

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
CITY HALL ANNEX
999 BROAD STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM-A&B
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

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

Present were Commissioners: Cruz, Quarles, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz. Also present: Chief Armando J. Perez, Lieutenant Brian Dickerson, Sergeant Lawrence Lazaro, Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Assistant City Attorney Tamara Titre, Mr. Larry Williams, Mr. Steven Auerbach, Ms. Cristina Sandola, Dr. Dennis Williams, Ms. Judith Edwards, Ms. Jennifer Edwards, Ms. Arlene Parks, and Mr. Terry Sullivan.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance was observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Detective Horace Lester Garrett who passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018.
- c. A moment of silence was observed for retired Sergeant Joseph P. Straub who passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2018.
- d. A moment of silence was observed for retired Detective Cornelius T. Bennett who passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018
- e. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes listed as item 2e.

Item #3

Reports:

- a. **Chief:** Chief Armando J. Perez presented the following to the board: Body/Dash Cam 99% complete and functioning well, De-escalation retraining is on-going for all department members, ShotSpotter going live on 12/20/2018, Chief distributed the table of organization, overtime continues to be reduced and averages about \$80,000 monthly, Chief plans to hire new police officers in 2019 and two new civilian detention officer just completed training and are working in booking
- b. **Union:** None

Executive Session: The board went into executive session to have a discussion with the Office of Internal Affairs regarding pending investigations.

Executive Session: 8:40 p.m.

Public Session: 9:11 p.m.

- c. **OIA:** Noted
- d. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.
- e. **Special Reports:** The board was updated regarding the numerous complaints received by the Mayor's office regarding the one-way conversion of Yaremich Drive.

Item #4

New Businesses:

a. Mr. Larry Robinson addressed the board regarding a handicapped parking sign that was denied at 9 Cottage Place.

b. Ms. Cristina Sandola, Executive Director of the Green Village Initiative addressed the board regarding the removal of the signs for the one-way conversion of Yaremich Drive.

Dr. Dennis Williams also addressed the board regarding the same issues and emphasized the safety concerns for his patients and citizens in this area on Yaremich Drive. Dr. Williams provided a photo of the area in question to board.

Ms. Judith Edwards, President of Reservoir NRZ also addressed the board regarding the one-way conversion of Yaremich Drive and provided a handout to the board.

The following citizens also presented their concerns to the board regarding the one-way conversion of Yaremich Drive:

Mrs. Arlene Parks

Mrs. McDowell

Ms. Jennifer Edwards

Mr. Terry Sullivan

c. Reverend Manuel Garcia addressed the board regarding the one-way conversion of Yaremich Drive and provided a map of the area in question. He also emphasized the serious safety issue that now exists on Yaremich Drive.

Item #5

Old Business:

a. Mr. Steven L. Auerbach, Director of Meters and Parking Enforcement addressed the board regarding the addition of 50 Permit Parking Only spaces along Noble Avenue alongside Beardsley Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The board did not vote on this matter.

b. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 5b.**

c. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve **item 5c.**

Item #6 **Correspondence: None**

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

Item #8 **Widow's Pension (Plan A):**
 a, b, c: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the request of Cheryl A. Naedele, Alene Garrett, and Donita Straub to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Item #9 **Other Scheduled Matters a:**
 a-i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to **approve the recommendation** of the City Traffic Engineer.
 a-ii: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to **deny the request** of the City Traffic Engineer.

Other Scheduled Matters b:
 b-i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to **deny the recommendation** of the City Traffic Engineer and **approve this request.**

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **9:24 p.m.**

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

Time: 9:25 p.m.

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

Cruz, Quarles, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz.

1, 2, 3: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to combine and approve the request of Cheryl A. Naedele, Alene Garrett, and Donita Straub to receive a widow's pension (Plan A), effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn **9:26 p.m.**