

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm

Present were Commissioners: Quarles, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, and Cuminotto.

Item #1

## **Roll call of Commissioners:**

Present were Commissioners: Quarles, Cruz, Roach, Farrow, and Cuminotto. Also present: Chief Armando J. Perez, Captain Mark Straubel, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant Charles Paris, City Attorney Richard Kascak.

The pledge of allegiance was observed.

Item #2

## **Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

a: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes listed as item a.

Item #3

## **Reports:**

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: Recent termination of Omar Jimenez, Class 40 with 15 recruit officers started the academy in March, currently there are ten officers scheduled to retire after April 1, 2018 and additional five may retire before June 30, 2018, contacted David Dunn in Civil Service to start an entry level police officers exam, and three promotional exams for the rank of detective, sergeant, and lieutenant, NEX-GEN training will be completed by mid-April, in the last six weeks a total of 18 guns have been removed from the streets of Bridgeport, recent arrests on charges of sexual assault, and 2 homicides, met with Harold Dimbo of Project Longevity and David Daniels of the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Proactive patrol and traffic units in several areas in the City, Sunday, March 18, 2018 community meeting at Hall Neighborhood House with Senator Blumenthal, meeting with Superintendent Aresta Johnson regarding the school resource officers and adding 5 more SRO's now and 4 in September 2018, department wide training in de-escalation and the body cam/car cam pilot program continues, the Chief reported that he is starting a motorcycle unit under the supervision of Captain Evans and is researching a software program called Shot Spotter that locates where shots fired are taking place in real time.
- b. **Union:** Union President Sergeant Charles Paris presented the following to the board: that he attended with the Chief and Mayor the first day of the recruit class, in negotiations with the city regarding the State Medical Insurance, the Union will be visiting the Skane School and St. Vincent's Rehabilitation School in Shelton for Easter, and meet the Easter Bunny breakfast at Vazzy's on March 30, 2018.

**Executive Session: 7:15 P.M.**

**Public Session: 7:40 P.M.**

- c. **OIA:** Noted
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.
- e. **Special Reports:** None

Item #4 **New Businesses:** Commissioner Roach reports that retired Chief Joseph L. Gaudett will be updating the board next month regarding the EOC and response time issues.

Item #5 **Old Business:** a. Callie Heilman, President Bridgeport Generation Now addressed the board regarding the statement delivered to the board on November 21, 2017. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve the revised draft dated 02/16/18 of **Responses to Questions posed by BPT Gen Now in its 11/21/17 Official Statement for the Bridgeport Police Commission.**

b. Lieutenant Cotto addressed the board regarding policy number 4.01 and 4.02.

Item#6 **Letters of Recommendation:** None

Item #7 **Widow's Pension:** None

Item #8 **Other Scheduled Matters a:**  
a. i, ii, iii, iv, and v: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to **approve** the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer.

**Other Scheduled Matters b:**

b. i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to **approve** the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer and **deny this request.**

b. ii: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Quarles, the board unanimously voted to send a letter to OSTA stating that they have no authority to approve this request but also indicated they have no objection if OSTA approved the opening of the "Center Median" at 3389-3425 Fairfield Avenue.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:11 p.m.**