manuel Garcia addressed the board regarding his concerns of the possible installation of a new GBT bus stop at Soundview Avenue and Yaremich Drive.

Item #6 **Correspondence:** None

Item #7 **Letters of Appreciation:** None

Item #8 **Widow's Pension (PlanA):**
a. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve item 8a.

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

a-v: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, **the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and will not approve the installation of a "Bus Stop" at Westbound Soundview Avenue approach at Yaremich Drive.**

Other Scheduled Matters b:
b-i: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, **the board unanimously voted to deny the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and approve the installation of a "Multi-Way Stop" sign at Barnum Avenue and Hallett Street.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

**BOARD RECONVENES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE REFUND
"PLAN-A"**

7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS FOR PENSION PLAN "A" MEMBER:

Lyons, Cruz, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

1. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Mrs. Tommie Lawson to receive a widow's pension (Plan-A), effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:09 p.m.**

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