

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2010
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman; Evelise Ribeiro; Sandra Trevino; Theodore Brooks; and Richard Buckholz

Chief Frank Limon: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

Bruce Fisher: Department of Traffic and Parking

Robert Smuts: CAO Mayor's Office

OPEN SESSION

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, Mr. Fischer excused himself at 6:31 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2010

**** Commissioner Ribeiro moved approval of the minutes of September 14, 2010**
**** Commissioner Buckholz seconded**
**** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
**** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

**** Commissioner Buckholz moved to amend a typographical error in the minutes of September 14, 2010**
**** Commissioner Brooks seconded**
**** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
**** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

Correction: Under "other business" change "Barrow" to "Barros."

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Frank Limon

Chief Limon distributed copies of his monthly report and the following matters were highlighted:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The Chief spoke at a Domestic Violence Awareness press conference
- The Chief attended the Domestic Violence Sound of Hope Presentation
- Yale-New Haven Hospital – the Chief met with the director of security at the hospital and walked through the facility
- Citizen's Police Academy – Chief Limon attended the first day and welcomed the new class
- Blue Mass at St. Francis – Chief Limon attended the 9/11 mass
- Operation Nightlife – Chief Limon and the three Assistant Chiefs were out each weekend for this detail. Commissioner Epstein attended the first night

CRIME UPDATE

- Arrests were made in the incident downtown in the officer-involved shooting
- The most recent homicide is progressing well with the cooperation of the community

TRAINING

- Chief Limon and Assistant Chief Wheeler attended the Major City Chief's Conference in Rhode Island.
- Chief Limon met with the Head of the DOJ Civil Rights Division, Thomas Perez
- Chief Limon and the Assistant Chiefs attended a Community Mediation training program
- In-service training began last week and will continue until Thanksgiving and will resume again in January
- Assistant Chief Hensgen is attending Executive Leadership training at Roger Williams University
- Chief Limon attended the graduation of three officers at POST this month

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The DOJ audit was rescheduled to the end of October
- Chief Limon and Assistant Chief Wheeler will attend the IACP conference in Orlando, FL, on 10/25/10 and 10/26/10

MISCELLANEOUS

- Chief Limon continues to meet with Local 530 twice a month
- The use-of-force report is going to be automated, and the Department will be able to analyze data more efficiently
- The Chief reported on the Department's response to the recent flooding situation
- Additional training will be provided in November to the detectives in the Department

Following the Chief's report a question-and-answer period ensued with the Commissioners. Commissioner Buckholz requested a report on cold case files following the audit in progress.

Commissioner Epstein requested the 9-month crime stats and an overview of the recent incident at Yale and the progress of the investigation.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Michael Wolak, Esq.
Robert Smuts - CAO

Attorney Wolak reported on the General Orders and said there are ongoing negotiations between the Union and Craig Manemeit.

CAO Smuts reported that the Union feels there are some items yet to be negotiated. The goal is to have the bulk of the orders in place within the next couple of weeks.

Chief Limon said there are some orders which will be held back to discuss with labor and the balance of the orders will be implemented as planned.

Further report of counsel was deferred to Executive Session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Captain Denise Blanchard

Deferred to Executive Session.

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements

RESIGNATIONS

Officer Marquis Morrison, eff. 9/2/10

Informational only.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Graves

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Ribeiro

Commissioner Ribeiro spoke with Michael Piaseki, supervisor and acting chief fiscal officer, regarding the overall budget. Of greatest concern is the overtime budget, vehicle repairs costs and gasoline costs. Tighter controls will be put in place for monitoring overtime. There will be a report on forfeiture of funds next month.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Ribeiro

The CRB will meet on October 14, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Request for Reimbursement: Ofc. Tyren Robinson, \$50, deductible for damaged cell phone
- ** **Commissioner Buckholz moved approval**
- ** **Commissioner Brooks seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

POLICE OFFICER SELECTION PROCESS

Kathleen Foster, Assistant Corporation Counsel
 Noellia Marcano, City of New Haven Human Resources, Personnel Director
 Robert Smuts – CAO City of New Haven

Extensive discussion was had regarding the request of the Commission to have a more active role in the police officer selection process. A subcommittee will be established and will include Commissioners Brooks and Buckholz.

- The next Regular Session Meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 6 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** **Commissioner Brooks moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel**
- ** **Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

- ** **Commissioner Ribeiro moved to exit Executive Session**
- ** **Commissioner Buckholz seconded**
- ** **Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
- ** **Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** Commissioner Buckholz moved adjournment**
- ** Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**
- ** Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Ribeiro, Trevino, Brooks and Buckholz**
- ** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill