

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.

Present were Commissioners: Roach, Castillo, Cuminotto, Lyons, and Farrow Also present were: Chief Armando J. Perez, Captain Mark Straubel, Sergeant Charles Paris, Labor Relations Director Janine Hawkins, Attorney Neil Austin, Peter Keogh, and Phillip Kuchma

Item #1 Roll call of Commissioners:

Present were Commissioners: Roach, Castillo, Cuminotto, Lyons, and Farrow.

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for Sergeant Alerise Best who passed away on March 5, 2016 and Detective Cornelius Carroll, who passed away on March 11, 2016.

Item #3

Minutes of Prior Meetings:

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

Item #4

Reports:

- a. **Chief:** Chief Perez discussed the following items with the board:
A recent arrest by patrol officers involved the seizure of 2-AR15 rifles, 4 handguns, large amount of money and drugs, meeting with the DOJ and surrounding towns to discuss crime strategies, implementing a bar code system for processing evidence and property, implementing a change in the uniform policy in the department to take place on May 15, 2016, update on recent discipline matters and Presidential candidates visit this upcoming weekend.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Paris discussed the following items with the board: update on Super Storm Sandy grievance-after July 1, 2016, Housing Detail interviews were recently conducted for sergeants and police officers-May, 2016, Union contract recently signed off by Mayor Ganim and Sgt. Paris, and requesting a meeting regarding recent issues with the CC1 process.

Executive Session:

- c. **OIA:** None

Public Session:

- d. **Clerk:** The clerk introduced Janine Hawkins the new Labor Relations Director for the City of Bridgeport. Ms. Hawkins addressed the board and reported that she will be having a meeting in May with Lt. O'Donnell and Labor Relations attorney Neil Austin to discuss the remaining discipline cases that are scheduled to go before the board.

e. Board Committees: None

f. Special Reports:

Item #5

Old Businesses:

- a. Labor Relations Attorney Neil Austin addressed the board and reported that is he waiting for an opinion from the City Attorney's office regarding a pension matter pertaining to two retired police officers. This item was tabled until next month's regular board meeting.

Item#6

New Business:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously voted to approve item **6a**.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously voted to table this matter until next month's regular board meeting.

Item #7

Policies and Procedures: None

Item #8

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted

Special note of thanks to Captain Mark Straubel from Commissioner Lyons for his efforts in coordinating a special detail in the North End last weekend that addressed several quality of life issues for residents and the on-going problems with off campus housing of SHU students.

Item#9

WIDOW'S PENSION:

- a. Request of Bernice Best to receive a widow's disability pension effective immediately. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve item **10a**.
- b. Request of Patricia F. Carroll to receive a widow's pension effective immediately. On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to approve item **10b**.

Item #10

Other Scheduled Matters:

a-i, ii, iv and v: On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board **voted to approve the recommendations** of the City Traffic Engineer.

a-iii: On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board voted to table this matter until next month's meeting.

b-i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi and vii: On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously **voted to approve the recommendations** of the City Traffic Engineer.

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

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

Time: 8:07 P.M.

Roll call of the officers for the Pension Plan "A" Members:

Lyons, Roach, Farrow, Castillo, and Cuminotto

1. Request of Bernice Best to receive a disability widow's pension effective immediately. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the disability widow's pension for Bernice Best.
2. Request of Patricia F. Carroll to receive a widow's pension effective immediately. On a motion by Commissioner Farrow and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to approve the widow's pension of Patricia F. Carroll.

On a motion by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:09 P. M.

NO