

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
**May 11, 2010**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard Epstein, Chairman;  
Sandra Trevino; Theodore Brooks; Cathy Graves; and Evelise Ribeiro  
(6:30 p.m.)

Chief Frank Limon: 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 6:09 p.m., Richard Epstein, Chairman, presiding.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY**

Mr. Piscitelli stated that he will report on the locations of the new traffic signals at the June 2010 meeting.

Following the regular meeting of the Traffic Authority, Messrs. Fischer and Piscitelli excused themselves at 6:23 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Discussion and Approval of Regular Session Minutes of April 20, 2010

**\*\* Commissioner Brooks moved approval of the minutes of April 20, 2010**

**Commissioner Trevino seconded**

**Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Brooks and Graves**

**\*\* Motion passed (4-0-0)**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief Frank Limon**

Chief Limon recounted the crime statistics as compared to a similar period in 2009. He will distribute hard copies to the Board via e-mail.

The following are the highlights of the Chief's report regarding continuing efforts to address New Haven's crime issues:

- A parolee roundup will take place week ending May 14, 2010
- Sexual compliance checks will be done on registered sex offenders
- The Street Interdiction Unit will be reconstituted, consisting of two sergeants and 12

officers. They will address the greater demand for police services, freeing up officers on patrol

- Members of the public can register with Nixle.com for up-to-date notification of serious issues that may affect specific areas of the city. Notifications will be in the form of real-time e-mail, text message or calling cell phones with community alerts that are both proximate and personally relevant, including notices of substation meetings

Three recruits began training on April 16, 2010. The new recruit class has been delayed until June 2011. Recruitment timetable will be as follows:

- Applications will be available over the city website starting mid- to late August
- Applications will be accepted from September 13 through October 4, 2010
- Completed applications will be submitted to the NHPD during posting period
- The list will be certified by January 2011
- The class will begin June 2011

Testing updates are ongoing for the 911 dispatchers and lead operator. There is a 911 deputy director public safety communication position open.

In-service training for firearm qualification is ongoing, as well as for suicide intervention, ethics, legal updates and several other topics mandated by POST. Chief Limon will attend a training seminar in June 2010 called Using Predictive Analysis to Prevent and Control Crime sponsored and funded by the National Institute of Justice.

The Pakistani-American Association of Connecticut and the Pakistani-American Public Affairs Committee are hosting a town hall meeting of the Pakistani-American community in Connecticut with law enforcement agencies, state leadership, federal leadership and media. The focus of the meeting is to improve relations between law enforcement and the Pakistani community. The FBI and Chiefs of police from Hartford, East Hartford, Glastonbury, Avon, Stamford, Bridgeport, Norwalk, Windsor, Manchester, Vernon, New Haven and West Haven, have been invited to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010, Ramada Inn in Stratford, Connecticut.

The overall budget is awaiting approval by the Board of Aldermen. The use of overtime is an ongoing concern.

### **CORPORATION COUNSEL REPORT**

**Michael Wolak, Esq.**

Deferred to Executive Session.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

**Sergeant Robin Higgins**

Deferred to Executive Session.

### **RETIREMENTS**

There were no retirements.

## **RESIGNATIONS**

There were no resignations.

## **EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Commissioner Graves**

- Commissioner Graves reported renovations will begin on the men's locker room on May 17, 2010
- The annual uniform inspection was completed the previous week
- Three patrol dogs have recently graduated.

## **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, May 13, 2010.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Officer Frank Lombardi, Vice-president Local 530, Council 15**

#### **Vincent DeLaura**

- Discussion of Towing Companies  
Commissioner Graves had previously asked for a report regarding towing policies in the City of New Haven. Commissioner Graves inquired about proof of insurance and a list of approved towers in the city.

Officer Lombardi said the city is allowed to have ten tow companies; there are currently nine participating. Annual inspections are done in March of each year. The inspections are on file for each company, and Officer Lombardi does the reviews and inspections. Additionally, there are a number of state regulations required to obtain a wrecker license plate. Officer Lombardi gave a comprehensive overview of the City's policies and procedures regarding tow companies and tow fees. The current fee policy was previously negotiated with the Board of Aldermen so that a ticketed tow is \$77 and a non-ticketed tow is \$88.

Mr. DeLaura is the owner of Columbus Auto Body, Columbus Avenue, in New Haven. He related his experiences as a tow service provider and feels the system works well and the tow companies are accountable for their actions. He monitors his trucks via a computerized tracking system. There has been some recent dispute with the City regarding tow rates for non-ticketed tows, and this will be addressed with the Board of Aldermen.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**\*\* Commissioner Ribeiro seconded**

**Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Brooks, Graves and Ribeiro**

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

**The Board entered Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.**

**\*\* Commissioner Brooks moved to exit Executive Session**

**\*\* Commissioner Trevino seconded**

**Voting for: Commissioners Epstein, Trevino, Graves, Ribeiro and Brooks**

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

**The Board exited Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned the Regular Session Meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Neill