

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
STAFF CONFERENCE ROOM, POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

Vice Chrmn. Bergami called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sam Bergami, Carol Faruolo, Alberta Jagoe, Sharon Marrone, David Rubenstein, Jerold Wanosky

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT: Richard Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Mello; Deputy Chief Rahn; Ald. Vetro, E. Mead, P & Z Liaison, D. Candido, Secty.

A quorum was present to conduct the business of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to amend the agenda to include 6b. \$1,000 Donation to DARE Program. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS – none

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ald. Vetro – commended Chief Mello on the successful awards dinner.

Chief Mello thanked Ald. Vetro for his comments and took the opportunity to acknowledge Lt. Weymer and the other staff members who organized the event.

- Barbara Carissimi – pleased to have been able to attend the awards dinner, adding she was impressed by the wonderful stories shared.
- Sue Jerue – echoed the compliments shared regarding the awards dinner adding she was happy to be able to sit with the officers and share in their celebration. She also took the opportunity to acknowledge the AAA Award recently given to Barbara and John Carissimi.
- Ed Mead – took the opportunity to extend happy holiday wishes to everyone present adding he is hopeful to be reappointed as the P & Z Liaison to the Police Commission.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was moved by Comm. Rubinstein and seconded by Comm. Marrone to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Mello shared the following correspondence:

- Mary Sherman – thankful for the commemorative badge presented to the Sherman family in honor of her husband.
- Mayor Blake – thanked Chief for the honor of having the officers serve as escort at the recent Mayoral Inauguration.

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- Resident – expressed appreciation for the assistance of the police officers who helped him on 11/4/15 when he was trapped under his truck. He stated the officers were courteous and helpful and calmed him during the episode.

Chief Mello acknowledged Officers Bova and Magnan for their assistance in this matter.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF CHIEF ON MATTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

a. Chief's General comments - Chief Mello thanked those individuals who will be serving on the Police Department Building Committee adding this is an important matter for the entire community adding he looks forward to working with the committee.

b. 6b. \$1,000 Donation to DARE Program – Chief Mello stated as he has explained in the past, the DARE account is underfunded and the program could not continue without such donations as this one made by Vice Chrmn. Bergami.

It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to gratefully accept the \$1,000 donation to the DARE Program from Vice Chrmn. Bergami. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORT ON PLANNING AND ZONING REQUESTS

a. 214-224 Seaside Avenue – Addendums to original report of 11/3/15 – It was moved by Comm. Wanosky and seconded by Comm. Rubenstein to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding 214-224 Seaside Avenue – Addendums to original report of 11/3/15.

Comm. Faruolo questioned the proximity of the proposed building to the neighbors.

Chief Mello explained he could not address that as it is not under the department's purview.

Comm. Jagoe referred to the issue noted regarding the inability for garbage trucks to service the addresses and she addressed the matter of high traffic volume in that area in general.

Chief Mello explained the responsibility of the Traffic Division is to look at site lines and accident history which have been looked at relative to this address.

Comm. Jagoe referred to an aldermanic meeting at which time they approved an ordinance which allowed the city to hire a traffic consultant to address such issues.

Mr. Mead took the opportunity to explain P & Z had used the service of a traffic consultant on a project on New Haven Avenue.

Comm. Jagoe suggested amending the original motion to include recommending P & Z consider the service of a traffic consultant regarding this request.

Comm. Wanosky and Comm. Rubenstein amended their original motion to accept Traffic Division recommendation regarding 214-224 Seaside Avenue – Addendums to original report of 11/3/15 and recommend P & Z consider the service of a traffic consultant regarding this request. Motion carried unanimously on the amended motion.

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8. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

It was moved by Comm. Jagoe and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the following reports:

- a. Special Investigations Unit Report
- b. Detective Bureau Report
- c. Crime Prevention Unit Report
- d. Traffic Division and Licensing Unit Report

Motion carried unanimously.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for 2 handicap spaces – Tri-Beach Rec Center – Hillside Ave. - It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Faruolo to approve the request for 2 handicap spaces at Tri-Beach Rec Center – Hillside Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

11. COMMENDATIONS – none

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration of Report of Chief of Police on matters concerning the Appointment, Employment, Performance, Evaluation, Health, or Dismissal of Department Employees.

It was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Jagoe to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the following matter:

- 1. Consideration of the performance of one employee.

Chief Mello, Deputy Chief Rahn and the commissioners present were included in Executive Session.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to reconvene in public session at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Comm. Rubenstein and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to uphold the Chief's discipline as discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Comm. Faruolo and seconded by Comm. Wanosky to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido

Submitted to City Clerk, December 15, 2015