

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

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This meeting was called to order at **6:09 PM**

1. Roll Call of Commissioners: Cruz, Williams, Lyons, Diaz, Farrow

Also in attendance: Lieutenant Stacey Lyons, Sergeant Joel Carlye, Councilmember Enida Martinez, Councilmember Matthew McCarthy

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – none (no flag on Zoom)
- b. A moment of silence was observed for retired Sergeant Gilbert Buster who passed away on January 21, 2024.
- c. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to approve item 1c.
- d. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to approve item 1d.

2. Reports:

- a. **Chief of Police** – Lieutenant Stacey Lyons addressed the Board on behalf of Chief Roderick Porter who could not attend the meeting. Lieutenant Lyons addressed the Board about the Red-Light Camera study that is ongoing.
- b. **Union** – None
- c. **Internal Affairs** – None
- d. **Clerks Report** –
 - i. On a motion from Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to agree with the recommendation from the City Attorney's Office and Chris Gachi at UBS on item 2di.
 - ii. Lieutenant Lyons presented to the Board a new City Tow application and process to join the Municipal Tow List. Lieutenant Lyons also presented a new application and process for renewing their spot on the Municipal Tow List each year. Commissioner Cruz asked for clarification on how this new information will reach tow companies. Lieutenant Lyons explained that the information will be

accessible on the City of Bridgeport website, the Permits Division will be responsible for distributing the applications, the traffic division will complete the inspections, and the Police Department will contact all current tow companies on the list to inform them of the changes that will take place immediately. Commissioner Williams asked how a tow company with multiple sites will be handled in the new tow process and Commissioner Cruz also stated a concern about those companies paying one fee for all the sites to be included. Lieutenant Lyons explained that if a company with multiple sites will only have their company on the list one time, unless they paid for more than one location to be on the list to ensure fairness for all companies.

- iii. A second step hearing was scheduled for March 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM and then another one on April 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

3. **New Business:**

- a. Councilmembers were not available to address the Board at this time.
- b. Allison Kovac did not attend this meeting.

4. **Old Business:** None

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Letter of Appreciation:**

- a. Noted

7. **Widows Pension:** None

8. **City Engineer's Recommendation:**

a. **Request of the City Engineer's Office to Approve the Following:**

i, iii, iv, vi, viii. On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items i, iii, iv, vi, viii.

ii. Commissioner Williams expressed concern about the handwriting on the application and landlord letter being similar. Commissioner Cruz, Commissioner Lyons and Commissioner Diaz agreed with the concerns of Commissioner Williams.

v. Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Lyons expressed concerns about how many no parking signs were being requested for this area. After viewing a map of this area and a brief discussion, the Commissioners decided they would like to speak to Councilmember McCarthy regarding this request.

vii, ix. Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Williams expressed concern that the handicapped signs in these locations are on the same street may have recently been approved by the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams the Board unanimously voted to combine and table items ii, v, vii, ix.

b. Request of the city Engineer's Office Not to Approve the Following:

- i. The Commissioners expressed concerns on how many handicapped signs are currently available at this location and would like to research it more. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the Board unanimously voted to table item i.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at **7:04 PM**

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