

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Present were Commissioners: Roach, Quarles, Cruz, Diaz, and Lyons.

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

Present were Commissioners: Lyons, Quarles, Cruz, Roach, and Diaz.

Also present were: Chief Armando Perez, Captain Mark Straubel, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant Charles Paris, Sergeant Gregg Granello, Sergeant Trevor Niestemski, Officer Douglas Bepko, Officer Anthony Caiazzo, and City Attorney Richard Kascak.

**Item #2**

- a. The pledge of allegiance observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for Sergeant Jessica R. Tillson who passed away on September 16, 2017.

**Item #3**

**Minutes of Prior Meetings:**

- a: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes listed as item **3a**.

**Item #4**

**Reports:**

- a. **Chief:** The Chief reported the following to the board: De-escalation and cultural bias training will be offered to all police officers and recruit officers at the academy, Crime Scene shields will be purchased for the detective bureau, arrests made from recent incident at Beardsley Street and Newfield Avenue, Class 38 will be assigned to walking details next week after completion of the FTO program, the Chief has established a zero tolerance with Quality of Life issues in the City-special patrol details will be addressing this issue, overall crime rate is down and homicides have increased since 2016, meeting with the U.S. attorney on October 24, 2017.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Paris reported the following to the board: 2017 Golf tournament a success, contract negotiations meetings scheduled for December, appointments to be made by the Chief to increase police officers in Narcotics and Vice division, Sergeant Paris re-elected as president of the union for three years, and two police officers recently promoted to the rank of Detective, John Cholakian and Laura Azevedo-Rasuk.
- c. **OIA:** Monthly OIA report was provided to the board by Lieutenant Brian Dickerson.

**Executive Session:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to go into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

**Public Session: 7:10 p.m.**

d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.

e. **Board Committees:** None

f. **Special Reports:** None

**Item #5** **New Businesses/Old Business: None**

**Item #6** **Policies and Procedures:**

**a.2:** On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board voted unanimously to approve item **6a-2**.

**a.3:** This item was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**a.1: Presentation of awards to: Officer Douglas Bepko, Sergeant Trevor Niestemski, and Officer Anthony Caiazzo.**

**Item #7** **Widows Pension: None**

**Item #8** **Other Scheduled Matters a:**

**a-i, ii, iii, iv, and v:** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to approve item **8a-i, ii, iii, iv and v**.

**Other Scheduled Matters b: None**

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

NO