

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

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This meeting was called to order at **6:04 PM**.

1. Roll Call of Commissioners: Diaz, Williams, Cruz, Farrow, Lyons, Roach

Also in attendance: Lieutenant Stacey Lyons (Administrative Lieutenant), Councilmember Enida Martinez, Delores Burrell

- a. Pledge of Allegiance – none (no flag on Zoom)
- b. On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Cruz, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 1b.

2. Reports:

- a. **Chief of Police:** None
- b. **Union:** None
- c. **Internal Affairs:** None
- d. **Clerks Report:**
 - i. Lieutenant Lyons addressed the board about scheduling (1) Barros Hearing. The board voted to schedule the Barros Hearing on September 18, 2024.

3. New Business:

- a. Councilmember Enida Martinez addressed the Board regarding tractor trailer parking. Martinez stated her concern with the number of tractor trailers on residential and state roads. Martinez believes that ticketing the tractor trailers is critical as she observed a child under a tractor trailer with his bike. Martinez expresses her fear that a child will be hit by a tractor trailer and how they are parked on the side streets. Commissioner Cruz asked if Councilmember Martinez believes that the tractor trailer drivers live in the area, to which she stated no, she did not believe so. Martinez stated that he spoke to a driver who stated that he lives in Rhode Island and gets picked up by his significant other. The driver stated that he parks on the East End because of where his stops are at the end of the day. Martinez stated that she believes the trailers are parked there because the drivers know they will not be ticketed or towed. Commissioner Cruz asked about why the trailers are not parked at their business. Commissioner Williams explains that most of those

trailers are for long hauls and the drivers can take the trucks with them or they are owner-operated. Commissioner Williams stated that in the North end, the drivers park and walk to their nearby homes. Councilmember Martinez stated that Bruce Blvd. has multiple trailers parked on it despite it being a residential area. Martinez stated that she is also concerned with the tractor trailers blocking the line of view for traffic and blocking business entrances. Commissioner Williams suggests that pictures be taken for the police department as proof that these trailers are parked there. Commissioner Farrow suggests that he and Martinez should meet with the Chief to determine if the ordinances are not being enforced or if a new ordinance needs to be written. Commissioner Farrow stated that this has been a conversation for a long time and that clarification is necessary since talking about it is not solving the problem. Commissioner Lyons stated that it is not just the tractors, but the boxes are being taken off and left on the side of the street. Commissioner Lyons expressed concern that when it snows the roads will not be passable due to the tractors and boxes being on the road. Commissioner Lyons mentioned 7 acres of land being up for lease by where the Bridgeport Machines used to be and suggests that the city use this land to have residents park their tractor trailers in. Commissioner Farrow requests Councilmember Martinez address this issue with the City Council as well. Martinez stated that she has been in contact with the Chief but has not heard anything back yet. Martinez stated she is the chair of ordinances and that the Council is attempting to make changes to the city ordinance(s) to assist in the matter. Martinez stated that the police must enforce the ordinances that are in place currently and in the future. Commissioner Farrow states that the city must be creative with this situation to solve the problem. Commissioner Cruz believes that pictures being taken will help with enforcement as well.

4. Old Business:

- a. At the request of Lieutenant Lyons, on a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board unanimously voted to table item 4a.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Letters of Appreciation: None

7. Widows Pension: None

8. City Traffic Engineer's Request:

a. Request of the City Traffic Engineer's Office to Approve the Following:

i-v On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Lyons the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items 8ai-v.

b. Request of the City Traffic Engineer's Office Not to Approve the Following:

i-ii On a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the Board unanimously voted to combine and approve items 8bi=ii

iii After a brief discussion between Commissioners on the amount of congestion in the area, on a motion by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Diaz the Board unanimously voted not to approve item 8aiii.

A brief discussion to add to the agenda the request for an installation of a handicap sign at 77 Elmwood Place which has been waiting for a decision since May, 2022. Lieutenant Lyons stated that it was not added to the agenda due to the handicap placard being expired.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board unanimously voted to add item to the agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Lyons, the Board voted unanimously to table this item.

Adjournment: On a motion by Commissioner Diaz and seconded by Commissioner Williams the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at **6:48 PM**

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