

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

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

Present were Commissioners: Roach, Castillo, Lyons, Cruz, and Farrow Also present were: Chief Armando J. Perez, Captain Mark Straubel, Captain Rebeca Garcia, Sergeant Charles Paris, Janine Hawkins, Attorney Neil Austin, Attorney Mark Anastasi, Attorney Jon August, Peter Keogh, Phillip Kuchma, Michael Moore, and Dennis Utzie.

Item #1 Roll call of Commissioners:

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

Item #2

- a. The pledge of allegiance observed.
- b. A moment of silence was observed for Police Officer Clifford S. Cunningham who passed away on April 29, 2016.

Item #3 Minutes of Prior Meetings:

- a- On a motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Cruz, 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: Gang unit Sergeant Jason Amato made an arrest involving the seizure of weapons on April 25, 2015, the Mayor's Initiative on reducing violence resulted in the seizure of six guns on May 2, 2016 and on May 6, 2016 Narcotics & Vice unit made an arrest and seized a semi-automatic weapon, update on the recent gang violence resulting in a homicide, the Mayor will be announcing a pro-active approach to gang violence with the involvement of Project Longevity, recent meeting at the Annex with "My Brother's Keeper" and local students discussing the recent gang violence, and VCI and special details addressing the recent shots fired calls and gang violence at all schools through-out the city.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Paris discussed the following items with the board: A new police officer from the class of 2014 is leaving for another police department due to the increasing costs of medical benefits, future meeting with the Mayor to discuss this issue, in 2018, 130 police officers will be eligible to retire, there are currently 29 recruits in the academy scheduled to graduate in September of 2016, six grievances were settled with Chief Perez, police memorial celebration will be scheduled soon and bricks can still be ordered, police department members attended the recent police week in Washington DC.

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- c. **OIA:** Noted

Public Session: 7:50 P.M.

- d. **Clerk:** The clerk will be scheduling a meeting to address Second-Step Barros and current discipline cases.
- e. **Board Committees:** None
- f. **Special Reports:** On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to request that the City Attorney's office give a formal opinion about what procedures or process should be followed as it concerns the conflicts and perceived conflicts between the federally ordered Barros Decree and the new State Citizens Complaint Process implemented in July of 2015.

Item #5

Old Businesses:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board unanimously voted to table this matter to next month's regular meeting.
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the board unanimously voted to approve item **5b**.

Item#6

New Business: None

Item #7

Policies and Procedures: None

Item #8

Correspondence: Item 8a was withdrawn prior to the meeting by Captain Robert Sapiro.

Item#9

Letters of Appreciation: Noted

Item #10

Other Scheduled Matters:

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

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

b-i: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the board voted to table this matter until next month's regular meeting.

b- ii and iii: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Castillo, the board unanimously **voted to approve the recommendations** of the City Traffic Engineer.

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On a motion made by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board voted to table the matter concerning the removal of a handicapped parking sign at 2400 Main Street and place it on the agenda for next month's regular meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Lyons and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

NO