

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
June 8, 2010
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman;
Sandra Trevino; Richard Buckholz; Cathy Graves; and Evelise Ribeiro

Chief Frank Limon: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Tobin Hensgen: Department of Police Services
Assistant Chief Ariel Melendez: Department of Police Services

Michael Wolak: Corporation Counsel

Bruce Fisher: Department of Traffic and Parking
Mike Piscitelli: Department of Traffic and Parking

OPEN SESSION

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, as well as an introduction to the Board of Mr. Paul Hammer, who anticipates beginning a Pedal Cab business in the city, Messrs. Fischer and Piscitelli excused themselves at 6:44 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of May 11, 2010

- ** **Commissioner Graves moved approval of the minutes of May 11, 2010**
- Commissioner Trevino seconded**
- Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Graves and Ribeiro**
- Abstention: Commissioner Buckholz**
- ** **Motion passed (4-0-1)**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Frank Limon

Chief Limon introduced newly selected Assistant Chiefs of Police Melendez and Hensgen. The assistant chiefs introduced themselves and explained a little bit of their background to the Board. In addition, Assistant Chief Tom Wheeler was not present for this meeting.

Chief Limon recited the comparative crime statistics for the month of May as compared to a similar period in 2009. He will e-mail hard copies to the Board.

There was an ATF roundup on June 8, 2010, with the New Haven Police Department, US marshals and state parole division as a result of a 6-month investigation involving NHPD and

ATF targeting violent felons in various neighborhoods. Nineteen guns were recovered, a large amount of narcotics and 27 arrests resulted. Fifteen arrest warrants are outstanding.

Chief Limon attended a 2-day conference in Rhode Island. The Chief felt the conference was very beneficial insofar as meeting several contact persons who have offered assistance in various areas of police work. Additionally, the Chief has received an invitation from the U.S. Attorney's office to attend a Project Safe Neighborhood conference in New Orleans.

Service training is ongoing. Each active officer is required to complete 60 hours of in-service training within a 3-year time frame.

Regarding community policing, the Department is exploring the idea of developing a program to educate the community on the roles of police officers and detectives and policing procedures.

Regarding technology, the goal is to use technology as a tool to improve everyday operations. Chief Limon is interested in discussing cooperation between the Traffic Authority and the police department in the use of the traffic video cameras in solving crimes.

Assistant Chief Hensgen recently built a relational database on all homicides and shootings to begin looking at and analyzing shootings.

Assistant Chief Melendez said that the Department is looking for federal funding for motor vehicle enforcement. Recently the Department has been doing the click-it-or-ticket enforcement.

CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT

Michael Wolak, Esq.

Deferred to Executive Session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Captain Denise Blanchard

Deferred to Executive Session.

RETIREMENTS

There were no retirements.

RESIGNATIONS

Police Records Clerk Yimfong Russo, eff. 5/7/10

Informational only.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT**Commissioner Graves**

There was no Efficiency Committee Report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**Commissioner Ribeiro**

There was no Finance Committee Report.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD LIAISON REPORT**Commissioner Ribeiro**

The CRB is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** Commissioner Graves moved to enter Executive Session to discuss internal affairs and employment matters**

**** Commissioner Buckholz seconded**

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Buckholz, Graves and Ribeiro

**** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

**** Commissioner Graves moved to exit Executive Session**

**** Commissioner Trevino seconded**

Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Buckholz, Graves and Ribeiro

**** Motion passed (5-0-0)**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill