

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2024 6:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Rory Ghio
Commissioner Dean Kilbourne
Commissioner Paul Lemieux
Commissioner Terry Lewis
Commissioner Gloria Sapp-Smith
Council Member Sue Tyler
Jon Mace, Board of Finance Liaison

ABSENT:

Mayor Jeff Caggiano, Chairperson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Lafreniere, 85 View Street, expressed concern over dogs at 91 View Street. Mr. Lafreniere has also contacted the Mayor and Animal Control.

Jane Murdock, 400 Shrub Road, thanked the Traffic Division for stopping speeding cars on her street and installing new signage.

Wally Frechette, 355 Hill Street, expressed concern about the parking issues at Rich Farms.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sapp-Smith moved to APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2024 REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

A discussion was held.

Commissioner Sapp-Smith amended her motion TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2024 REGULAR POLICE BOARD MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO COMMISSIONER LEMIEUX FROM PRESENT TO ABSENT, Seconded by Commissioner Ghio.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Ghio moved TO MOVE ITEM #11 UP ON THE AGENDA, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

5. TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW POLICE CHIEF AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY.

At 6:17 p.m., Commissioner Ghio moved to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss THE TEST RESULTS OF THE POLICE CHIEF CANDIDATE MARK MORELLO AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Present to discuss test results of the Police Chief Candidate Mark Morello: Council Member Tyler; Commissioners Ghio, Kilbourne, Lemieux, Lewis, and Sapp-Smith

NO VOTES WERE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 6:46 p.m., Commissioner Ghio moved to RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Ghio MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS PROMOTE AND APPOINT MARK R. MORELLO TO THE CHIEF OF THE BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

Commissioner Ghio moved THAT THIS PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENT BE RECOMMENDED AND REFERRED TO THE BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL FOR ITS APPROVAL, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

Discussion: Commissioner Kilbourne expressed that the Commission is very unhappy with the process and how the process played out. The Commission asked to keep them up-to-date with the process, which didn't happen. Commissioner Lemieux, Ghio, and Lewis all concurred with Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

6. REPORTS OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE

Commissioner Lemieux moved to APPROVE THE REPORT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR TO DATE AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

7. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS A-O AND PLACE ON FILE, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Interim Chief Morello reviewed some correspondence from the public complimenting our officers.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BPD MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Informational purposes only.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Interim Chief Morello

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to FORWARD THE FLOCK CONTRACT TO CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR REVIEW, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

10.2 Police Commissioners

No old business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Interim Chief Morello

1. Request for Retirement

Commissioner Ghio moved to ACCEPT THE VESTED RETIREMENT OF OFFICER JASON KASPARIAN EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2024, AND FORWARD TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD, Seconded by Commissioner Kilbourne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

2. Traffic Division Stop Sign Request

Commissioner Sapp-Smith moved to INSTALL A STOP SIGN FOR CARLETON PLACE TO PROTECT GOODWIN STREET, Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

11.2 Police Commissioners

No old business.

12. TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY.

At 7:03 p.m., Commissioner Ghio moved TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Present to interview candidates: Council Member Tyler; Commissioner Ghio, Kilbourne, Lemieux, Lewis, and Sapp-Smith.

No votes were taken in the Executive Session.

13. TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION AND TO TAKE ANY ACTION AS NECESSARY.

At 8:22 p.m., Commissioner Kilbourne moved to RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Kilbourne moved to OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO CANDIDATES #7 AND 11 FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2023 ENTRY ELIGIBILITY LIST, Seconded by Commissioner Sapp-Smith.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Commissioner Ghio moved to REMOVE CANDIDATES #2, 4, 8, 9, 12, AND 15 FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2023 ENTRY ELIGIBILITY LIST, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ghio moved to ADJOURN, Seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners called for the 18th day of June 2024 was HEREBY ADJOURNED AT 8:24 p.m.

Lisa Ziogas
Recording Secretary