

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019  
CITY HALL ANNEX  
999 BROAD STREET  
CONFERENCE ROOM-A, B & C  
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present were Commissioners: Lyons, Cruz, Quarles, Roach, Farrow (6:39 pm), Cuminotto, and Diaz (6:31 pm)

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

Lyons, Cruz, Quarles, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Chief Armando J. Perez, Captain Roderick Porter, Lieutenant Santiago Llanos, Sergeant Angelo Collazo, Detective Joette Devan, Councilmember Eneida Martinez, Jon Urquidi-City Engineer, Pawel Papazachariu-Traffic Engineer, Jacob D. Robison-City Planner, Dr. Victor Black-Board of Education, and Mr. Victor Jones.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Robert Fitzgerald who passed away on August 2, 2019.
- c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Captain Robert Sharnick who passed away on September 12, 2019.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item 2d.

Item #3

**Reports:**

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: Crime statistic report, department continues to work with Connecticut State Police on walking details in the City, after field training is completed, Class 41 will be assigned to walking details throughout the City, Chief issued a report regarding an arrest targeting gang violence, recent arrest of a juvenile involving the confiscation of a dirt bike, Chief issued department memo 19-0224, this memo was distributed to the board, Captain Rebeca Garcia and recruit Class 41 are hosting a Domestic Violence Awareness Gala on October 21, 2019 at Sunset BOCA, Chief will be issuing the allocation plan for the department with police officers assigned to patrol shifts A-50, B-60 and C-70, Project Longevity will be conducting the call-in procedure as well as custom notifications, Chief distributed a hand-out regarding the Civilian Complaint process that will be posted and provided at the front desk of police headquarters, Chief will also be assigning Sergeants to the front desk, Jim Rascati-Behavioral Health/EAP will be providing counseling to department members, and the awarding/authorization of inside compensatory time was discussed.

- b. **Union:** No report given.

**Executive Session:**

**Public Session:**

- c. **OIA:** Lieutenant Santiago Llanos distributed the Citizen Complaint report for March 2018-March 2019.
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.
- e. **Special Reports:** Department Clerk distributed the SIM report to the board. The board is asking for a follow-up in writing from Lieutenant Azzarito regarding the date and exact amount of time/absences from work for officers listed in the SIM-October 6, 2019 report. The board is also requiring that the SIM monthly report that is submitted to the Chief also be forwarded to the them. Lieutenant O'Donnell will send an email to Chief Perez and Lieutenant Azzarito requesting the above-mentioned items.

Item #4

**New Businesses:**

- a. Councilmember Kyle Langan requested his item tabled until next the November 19, 2019 monthly meeting.
- b. Councilmember Eneida Martinez addressed the board regarding the removal of two handicapped parking signs at 87 and 93 Waterman Street. Councilmember Martinez was advised to contact Loretta Williams at the OPD to start the application process for the removal of the signs. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the installation of three (3) parking spaces with signs at a pop-up market directly in front of 1851 Stratford Avenue.
- c. Mr. Jon Urquidi-City Engineer and Mr. Pawel Papazachariu-Traffic Engineer for the City of Bridgeport addressed the board regarding the protocols, procedures, and Federal and State requirements involving all traffic requests submitted to their office. Further discussion of these matters will include meetings with the board, Councilmembers, and the City and Traffic Engineer's office.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner the unanimously voted to approve **item 4d**.

Item #5

**Old Business:**

- a. Mr. Victor Jones addressed the board regarding his request for the public to attend the weekly CompStat meeting held in the Chief's office. Lieutenant O'Donnell and the board will follow-up with Chief Perez regarding this matter.

Item #6        **Correspondence: Noted**

Item #7        **Letters of Appreciation: Noted**

Item #8        **Widow's Pension (Plan A):**

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Doris M. Fitzgerald to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.
  
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Veronica G. Sharnick to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Item #9        **Other Scheduled Matters a:**

**a-i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, xv, x, xi and xii :** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the recommendations of the City Traffic Engineer for **item: 9a-i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, x, xi, and xii.**

**a-xiii:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the City Traffic Engineer for **addendum item: 9a-xiii.**

**Other Scheduled Matters b:**

**b-i, ii, iii, iv, and v:** On a motion by Commission Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Quarles, the board unanimously voted to deny the request of the Traffic Engineer and approve the installation of the handicapped parking signs for **item: 9b-i, ii, iii, iv, and v.**

**b-vi:** On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to **table this matter.**

**b-vii:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to **table this matter.**

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:54 p.m.**

**BOARD RECONVENUES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE RELIEF FUND  
"PLAN A"**

**Time: 7:55 p.m.**

**Roll call of the Officers for the Pension "A" Member:**

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

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approve the request of Doris M. Fitzgerald and Veronica G. Sharnick to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn **7:57 p.m.**

NO

**Recognition ceremony to celebrate and honor School Resource Officers and Board of Education Security Personnel for their hard work and dedication this past summer during the "All Sport City Camp"**