

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021**

Zoom Meeting:

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

The meeting was called to order at **6:00 p.m.**

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

Lyons, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

Also present: Chief Rebeca Garcia, Sergeant Joel Carley, Sergeant Adam Rozum, Councilmember Michelle Lyons, Councilmember Eneida Martinez, Mr. Julio Chavez-Reyes, Jose Chavez, and Maria Chavez.

Item #2 **a. None**

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

Item #3 **Reports:**

a. Chief: Chief Rebeca Garcia presented the following to the board: Officers are transitioning to surrounding towns. The Chief addressed potential police officer candidates at a Civil Service orientation and her goal is to have a class in place by December 2021. Four hundred and nineteen people applied for the police officer job posting and currently there are 137 names on the Civil Service hiring list. The Chief continues the SET detail that addresses hot spot areas in the city. The Chief hosted a meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, with 5 area Chief's to discuss the formation of an inter-jurisdictional task force that would address the increase in stolen motor vehicles by juveniles. Grant money would fund this initiative and the task force would run until the end of 2021 and be considered a Pilot Program based on State of Connecticut mandates. The Chief continues to address the overnight parking issue regarding tractor trailers in the city. The Chief held a Bridgeport One community meeting last week. A promotional lieutenant's exam is scheduled for early September. The Chief discussed BOLAWRAP, a de-escalation tool to assist officers in the field and showed a video demonstration to the commission.

b. Union: None

Executive Session: None

c. OIA: A monthly report by the OIC of Internal Affairs was submitted to the board.

Public Session:

d. Clerk:

The Barros hearing scheduled for September 2, 2021, has been changed to September 23, 2021.

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Item #4

New Business:

- a. At the request of Mr. Richard Vaczek, this item has been tabled until the next board meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approved **item 4b**.
- c. Councilmember Michelle Lyons and Mr. Julio-Chavez-Reyes addressed the board regarding the excessive speeding issues on Lourmel Street and the newly renovated and expanded McDonald's restaurant located on Main Street. The traffic request for "Speed Humps" at this location was sent back to the traffic engineer for review and further recommendations to address the issues and concerns on Lourmel Street. The board is asking for updated recommendations from the traffic engineer that will be discussed at the September 21, 2021, meeting.

Item #5

Old Business:

- a. Councilmember Eneida Martinez addressed the board regarding safety concerns and speeding issues on Union Avenue and in front of Dunbar School. A traffic request for "Traffic Calming Speed Humps" with appropriate signage and "Slow Speed" signs along Union Avenue and in front/near Dunbar School-445 Union Avenue has been submitted to the traffic engineer. The board is asking for recommendations from the traffic engineer that will be discussed at the September 21, 2021, meeting.

Item #6

Correspondence: None

Item #7

Letters of Appreciation:

- a. Noted

Item #8

Widow's Pension: None

Item #9

Other Scheduled Matters a:

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

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

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

Other Scheduled Matters b:

i: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the traffic engineer and deny this request.

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ii: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to send this request back to the traffic engineer for further review and recommendations.

iii: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to table this matter and send this request back to the traffic engineer for further review and recommendations.

iv: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to table this matter until the September 21, 2021, meeting.

v: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the traffic engineer and deny this request.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:34 p.m.**

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