

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

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

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

Item #1 Roll call of Commissioners:

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

Also present: Lieutenant Manuel Cotto, Sergeant Charles Paris, City Attorney Mark Anastasi, City Attorney Tamara Titre, Peter Keogh, and UB Intern Mathew Roach.

Item #2 a. The pledge of allegiance observed.

b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Officer Nicholas J. Damato who passed away on June 14, 2017.

Item #3 Minutes of Prior Meetings:

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

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

Item #4 Reports:

- a. **Chief:** The Chief was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Lieutenant O'Donnell reported the following to the board: Invitation to the board for the upcoming graduation of recruit class 38 on July 6, 2017, updated the board on the newly formed agreement with BHA to finance a community based police unit to patrol Trumbull Gardens and PTB Housing.
- b. **Union:** Sergeant Paris reported the following to the board: Contract meeting with the Mayor, three (3) traffic officers have been assigned, K9 openings, several grievances have been filed by the union, three union events have been scheduled: Union Picnic on July 29, Golf Tournament on September 25, and Car Show on September 17, 2017. Park patrol at Seaside and Beardsley Park on the weekends.
- c. **OIA:** Lieutenant Brian Dickerson provided the monthly report to the board members.

Executive Session:

Public Session:

- b. **Clerk:** Board updated with respect to upcoming meetings.
- c. **Board Committees:** None
- d. **Special Reports:** None

Item #5 **New Business**

On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded Commissioner Cuminotto, the board unanimously voted to place the following item on the agenda:

- a. **I move that this Board of Police Commissioners as the Traffic Authority for the City of Bridgeport take the following actions pursuant to its legal authority, including that granted it by State and local law, including but not limited to, Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-297 (6), 14-307 and 14-312; Bridgeport City Charter, Chapter 13, Section 6 and 7; and Bridgeport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10.04:**

Support, recommend, authorize, adopt, approve, empower, regulate, rule and/or direct; subject to Bridgeport City Council ratification, approval or other action, if and as legally necessary;

- **The permitted stay time limit for parking for all parking meters be amended to be established as four (4) hours, rather than the current two (2) hours.**
- **All parking meter fines be amended to be established as twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per violation, rather than the current forty dollars (\$40.00) per violation.**
- **A grace period of ten (10) minutes be established within which to make an initial payment for a metered parking space without incurring a parking violation, rather than the current five (5) minute grace period.**
- **A grace period of ten (10) minutes be established for a motor vehicle to remain parked in a metered space after the time paid for has expired without incurring a parking violation.**

- **To include “Appropriate Signage”.**
- **Enactment of the proposed amendments to Bridgeport Code to Ordinances, Title 10 – Vehicles and Traffic, Chapters 10.12 and 10.16 presently pending before the Bridgeport City Council and submitted herewith.**

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to place the following item on the agenda:

b. Widow’s Pension:

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Carmella Damato to receive a widow’s pension (Plan-A).

Item #6 Policies and Procedure’s:

- a. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unaniusly voted to approve item **6a-i**.
ii: On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Cuminotto, the board voted to approve item **6a-ii with modification to section B10 of the policy**.
Commissioner Farrow opposed the approval of item 6a-ii.

Item #7 Letters of Appreciation: Noted

Item #8 Other Scheduled Matters a:

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

Other Scheduled Matters b:

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

voted to **approve** the recommendations of the City Traffic Engineer.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at **8:44 P.M.**

**BOARD RECONVENUES AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE POLICE RELIEF FUND
“PLAN A” (8:45 P. M.)**

Roll call of the Officers for the Pension “A” Member:

Cruz, Roach, Farrow, Cuminotto, and Diaz

1. On a motion by Commissioner Cuminotto and seconded by Commissioner Farrow, the board unanimously voted to approve the request of Carmella Damato to receive a widow’s pension (Plan A) effective immediately.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Cuz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:46 P.M.

NO