

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010  
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM – POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Acting Chair Faruolo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami; Melvin Eisenhandler; Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe; Sharon Marrone; Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Carleton Giles

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Fournier; P. Vetro, Board of Aldermen; D. Candido, Secty.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS - none**

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ald. J. Patterson spoke on behalf of the Milford Lions Club and stated he was pleased to present the Lions Club annual check and donation of \$500 to be used wherever Chief Mello sees fit.

Chief Mello thanked Ald. Patterson and noted acceptance of this item will be placed on next month's agenda at which time he will have a recommendation of where the donation should be applied.

Ald. F. Goodrich was present and directed comments to article in newspaper regarding fees for parking at city beaches. He explained the proposal to raise the parking fines at the beaches which currently is \$10, different parking lay-outs, and additions of handicap parking at Gulf Beach.

Chief Mello noted there are fines in place but they are so low that people choose to park illegally and risk being ticketed noting that the ticket is less than the parking fee for out of town guests. He suggested a meeting with Parks, Beach & Recreation Commission to discuss this further.

Ald. Vetro took the opportunity to congratulate the department for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graduating class of the Citizens Academy. He also thanked Sgt. Sharoh for his investigation into the Lawrence Avenue line of site issue and his subsequent determination of the fence on the property being in the line of site and in violation, along with a tree. Further he noted the residents of Watrous Lane were surveyed by Sgt., Sharoh regarding what their preferences might be for parking near the field in that area. Ald. Vetro stated Sgt. Sharoh also took the time to notify the neighbors of the results of that survey.

Chief Mello thanked Ald. Vetro for his attendance not only at the Commission meetings but his support and attendance whenever he is extended an invitation to Police Dept. events.

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Chief Mello also congratulated Comm. Faruolo who was one of the graduates of this year's Citizens Academy.

Going back to comments made by Ald. Goodrich, Chief Mello explained that an increase in fines (parking violation at city beaches) must be approved by the Board of Aldermen. However, if this Commission decides to change the categories of the fines, that can be done at this level. He added he has suggested an increase in each of the categories in the past but unfortunately that has not happened.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

Dr. Klimowicz, Medical Director, Bridges – passed on her appreciation for the respectful and prompt handling of a situation by one of the Department's officers who was called to the office to deal with one of the clients.

M. Cummings, Asst. Supt. of Milford Public Schools – thanked Capt. Mooney for her attendance at a recent meeting with students and noted that her input is much appreciated.

Chief Mello explained that Capt. Mooney represented the Department adding the Police Dept. was one of the few government departments present at this particular meeting.

C. Jagodinzski – 27 Berkley Terr. – thanked Officer Robbins for the way he handled a minor motor vehicle accident which she was recently involved in. She noted Officer Robbins remained patient, caring and courteous and kept the situation calm.

B. Herron, 20 Deerfield Ave. – parent of two teenagers who were killed in automobile accident and wrote to thank Sgt. Sharoh whose presence honored her children on the day they were put to rest.

P. James – expressed appreciation for finding her lost key.

Chief Mello explained the key was found in the Parsons Parking area following the St. Patrick's Day Parade and he decided to drive through the lot and push the unlock button which helped him locate the car. He then left a note on the car that the keys could be picked up at headquarters.

Gilbert Police Dept. – Gilbert, Arizona – acknowledged the support of the Department during recent funeral here in Milford of former Gilbert Police Dept. staff member.

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**6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

a. Donation of \$50 from Brett Kippur – Chief asked that the donation from Mr. Kippur be placed in the DARE Donation account.

It was moved by Comm. Eisenhandler and seconded By Comm. Wanosky to accept the \$50 donation from Brett Kippur and apply it to the DARE Donation account as recommended by Chief Mello. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consideration of Accident Free Mileage Awards – Chief Mello recommended Officer Simpson and Taylor be awarded mileage awards according the Department's criteria.

**7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS**

It was moved by Comm. Bergami and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the following reports on Planning and Zoning Requests:

- a. West River Estates – re-subdivision of lots 1-3
- b. Ritchie Farms – 1 69 Oronoque Road

Motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

- a. Uniform Crime Report
- b. Youth Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Services Report
- d. Detective Bureau Cases Report
- e. General Highway Safety Summary

Acting Chair Faruolo noted these reports were included in the Commissioners packets.

It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to accept reports A through E as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**10. NEW BUSINESS - none**

**11. COMMENDATIONS**

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It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to delete item 11 a. under Commendations and to add to item 11 b, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Citation. Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Fournier shared the following with the Commissioners:

Unit Citation recommended for recognition for commendable service – Officer Lima, K-9 Judge, Officer Weymer, Officer Salati, Sgt. Vitti, Officer Platek (Orange Police Dept.) Detective Sgt. Rahn, Detective Bassett. He explained a shoplifting incident at the Westfield Mall, individual fled the scene into Orange; however, the fine police work of the officers resulted in 6 total arrests, \$585 dollars in recovered stolen merchandise, the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle and the seizure of narcotics and paraphernalia.

Unit Citation recommended for recognition for commendable service – Officer McMahon, Officer Cacchillo, Officer Kranyak, Officer Lennon, Officer Kosh, K-9 Maximus (Orange Police Dept.) and Officer Marschner. He explained officers were dispatched to a Milford residence when a hostage situation was reported.

Certificate of Commendation for Officer J. Salas who made a motor vehicle stop; the operator of the vehicle informed Officer Salas that he had a valid permit and gun in vehicle. Officer Salas took control of the weapon and convinced the operator to place the gun in trunk. When Officer Salas opened the trunk, he found and seized 37 pounds of marijuana.

**12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND HEALTH OR DISMISSAL OF DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

It was moved by seconded by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe to delete Executive Session item 11 a Probationary Reviews and to add to the agenda Executive Session item 12 e. Consideration of Grievance #1 -2010. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to adjourn to Executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss

- b. Consideration of the performance of one (1) employee
- c. Grievance #3 – 2010 at step #3
- d. Consideration of Police Commissioner awards
- e. Grievance #1 - 2010

Motion carried unanimously.

In attendance in executive session were the Commissioners, Chief Mello and Deputy Chief Fournier.

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[All members of the public left at 7:20 p.m.]

Deputy Chief Fournier left executive session at 7:58 p.m.

Acting Chair Faruolo reconvened the meeting in public session at 8:15 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Marrone and seconded by Vice Chrmn. Jagoe to uphold the Chief's recommendation regarding the following:

- b. Consideration of the performance of one (1) employee
- c. Grievance #3 – 2010 at step #3
- d. Consideration of Police Commissioner awards
- e. Grievance #1 - 2010

It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Eisenhandler to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Candido, Secretary