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CITY OF NEW HAVEN

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024
6:02 p.m.

HELD VIA: ZOOM

Present:

Commissioner Evelise Ribeiro, Chair
Commissioner Donald Walker, Vice Chair
Commissioner Darrell Brooks
Commissioner Isaias Miranda
Commissioner Michael Lawlor
Commissioner Tracey Meares

Asia Johnson-Clark, Administrative Assistant

Debra Chasse, Court Reporter, CSR No. 00055

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: It is 6:02
2 p.m. and I'll call the traffic authority meeting to
3 order. Mr. Fischer, very nice to see you. I'll
4 entertain a motion for approval of the agenda for the
5 traffic authority.

6 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I move we
7 approve the agenda for tonight's meeting, Madam Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I second that,
9 Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion was
11 made by Commissioner Lawlor and seconded by
12 Commissioner Brooks to approve the agenda. Any
13 discussion?

14 Commissioner Lawlor, how do you
15 vote?

16 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
18 Brooks?

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
21 Meares?

22 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: For the
24 record, in attendance is myself, Commissioner Ribeiro,
25 Commissioner Meares, Commissioner Lawlor, and

1 Commissioner Brooks. Commissioners Walker and Miranda
2 should hopefully be joining us later this evening.

3 Moving on, we'll entertain motions
4 for approval of the regular minutes meeting -- regular
5 meeting minutes of July 9, 2024.

6 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I'll move we
7 approve the minutes for the regular meeting.

8 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second, Madam
9 Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
11 motion by Commissioner Lawlor and seconded by
12 Commissioner Brooks to approve the minutes of July 9,
13 2024. Any discussion? Commissioner Lawlor, how do you
14 vote?

15 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
17 Brooks?

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
20 Meares?

21 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: And I am a
23 yes, as well.

24 We'll move on to the action items.
25 Mr. Fischer?

1 MR. FISCHER: Good evening. Item
2 No. 1 is a request of Alder Rodriguez from Ward 6 for
3 establishing residential parking regulation on both
4 sides of Washington Avenue from Liberty Street to
5 Lafayette Street and also on the south side of Prince
6 Street from Lafayette Street to Gold Street. I'd like
7 to mention that Alder Rodriguez is in attendance. Is
8 anyone going to be able to put up the --

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have an
10 item 1. Is there a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I think Mr.
12 Fischer was wondering if someone could share a screen
13 on Zoom to put up whatever? What are you wondering?

14 MR. FISCHER: There's a drawing.
15 I'm wondering if you can put that up.

16 MS. JOHNSON-CLARK: It should be in
17 the e-mail with you and the commissioners on the 9th.
18 It should say August items.

19 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I have it.
20 I'll share it.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I have it up,
22 if you give me sharing. I'll bring it up, if you still
23 can't find it.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: Go ahead.
25 I just made you host.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Can you see
2 the screen?

3 MR. FISCHER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I think it's
5 the third page.

6 MR. FISCHER: That's it right there.
7 So we're looking at the request for -- the uppermost
8 one is Washington Avenue. We're looking at it and that
9 would be the location from Liberty to Lafayette, and
10 the lower one is the south side of Prince Street. We
11 had requests because these streets are heavily parked
12 by persons working at Yale-New Haven Hospital. There's
13 not as much opportunity for the residents that live in
14 the buildings with sort of -- there's a lot of new
15 residents in this area, and the people who live in
16 those areas don't get an opportunity to use the parking
17 on the streets. So the Alder has asked the board to
18 declare these streets as part of the zone 14 and that
19 was last meeting, and now we've come to you to make
20 this a regulation so it can become part of zone 14.

21 They are metered spaces. So the way
22 this would work is that they would stay metered spaces
23 and that people who park during the times that these
24 are metered, which is 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through
25 Saturday, people who want to have the opportunity to

1 pay without a permit, people who have the permit can
2 park there free during those times, and they can park
3 there all day, all night with a permit.

4 So we're asking for you to give
5 regulation for people who live there and park without
6 having to pay at the meters. Basically that's the
7 situation in the metered areas.

8 COMMISSIONER MEARES: So I
9 understand the nature of the problem and I understand
10 and maybe the Alder there can answer this as well. I
11 understand that this solution helps some of the people
12 who live there who obviously should have an opportunity
13 to park in the place that they live, but the people who
14 work there still need somewhere to park, so how are we
15 solving that problem?

16 MR. FISCHER: The Yale employees
17 have a lot of opportunity to park at offsite spaces.
18 These spaces are more convenient, in some cases, than
19 the places they might have to park. There are spaces
20 along frontage Road and they have parking. There are
21 ample places for the people who work at Yale-New Haven
22 Hospital and other transportation alternatives, but
23 they choose to park on these streets because they're
24 convenient.

25 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Okay.

1 MR. FISCHER: And, also, one of the
2 other things that's going on here, and this is a
3 citywide zoning issue, where these new buildings are
4 providing parking but they're charging for it.

5 COMMISSIONER MEARES: By these
6 buildings, do you mean like this luxury furnished
7 apartment by Hiatus, whoever they are.

8 MR. FISCHER: They're charging for
9 off-street parking. They're providing some parking,
10 but they're charging for it. And some of the people
11 who live in these buildings cannot necessarily afford
12 the parking, and some of the people who work at Yale or
13 other places nearby are taking rental spaces, and so
14 there's a need for parking for the people who live in
15 these new apartments, some of which are below market
16 rate, and they're the ones that are in a pinch for
17 parking.

18 COMMISSIONER MEARES: So I have a
19 follow-up question. It sounds like you said anybody
20 who lives there can apply for one of these permits.
21 Right?

22 MR. FISCHER: If they're residents,
23 yes.

24 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Is there going
25 to be a priority for the group of people -- it still

1 sounds like there's going to be a question, no matter
2 what. My concern, then, would be if we're really
3 trying to solve the problem for people who are having
4 affordability issues, but there's no priority for
5 people who have that to get the permit, then we still
6 haven't solved the problem.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I think,
8 Alder, I'm going to acknowledge her to answer your
9 question, Commissioner Meares. Alder Rodriguez?

10 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: Good evening. Can
11 you hear me?

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yes, we can.

13 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: Perfect. So the
14 reason this came about, it is actually for 49 Prince
15 Street. We have a lot of residents there that this is
16 was a Randy Sabatur, he's got the old -- and the
17 residents there are receiving two to three tickets a
18 day, so I have -- I had a meeting with the residents.
19 What we're looking for and in speaking to Eric Hoffman
20 it is going to -- we're going to have to get signage
21 that says parking for residents that live at 49 Prince
22 Street on that actual street.

23 To be clear, a lot of the residents,
24 those are luxury apartments on -- there's three luxury
25 apartments, and then there's 49 Prince Street who is

1 the affordable ones. So we're looking to support the
2 49 Prince Street individuals, and the church also
3 does -- St. Anthony's Church provides parking at \$100 a
4 month. A lot of those residents that live in the
5 luxury apartments are taking those, and I don't foresee
6 those who live in luxury apartments wanting to put out
7 their cars, because they're not out there now.

8 I work at Yale-New Haven Hospital
9 and they offered those of us that work at the hospital
10 -- I park at a lot on Howard Avenue. What's happening,
11 yes, there are employees of the hospital that are
12 taking advantage of the street -- the local residents
13 parking in this area. We had a similar incident on
14 Salem and that needed to be zones, if that helps. I
15 hope that clarifies some of the concerns.

16 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I think the
17 approach makes sense, as long as the people who are
18 making efforts to make sure that the people who really
19 need it are the people who are receiving the benefit
20 because, if not, we're back where we started from;
21 right?

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair,
23 if I may, it seems to me that wether the residents --
24 and I agree with Commissioner Meares, and I think they
25 should have preference, but it seems to me leaving

1 meters there and not making it exclusively for the
2 residents, particularly at 49, it's meaningless. If I
3 get to work at 8 o'clock and a resident has to leave
4 and be to work at 7:30, I'll park there, but if they
5 get off at 3 and I don't get off until 8, I don't have
6 nowhere to park. So it seems to me that we're
7 defeating the purpose. I seems to me it needs to be
8 absolutely for the residents of 49 Prince Street. I
9 don't know if that's possible. It seems to me that
10 should be the answer, rather than people still trying
11 to play with getting a parking space.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Mr. Fischer?

13 MR. FISCHER: They're getting
14 tickets for not paying the meters. They're not paying.
15 I don't know that availability is the issue.

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I understand
17 that, but I think -- but they don't pay for a parking
18 space? It's one thing. But if the --

19 MR. FISCHER: They're finding
20 spaces, but they're not paying the tickets. They're
21 not -- they don't want to pay for the spaces, so we're
22 providing them free spaces.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I hear you.
24 So, then, my question, sir, would be to the Alderman
25 Rodriguez, are you finding, as a representative of this

1 community, that individuals are finding it okay to park
2 in front of their building, or are they competing with
3 staff and members of the hospital?

4 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: They are
5 competing. They are competing with those who don't
6 live in the area, because there are staffers, and they
7 are -- most of them are paying their tickets. I'm
8 going to say I have someone who several -- again, in
9 meeting with them, they're having difficulty staying up
10 with the amount of cost it's costing them, because if
11 they're five minutes late to go feed the meter -- these
12 residents that live at 49 Prince Street are feeding the
13 meters constantly. But if they miss -- if they get
14 busy, just say, and the meter runs out, they're getting
15 a ticket. I can tell you that several residents there
16 have over \$1,000 in tickets that they're all trying to
17 be able to afford.

18 The folks in the luxury complexes
19 don't have that problem because, again, I've been in
20 that neighborhood. They come in and out. A lot of
21 those are medical providers, people who are visiting
22 nurses -- not visiting nurses, traveling nurses, that
23 are able to afford -- the cost to park in these lots is
24 \$150 a month. And for the residents at 49 Prince
25 Street who are in an affordable complex, and some of

1 them are retired, that is difficult. That are also
2 parking three to four -- because they can't find the
3 space, they're parking three to four streets away.

4 I have a young lady who was in the
5 meeting. She said, you know, I was being followed by a
6 man, and I wanted to rush and get in the door. So now
7 it's a safety concern, it is a financial burden and,
8 again, I do not believe that those who are in the
9 luxury apartments are going to want to park in our
10 local streets.

11 What I will say is yes, there are --
12 I'm going to say whomever has an appointment, even the
13 medical facility, it's \$3 to stay there right next door
14 to Prince Street, but people just tend to park on the
15 meter. They park on the meter and some of those are
16 probably not -- I can't attest to that, because I
17 haven't been out there when people are parking, but the
18 residents, they reached out. I'm concerned for their
19 safety late at night when some of these younger folks
20 are working there, and that's why the request is being
21 made.

22 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So then I go
23 back to my original, what is the challenge with making
24 this exclusively residential parking?

25 MR. FISCHER: The question is we're

1 trying to get them free parking.

2 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: No, I hear
3 what you're saying, Mr. Fischer. I'm asking,
4 specifically, how do we make this residential only
5 exclusively.

6 MR. FISCHER: The city is ready to
7 support this and we need this to pay for -- we don't --
8 we need to do this this way.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm confused.
10 In your request to establish residential parking, what
11 am I missing?

12 MR. FISCHER: We're doing what we
13 were asked to do, which is allow the people who live
14 there to park free.

15 COMMISSIONER MEARES: We understand
16 that you think that that that is what you're doing,
17 what you were asked to do. It's or job to actually, in
18 addition to just approve requests, is to see the nature
19 of the problem and make sure that the solution is a
20 solution that makes sense, and what you are proposing
21 right now, in my mind --

22 MR. FISCHER: The Board of Alders --

23 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I'm still
24 speaking.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner

1 Meares.

2 COMMISSIONER MEARES: The point of
3 confusion that I think both I and Commissioner Brooks
4 have has to do with the nature of what we're hearing.
5 So you're saying, Mr. Fischer, that people who are
6 residents can find spaces, but they're not paying the
7 meter, because they don't -- maybe because they feel
8 they shouldn't or it's too expensive or whatever. What
9 I'm hearing Alder Rodriguez say is two things. No. 1
10 is that they cannot find spaces, actually, and they're
11 having to find spaces two or three streets away, and
12 also when and if they are able to find spaces near
13 their homes, they are having to pay lots of money, and
14 so, to that end, I think Commissioner Brooks and I are
15 on the same page. It seems like what we're trying to
16 do is make sure that residents can park without paying,
17 why are we having a situation with the meters at all
18 and just saying only residents get to park here. We
19 all live in places where that's true; if you don't have
20 the resident sticker on your car, then you can't park
21 there. Why aren't we doing that?

22 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Let me ask the
23 question this way. Alder Rodriguez, what is it that
24 you're asking on behalf of the residents? We're going
25 to assume you spoke with the residents. What is it

1 that you're specifically asking for?

2 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: I'm looking for
3 them to be able to park at 49 Prince Street. There
4 are -- inside that apartment complex, there are only
5 seven slots. Seven parking spaces. People are already
6 paying for those. Okay? Those who can afford it.
7 What I'm looking for is parking on 49 Prince Street
8 and, to be clear, because I've walked down that area,
9 and I can do it tomorrow and send a picture out, across
10 from St. Anthony's Church there are no meters there,
11 and people just park and cars stay there all day. That
12 is my walking space, because I work across the street
13 at the hospital, so I typically come through Howard
14 Avenue. I actually took a walk through there today, so
15 if Mr. Fischer, if you'd like to meet me tomorrow
16 onsite, there are no parking meters across from St.
17 Anthony's Church.

18 MR. FISCHER: Yes, because of the
19 construction. That is actually a metered area and when
20 that is done, the meters would be restored.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Would it make
22 sense, since there seems to be come confusion around
23 this, but would it make sense to table this and Alder
24 Rodriguez to meet with Mr. Fischer, or his department,
25 to determine exactly what is needed. We can take this

1 up next month.

2 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: So I do have an
3 urgency, because my residents continue to get tickets.
4 It's not because they don't want to pay the meter.
5 Let's be clear. They -- if they're busy in the shower,
6 if they're cooking -- I have a resident who got three
7 tickets in one day. So they need to constantly run
8 outside from their home, so how do we fix this? And
9 the -- I'm going to remind Mr. Fischer that he was out
10 there with me. I would be more than happy to revisit
11 the spot again, but we need to get a resolution for
12 these residents. They have a different income bracket.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'll agree
14 with that.

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I think
16 there's a solution that Mr. Fischer suggested. The
17 unfortunate thing is that I don't think that that's an
18 adequate solution to the residents. I believe that
19 that should be, at least that block, should be reserved
20 for the residents. I can't imagine that if we make
21 that exclusively residents, that we would lose a ton of
22 revenue from the city. I just can't imagine it. So
23 how many parking spaces are we talking about?

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Alder
25 Rodriguez said at least seven. How many cars can you

1 accommodate on the street?

2 MR. FISCHER: I don't have a count
3 of that number of spaces on either street.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: So this
5 stretch here, you can see my pointer; right? Seems to
6 be the main issue; right? Question. If we made it
7 residential parking and they had a residential sticker,
8 regardless if there was a meter there or not, would
9 they be ticketed if they run without the meter?

10 MR. FISCHER: That's the point of --
11 that would be the result of this item on both streets.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: If there's
13 meter there and the person has a residential sticker
14 and they do not feed the meter, they will not get a
15 ticket.

16 MR. FISCHER: Correct, on both
17 streets.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay. Maybe
19 we can test it out. Maybe we can see --

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I don't think
21 it's the issue of getting the ticket; right? Because
22 if we give them the vouchers or we give them the pass,
23 that's clear, but if they get into the front of the
24 building -- let's say it's a 62-year old lady who's got
25 a bunch of groceries, but they're all parked up,

1 because workers from the hospital, so she's got to park
2 over on the other side and then carry her bag a block.
3 I'm saying make this Prince Street, at least Prince
4 Street, exclusively for 49 Prince Street resident
5 parking only. Now, if they happen to park on the other
6 street that you have, you know, leave the meters there,
7 but if somebody can't park because there's more cars
8 than there are -- there are less parking spaces than
9 there are for cars and if somebody parks on the other
10 side, I'm not sure what that street is, I can't see it,
11 and they have to walk to Prince Street, then that's
12 fine. I think Prince Street should be exclusively for
13 the residents.

14 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: If I may,
15 Commissioners. They were planning on adding
16 Washington -- there were three streets that they were
17 planning on adding. It was going to be 49 Prince
18 Street and then they were going to add Washington as an
19 overflow in the event that the 49 Prince Street
20 residents couldn't get a spot right on Prince Street.
21 I appreciate, and I think absolutely, I would love to
22 see the 49 Prince Street that faces that street be just
23 for residents that live at 49 Prince Street, and then
24 if there's an overflow and there's no parking on the
25 other side of Washington, my residents are aware that

1 they would need to park on Washington and then walk
2 back home. But, again, that would be just as great,
3 because they won't be receiving a ticket. They're
4 paying for the meter now and they're also paying for
5 the tickets that they're getting, so please understand
6 they're willing to do what's best, but they're also
7 concerned about their safety, and this is why I'm
8 speaking on this. Thank you, Commissioners.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO:

10 Commissioners --

11 MR. FISCHER: Can I just say one
12 thing?

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yes. Go
14 ahead.

15 MR. FISCHER: First of all, anybody
16 with a zone 14 sticker can park on either street from
17 any part of zone 14. It's not exclusively for 49
18 Prince Street. That's the way you law reads.

19 Secondly, if you pass this the way
20 it's written, we can do this immediately. The
21 paperwork is going to take awhile to come back and do
22 it again. I would suggest that we pass this as
23 written, and we can come back and do what you're asking
24 in another iteration. If this does not go, we can come
25 back and remove the meter on a second request. That is

1 not exclusive to 49 Prince Street. Anybody with a zone
2 pass, no matter where they live in zone 14, can park
3 there.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Alder
5 Rodriguez?

6 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: So I hear what Mr.
7 Fischer is saying. If we can try this out -- again, I
8 do not believe that those folks that are living in the
9 luxury apartments, if they actually wanted to park on
10 the street, they would be parking, and so they're
11 already inside the building. There's one, two -- I'm
12 going to say there's a third one that's coming up, so
13 let's say Prince Street is the first one and Prince
14 Street is being followed up by the luxury apartments
15 there. Those folks, the majority of them, are parking
16 inside the parking lot, so if we can -- that's fine. I
17 understand that the residents have to go get their
18 zoning passes. We talked about that prior to coming to
19 have you all here. Having them park on Washington and
20 Prince Street would alleviate the financial burden on
21 them.

22 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Can we do
23 this. Right? We have a recommendation in front of us.
24 If you're comfortable with the recommendation, which is
25 to establish residential parking on both sides of

1 Washington Avenue from Liberty Street to Lafayette
2 Street to establish residential parking from Prince
3 Street to Lafayette to Gold Street, and we decide that
4 we're going to approve this tonight, you and Mr.
5 Fischer and the traffic department get back together,
6 see how this works, test it out for a month or two and
7 come back with a revised proposal, say, October, if
8 this doesn't seem to meet your needs. Is that
9 something that's agreeable to you, Alder Rodriguez?

10 ALDER RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Commissioner.
11 That is absolutely -- that works. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioners,
13 if you're satisfied, I will entertain a motion. Unless
14 there's anything else that someone would like to add.

15 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I'll move,
16 Madam Chair, that we approve the recommendation.

17 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I'll second
18 it.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
20 Lawlor, can we add the part that stated earlier about
21 the --

22 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Sure. I'm
23 sorry. With the caveat that in a couple of months all
24 the parties, the Alder, and the traffic authority will
25 return to us and brief us on how things are going and

1 give us an opportunity to reconsider our decision.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Do you still
3 second that motion, Commissioner Meares?

4 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I do.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you. I
6 have a motion by Commissioner Lawlor. For our court
7 reporter, I hope you got all that. I know it was a
8 lot. Thank you. Any discussion? We'll call the vote
9 Commissioner Lawlor?

10 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
12 Meares?

13 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
15 Brooks?

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I saw that
18 Commissioner Miranda joined about 6:13 p.m., for the
19 record. Commissioner Miranda, how do you vote?

20 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I'll abstain.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yeah, you came
22 in part way. I'm a yes, as well. Thank you for all
23 that information, and we do look forward to seeing you
24 both back here on that item in October or November.
25 Thank you.

1 Let's move on to item 2.

2 MR. FISCHER: Item 2 is a request
3 from this department, with the Alder's approval, for
4 bike lanes on, I believe, three roadways. If you can
5 put those up, that would be fine. We have Blatchley
6 Avenue -- we have one block section from Blatchley
7 Avenue between Clay and Grand, a two block section
8 of -- it's more than two blocks. It's from Orange
9 Street to College Street on Grove Street and George
10 Street from Park Street to College street. This had to
11 do with the -- it's going to be several more. We're
12 not ready to bring those to you just yet, but we're
13 ready to start marking these out, and we'd like to get
14 your approval before we start doing these.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay.

16 Commissioners, any questions? I have a question. I
17 mean, bike lanes is something that you definitely have
18 to bring to us. At some point, and I know I can
19 e-mail, at some point I think I'd like to see some data
20 on how many bike lanes have been established in the
21 city. I don't know, maybe the last three years. Just
22 out of curiosity for me.

23 MR. FISCHER: I'm not understanding
24 what exactly you're looking for.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Like the areas

1 I drive all around the city and I'm seeing bike lanes
2 established in so many places. I'm just curious if
3 there's some sort of chart that shows all the bike
4 lanes.

5 MR. FISCHER: There's a list --
6 we're trying to put them in as -- where roads have been
7 changed, because it's very difficult to -- sometimes
8 you have to shift markings around and it's very
9 difficult to remove markings. So there's an overall
10 plan, but it's not implemented in any logical manner,
11 because the roads aren't paved in any logical manner.
12 They're paved as they're worn out. It's hard to be --
13 to establish a real consistent pattern for that, but I
14 can get you something to respond to your question.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay. I
16 appreciate that. Any other discussion, Commissioners?
17 Seeing none, is there a motion? Is there a motion?

18 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I move that --
19 are we going to do all three together, Madam Chair?

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Are they all
21 bike lanes? If they are and you're comfortable. Item
22 2 is the bike lanes, item 3 is something else.

23 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Okay. What I
24 just heard was a description of adding bike lanes in
25 three different locations.

1 MR. FISCHER: I believe there's one
2 more. There's Cedar Street, too.

3 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: It's still
4 item 2?

5 MR. FISCHER: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: You're talking
7 about three locations. You can take them all.

8 MR. FISCHER: I don't think I
9 mentioned Cedar Street. That goes from Columbus
10 Avenue. To answer your question, we can talk all three
11 together.

12 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I move that we
13 approve the bike lane proposals that have just been
14 described.

15 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I have a
17 motion by Commissioner Lawlor and second by Commission
18 Miranda. Any further discussion? Seeing none,
19 Commissioner Lawlor?

20 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
22 Miranda.

23 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
25 Meares?

1 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
3 Brooks?

4 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm yes, as
6 well.

7 We'll move to item 3.

8 MR. FISCHER: Item 3 is the request
9 from Alder Redente to establish no standing
10 regulation -- I've got my paperwork all out of order
11 here. No standing regulation on the east side of
12 Clinton Avenue from Chatham Street to Grafton Street.
13 This is along the park and this has to do with issues
14 with bad behavior from people who are parking in that
15 area and double parking, causing litter. The Alder is
16 asking that we establish this regulation to see if we
17 can curb the bad activity in that area. So we're going
18 to try that, with your permission, to see if we can
19 help clear up a social problem.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
21 Lawlor.

22 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I have a
23 question. I think I know what no standing means, but
24 can you just explain what no standing means?

25 MR. FISCHER: In city ordinances

1 there's a distinction between no parking and no
2 standing, which is that under a no parking regulation
3 you're not allowed to park, but you're allowed to drop
4 off passengers, and you're also allowed to load and
5 unload. And under no standing regulation you're not
6 allowed to drop off, but you can load and unload. You
7 are allowed to stop to drop off passengers, so there's
8 a minor distinction between no standing and no parking.
9 Very subtle difference.

10 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: If you briefly
11 stop, someone gets out of the car, someone gets into
12 the car, that's allowed under this, but if you're just
13 sitting there for no kind of reason for an extended
14 period of time, even though you're in the car, that
15 would be a violation of this ordinance?

16 MR. FISCHER: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: How does that
18 help with social problems? You weren't specific, but
19 is that social problem a police issue, that the police
20 need to know about certain activities in that area.

21 CHIEF JACOBSON: That area has some
22 violent crime, drug trafficking, stuff like that, so
23 people just sitting in cars for extended periods of
24 time in those areas, whether they're selling drugs,
25 waiting to shoot somebody, or whatever, which isn't

1 always the case; right? This would help us to work in
2 that area a little more -- you know, it's going to move
3 people along where there'll be, A, less police contact
4 but also less hanging out and less issues.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: This is
6 definitely something that you support?

7 CHIEF JACOBSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: If I could ask
9 the question, Chief. Your goal with this new ordinance
10 would be when officers see someone standing there
11 basically, sitting in their car, they can go up to the
12 car and say hey, you got to move, or if they don't,
13 they get a ticket or otherwise.

14 CHIEF JACOBSON: Absolutely. And it
15 stems from the package store there. We have a lot of
16 problems with the package store, people going, getting
17 drinks, hanging out there; whether they be drinking
18 selling drugs, it's led to violence, so.

19 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any other
21 questions, Commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I have one
23 quickly. If it's a known problem and it sounds like
24 there's police presence there already, what are they
25 doing without the no standing sign? I just want to

1 have a better sense of how -- because the ordinance --
2 Commissioner Lawlor said the new ordinance, but the
3 ordinance already exists that allows the posting of the
4 sign, subject to approval by this body, I guess. So
5 I'm just trying to understand how having the no
6 standing sign makes it easier for the officers to
7 approach, if they already think there's an issue;
8 right?

9 CHIEF JACOBSON: I mean, this is an
10 area where it would help to have a regular visible
11 presence, and we can't do that. We're not able to do
12 that.

13 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Without the
14 standing -- that's the authorization. Once you have
15 the sign, then that gives you a justification for
16 having someone to --

17 CHIEF JACOBSON: And to just move
18 people along, and once people realize that they're
19 going to get stopped if they're standing there, they
20 really don't stay there, then I don't have to keep an
21 officer continuously. An officer comes through every
22 hour, clears it out, or makes sure it's cleared out, it
23 helps with the staffing shortages that we have.

24 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Okay. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'll entertain
2 a motion for approval.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved,
4 Madam Chair.

5 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I'll second
6 it.

7 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I have a
8 motion by Commissioner Brooks for approval and seconded
9 by Commissioner Meares. Any further discussion?
10 Commissioner Brooks?

11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
13 Mears?

14 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
16 Lawlor?

17 COMMISSIONER LAWLER: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
19 Miranda?

20 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm yes, as
22 well.

23 On that, we'll move to item 4.

24 MR. FISCHER: Item No. 4 is a
25 request to install three ADA handicapped spaces at 83

1 Admiral, 158 Cedar Hill Avenue, and 58 Sea Street, and
2 to remove one space that's currently where a resident
3 has moved, 56 Arthur Street.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any
5 discussion? I'll entertain a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved,
7 Madam Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
10 motion -- we have a motion by Commissioner Brooks, I
11 believe, we have a second by Commissioner Lawlor. No
12 fur discussion. Commissioner Brooks, how do you vote?

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commission
15 Lawlor?

16 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
18 Meares?

19 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
21 Miranda?

22 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm a yes, as
24 well. Thank you, Mr. Fischer, for the agenda this
25 evening, and we look forward to seeing you next month,

1 but also see you in the next couple of months to get an
2 update on item No. 1.

3 MR. FISCHER: Is there a motion to
4 adjourn?

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Yes. Thank
6 you. Is there a motion to adjourn?

7 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I'll move that
8 we adjourn, Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Is there a
10 second?

11 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Second, Madam
12 Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion to
14 adjourn from the traffic authority meeting by
15 Commissioner Lawlor, seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
16 Any discussion? Commissioner Lawlor?

17 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
19 Brooks?

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
22 Meares?

23 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
25 Miranda?

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COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm a yes, as well. We are adjourned at 6:47 p.m. Thank you, Mr. Fischer.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I will now
2 call the Board of Police Commissioners meeting to order
3 at 6:47 p.m., and the first order of business is to
4 approve the agenda for this evening. What's your
5 pleasure, Commissioners?

6 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I move that we
7 approve the agenda that we've all received for this
8 evening for the Board of Police Commissioners.

9 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
11 motion by Commissioner Meares. I believe the second
12 was Commissioner Miranda. Any discussion? Okay.
13 Commissioner Meares?

14 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
16 Miranda?

17 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
19 Brooks?

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
22 Lawlor?

23 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: And I'm a yes,
25 as well. The motion passes.

1 We'll have discussion on approval of
2 the regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2024.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I make a
4 motion we approve the minutes of July 29, 2024.

5 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Did I say
7 regular?

8 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We're in the
9 regular. Are you trying to approve the special first?

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I make a
11 motion that we approve the regular minutes of July 9,
12 2024.

13 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
15 motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by
16 Commissioner Miranda.

17 I just want to note there's a couple
18 of scribner's errors that need to be addressed. The
19 regular session minutes, first of all, does state July
20 29th. It should state July 9th on the minutes on page
21 1, so that needs to be updated. On page 11 under
22 executive session it states executive session began at
23 7:05 p.m. It states that Commissioner Ribeiro motioned
24 to come out of executive session, which is not right,
25 because I don't make the motions. It should state

1 Commissioner Walker motioned to come out of executive
2 session. Those scribner errors need to be updated.
3 And on page 13, the last bullet before other business,
4 it talks about a basketball game and it says it was
5 held on Gulf Street, and it should be Goffe Street. So
6 if those corrections are accepted by the maker of the
7 motion to approve the minutes with the necessary
8 corrections.

9 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, Madam
10 Chair. I will amend my motion to reflect those
11 necessary corrections.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: And I believe
13 the commissioner seconded it. Would you agree with
14 that? Any other discussion?

15 Commissioner Brooks?

16 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
18 Miranda?

19 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA? Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
21 Meares?

22 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
24 Lawlor?

25 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Are you
2 yawning, Commissioner Meares?

3 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Not at all.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Motion passes.
5 I'll entertain a motion for approval
6 of the special meeting minutes of July 29, 2024.

7 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I make the
8 motion we approve the July 29th special meeting
9 minutes.

10 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I'll second.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I just want to
12 note there are two scribner errors in this one also
13 that I believe should be corrected. On page 2 under
14 executive session, I think it says polie, it should say
15 police. There's a C missing. Under executive session
16 that ended at 6:30 p.m., the candidate name was
17 Candidate Tyler Bradley not Brandley. I think that's
18 important to get the name correct. So those are the
19 two scribner errors that I noted, so if the maker of
20 the motion accepts that correction.

21 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes, Madam
22 Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay. So we
24 have the motion to accept the minutes with the
25 correction. Any discussion? Commissioner Brooks?

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
3 Miranda?

4 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
6 Meares?

7 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
9 Lawlor?

10 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm a yes, as
12 well. Thank you for your patience with that. We'll
13 move on to the chief's report.

14 MR. JACOBSON: Good evening,
15 Commissioners. Good to see everyone. I'm going to
16 start off raving about our PAL program again. We
17 finished our camp up in the beginning of August. We
18 had 120 kids at camp for the 6-week camp. We had rave
19 reviews from the parents and kids that attended and, of
20 course, we also used Youth at Work workers, older
21 teenagers in high school, to do the work and our PAL
22 group brought them to Six Flags afterwards, and just
23 really great camp no problems and, again, I appreciate
24 Sergeant Ferrante and his people.

25 The PAL program itself is up to ten

1 different programs, like we talk about a lot. Now it's
2 up to ten programs where 700 kids are participating in
3 PAL. So we really, really expanded PAL. I'm very
4 proud of that, proud of the officers partaking in it.

5 Just recently, one of our brand-new
6 officers that you guys recently hired, Officer
7 Toussaint, who's of Haitian descent. He said, hey
8 Chief, we don't have soccer. I said, go grab Sergeant
9 Ferrante and let's start a soccer program. We started
10 a soccer program in the Fair Haven area, and there's 70
11 kids in the soccer program. Even the new officers are
12 excited about it and getting involved, so that's doing
13 very well, so I appreciate their work.

14 On August 5th, I'm sure you did see in
15 the media, we had an officer involved situation where
16 someone under the influence of drugs and alcohol jumped
17 into a police car, tried to take off. I want to
18 commend the officer, Officer Roch, whose quick thinking
19 turned the wheel of the police car into a wall, both of
20 them had minor injuries, but I'm happy to report
21 Officer Roch is already back to work and doing well.

22 The next day we had a 10-year old
23 shot in the city. That was very troubling. We don't
24 believe that house was the intended target, but the
25 area was targeted. Since that has happened, we've made

1 great strides with that. They're doing multiple search
2 warrants, recovering evidence, and I hope to report an
3 arrest on that shortly. We found from our NIBIN
4 machine, and all the stuff that we have, that that
5 shooting does link to several other shootings in the
6 city.

7 On that point, since we were doing
8 fairly well with violent crimes in August, we had a
9 spike of about 16 shootings in 12 days. But officers
10 did a lot of work, we did a lot of work with our
11 community partners, we did a lot of custom
12 notifications with Project Longevity, and we've seen a
13 decrease again, but in that period of time, from the
14 second week of July until now, the officers in patrol
15 and investigative services division have seized 34
16 guns, which has helped lead to this downward trend
17 again in shootings.

18 We do have eight homicides this
19 year, but we made four arrests on those eight
20 homicides, and we should be making two more arrests
21 shortly, so the detective bureau is working very well.

22 Overall, between homicides and
23 shootings, I was just going to run down the last three
24 years. Right now we're currently at 61 homicides and
25 shootings. Last year at this time we were at 59. And

1 two years ago we were at 81. So you can see, you know,
2 we've -- we have a small uptick this year, but we're
3 very way lower in homicides this year. But, then
4 again, shots fired and that's what you look at as a
5 trend. We have 102 confirmed shots fired at this
6 point. Last year at this time we had 178 and in 2022,
7 at this point in that year, we had 194. So we're
8 trending in the right direction, we're going the right
9 things. I'm very proud of this police department
10 moving forward.

11 We did have a busy busy weekend. We
12 are struggling with personnel issues due to the small
13 numbers we do have. The city was extremely busy. We
14 had a lot of different events. We had the Puerto Rican
15 Festival. We had the you Newhallville reunion, and
16 we're just struggling. The downtown area is very
17 vibrant, lots of people with the schools coming back.
18 We're going to see some challenges. So we're hoping to
19 get the next list out. I know we have a special
20 meeting, and I know we keep hitting you up for special
21 meetings, but we really need to hire and get our
22 numbers back up.

23 The only other new thing is the CRB
24 and my staff have been working pretty well together,
25 but we're sad to hear that Attorney Beth Murphy has

1 stepped down from the CRB. I really felt there was a
2 lot of good things going on. We will continue to be
3 good partners with them.

4 That's all I have, Commissioners.

5 Any questions?

6 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioners?

7 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Two questions
8 for you. First question is about the shooting
9 involving the child. You said there's a lot of
10 activity, warrants, and so on. I'm wondering about the
11 response of the people in the neighborhood. Are they
12 giving you information, are they talking to you, how
13 has that gone?

14 CHIEF JACOBSON: It's gone very
15 well. I mean, I feel like we're -- more than half of
16 our homicide are solved, because people are talking to
17 us more and more. I feel like we're getting more
18 community support, the community is pitching in. We
19 did two canvases already in that immediate area.
20 Immediately after it happened, the next morning, and
21 then a day later we brought Yale Child Study. We saw a
22 lot of people talking to us, hey, I saw this, this is
23 going on, and also, you know, in years past doing
24 canvas after canvas. Now we see people actually taking
25 the services, calling Yale Child Study. I think that's

1 a real sign of them trusting us more and trusting the
2 systems we have in place. So I am -- although, you
3 know, it's never good when a 10-year old is grazed by a
4 bullet, but I'm encouraged by the reaction of us and
5 our partners but also of the community to us, so thank
6 you for that question.

7 COMMISSIONER MEARES: That's really
8 great, and you're bringing up something that I'm
9 interested in, and I would love at the next meeting if
10 we could get a 3-year trend on clearance rate.

11 CHIEF JACOBSON: No problem.

12 COMMISSIONER MEARES: My second is
13 question is -- I'm just channeling Commissioner Walker
14 on the hiring. One of the questions he often asks is
15 where we are in terms of hiring vis-a-vis retirements
16 and, you know -- where are we?

17 CHIEF JACOBSON: We're not good. I
18 have to be honest, we're struggling. We just started
19 that academy and you guys were a huge part of that, but
20 we only got nine and, in comparison, Bridgeport got 40
21 people. So Bridgeport has a better retirement, higher
22 pay. You know, there was a time where people would
23 pass up Bridgeport to come to New Haven, and we've got
24 to get back to that time. I know the mayor is working
25 had to get a contract. We're working hard with the

1 union. We have to do something soon.

2 There was a retirement on there
3 we're going to hit later, 10-year officer. That's
4 concerning to me. I don't want them to leave after ten
5 years to go to another department where they can do a
6 20-year pension. That's real life; right? So I'm
7 concerned but I -- you know, we talk to the troops
8 every day, and they know that we're fighting for them,
9 and they know that the wages offered by the city are
10 extremely better, so we just got to get it done.

11 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any other
13 questions, commissioners? Or comments?

14 I just want to say to you and, you
15 know, your team to just, you know, continue. I know
16 there's a lot going on in the city. I know you talked
17 about it just now and we talk about it often, but we do
18 appreciate all the hard work that you're going and we
19 know people are doing two or three jobs. At the same
20 time make sure everyone takes mental health breaks and
21 gets rest, because we want to have officers who feel
22 good and are safe, so thank you.

23 CHIEF JACOBSON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We'll move on
25 to internal affairs report.

1 MS. AGOSTO: For Internal Affairs,
2 we have a few closures this month. The first one we're
3 going to talk about, the complainant is Adeva Minder.
4 This came in on July 24, 2023. For this case police
5 officers with dispatched on a domestic dispute
6 involving the complainant, Miss Minder, and her child's
7 father. She stated that the father showed up at her
8 home with his new girlfriend and they got into -- they
9 caused a disturbance. She claimed that he had punched
10 her in the face and broke her cellphone.

11 Officer Crosby was the one who
12 responded to the scene. She spoke with Miss Minder,
13 whose account of the incident didn't seem to
14 corroborate with the evidence that she observed. There
15 was no visible injuries observed to Miss Minder's face,
16 and the phone did not appear to have been broken in the
17 manner that Miss Minder was claiming.

18 She also spoke with the other party.
19 Miss Minder's child's father stated that the person
20 that Miss Minder believed was the girlfriend was not
21 the girlfriend, was actually his landlord who he
22 brought to have as a witness, because she has caused
23 issues with false reporting and accusing him of things
24 in the past. He stated that he was there to drop off
25 their child, and she became upset because she thought

1 that the landlord was actually his girlfriend, so she
2 began to argue with him. The landlord stated that she
3 stepped in between them so that the incident wouldn't
4 escalate, and they went back to his car to wait because
5 she stated she was going to call the police, so he
6 wanted to wait to be able to give his side of the
7 story.

8 As they were waiting for police
9 Minder's friend showed up and took out what they
10 believed to be a firearm and threatened to shoot them
11 waving, again what they believe was a firearm, in the
12 air. She also began banging on the window with it.
13 Upon speaking with Miss Piercey, she stated she did
14 have a registered firearm, but she didn't have it with
15 her. It was home. She did show Officer Crosby a black
16 firearm holster that was holding her cellphone and
17 admitted that that's what she was using to bang the
18 window with.

19 Officer Crosby asked Miss Minder
20 about a Ring doorbell that she observed that would have
21 caught the whole incident. Miss Minder stated that the
22 doorbell was not working; however, Officer Crosby was
23 able to show that it was functioning as it should. She
24 rang the doorbell a couple of times and it rang and lit
25 up as it was working, it was a functioning Ring

1 doorbell, but she stated she wouldn't have any video.

2 Miss Piercey was arrested for the
3 incident; however, Officer Crosby, because of the
4 conflicting accounts and the lack of evidence, did not
5 feel she established probable cause for an arrest for
6 the domestic.

7 After, Miss Minder completed a
8 complaint form on July 21st of 2023 stating that
9 Officer Crosby didn't make the arrest regarding the
10 domestic, and she felt she wasn't given the protection
11 and feared that he would return. Miss Minder also
12 claimed that she had bruising at the time.

13 We were able to look at body camera
14 footage and reviewed reports. We were not able to
15 speak with Miss Minder, because she did not respond to
16 our request for a voluntary interview but, according to
17 the body camera footage, it was all pretty much
18 corroborating what the incident report initially
19 indicated, and we did not feel that she was able to
20 develop probable cause to arrest Miss Minder's child's
21 father.

22 So in this case we did not find any
23 violations and the investigation was closed as
24 exonerated. Any questions on that one?

25 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioners?

1 No.

2 MS. AGOSTO: The next one we
3 received on October 27, 2023. The complainant was
4 Pierre Gozzing. This incident happened in Fair Haven.
5 So Officers Rodriguez and Rivera -- this was in October
6 2nd of 2003. I mean 2023. I apologize. They observed
7 an unknown white male riding a dirt bike on River
8 Street near Ferry Street. They reported that the
9 officer -- the operator wore all black clothing with a
10 facemask and a distinctive bedazzled silver black shoes
11 that sparkled.

12 Later that day Officers Rivera and
13 Rodriguez observed the white male with a similar
14 description, including the similar shoes, walking into
15 an area -- walking in the area of Poplar Street and
16 entering a store on Poplar Street. They went into the
17 store and in an attempt to identify who turned out to
18 be Mr. Gozzing. Mr. Gozzing refused to provide them
19 any identification and was uncooperative and irate, and
20 he began recording the interaction with his cellphone
21 and asking for a supervisor.

22 He continued to deny giving officers
23 their identification. Officers ended up handcuffing
24 him. He finally did give his identification card once
25 the supervisor came on scene. They were able to

1 identify him, check him for warrants, and then later
2 released. He, in his complaint, stated that the
3 officers grabbed him when he was at the location and
4 that he was escorted outside of the store and that they
5 demanded his identification. He admitted to refusing
6 to give officers his identification after they asked
7 him repeatedly, and he asked what he was being accused
8 of. They informed him what he was being accused of,
9 and he stated he did not have a motorcycle with him.

10 He stated Officer Rodriguez forces
11 him against his will and handcuffed him, which caused
12 some pain due to a previous injury that he had, and
13 then once Mr. Gozzing spoke with Sergeant Sanchez, he
14 said he saw Sergeant Sanchez speak with the officers,
15 but he did not feel Sergeant Sanchez addressed the
16 officers properly.

17 We looked at this case, we reviewed
18 body camera footage, and reviewed the reports, an we
19 also reviewed case law pertaining to these types of
20 incidents, and we believe that this met the threshold
21 for articulable individualized suspicion, which is
22 reasonable articular suspicion for an individual based
23 upon a featured item or article unique that is
24 particular to this individual. So those shiny
25 bedazzled sneakers, both officers claimed that they

1 haven't seen those sneakers on anyone at any time
2 during the times that they spent working in their
3 district. So because of this, that stop was deemed
4 appropriate and there was no violation of the law or
5 general order and this investigation was closed as
6 exonerated. Any questions on that one?

7 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: I don't have
8 a question, but on the top of the report in the bold
9 letters the disposition reads sustained.

10 MS. AGOSTO: I apologize. That is
11 an updated version of it, but I guess it didn't come
12 out on time.

13 The next one we received on April
14 10, 2024. The complainant was Anthony Burnett. On 10,
15 2024, New Haven officers responded to what came in as a
16 domestic dispute involving Mr. Burnett and his
17 roommate. Mr. Burnett claims he had a verbal dispute
18 with his roommate regarding oil that was burning. He
19 stated that his roommate woke him up because he was
20 complaining that the oil made the smoke alarm go off.

21 Neither party reported any violence
22 or threat of violence. There was an active restraining
23 order against Mr. Burnett's roommate; however, it was
24 determined that none of the stipulations were violated.
25 The incident was document and no arrest was made.

1 Later that day, on April 10, 2024,
2 we received a complaint from Mr. Burnett simply stating
3 to please call him. When we called him, he stated he
4 was upset because he had an active restraining order
5 against his roommate and no arrest was made. It was
6 verified that the stipulations were not -- the
7 stipulations to the restraining order were not
8 violated, and there was no reason to make an arrest at
9 that time. The complaint was closed as unfounded. Any
10 questions?

11 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: No.

12 MS. AGOSTO: The next was April 15,
13 2024. The complainant was Atianna Arder. We received
14 this complaint, which stated that she had been brought
15 to detention regarding a warrant and officers began
16 asking her questions. She told them that she knew her
17 Miranda rights and refused to answer any of the
18 questions and she claimed there was an abuse of the
19 officer's power and authority because he continued to
20 ask questions.

21 She claimed excessive force when
22 Officers McMorris and Gonzalez took a shirt from her
23 from when she, and this is her own words, acted out and
24 was in handcuffs. She claimed when they did this, they
25 crushed her fingers and her skin was cut and bruised.

1 The investigation, which included
2 reviews of the reports, body camera footage, also
3 included Milestone Camera footage and interviews,
4 showed the questions that they asked were the routine
5 booking questions, which do not fall under Miranda
6 protection. And, pertaining to the shirt, Miss Arder
7 actually had taken her shirt off and was attempting to
8 put it around her neck in an attempt to hang herself.
9 So they pulled on the shirt to prevent her from hurting
10 herself and she began to struggle with them, and
11 eventually they ended up having to cut the shirt to get
12 it away from her to deter her from hanging herself.

13 So because of this, we saw that
14 there was no evaluation and the officers, although they
15 did take the shirt away from her and they did ask
16 questions, they were all within law and policies;
17 therefore, they were exonerated. Any questions?

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: No.

19 MS. AGOSTO: Our last one was
20 received on June 28, 2024. The complainant is Kiara
21 Rodriguez. She claimed that she was pulled over by K9
22 Officer Prusinski for the front window tints. She
23 stated during the stop that she was asked to step
24 out -- she was asked to step out of the vehicle and be
25 searched and that the K9 searched her vehicle without

1 her permission. She mentioned that this was the second
2 time that Officer Prusinski stopped her for the same
3 thing, and once we looked into this investigation, we
4 reviewed the reports, we watched the body camera
5 footage, and it shows the motor vehicle stop was
6 legitimate and that the search of her person was
7 just -- because he asked her out of the vehicle, was
8 just to make sure that she didn't have any weapons and
9 the search by the K9 was actually an open air sniff
10 that was permissible and it was during the time that
11 he -- it did not extend the stop and that officers did
12 not do an actual search of the vehicle until the K9
13 officer had a positive hit on the vehicle, which was
14 the search of the vehicle at this time.

15 This case was closed as unfounded.
16 Any questions on that one?

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair,
18 if I may ask, just for my own knowledge and
19 information. The complaints that are filed against
20 these individual officers and they're exonerated, does
21 that still make it into their personnel file, so if
22 somebody wanted to research, whatever officer, would
23 will that come up in their file?

24 MS. AGOSTO: They are retained in
25 their file, but the retention period is different than

1 if they were sustained. Sustained would be --

2 CHIEF JACOBSON: So --

3 MS. AGOSTO: Right now, retention
4 period is three years.

5 CHIEF JACOBSON: So thank you,
6 Lieutenant. Commissioner, an unfounded unsustainable is
7 retained for three years, and at that time, after the
8 three years, the officer can have it removed. The
9 sustained stays for 30 years, by state law. This is
10 per state law. I would say that, say, we have seven
11 unfounded, we obviously have an issue. So we do
12 monitor that, even though it's unfounded, maybe if we
13 have a bunch of unfounded and we need to look at why
14 we're having that and look closer at this person, or
15 whatever. I mean, we're really -- and the lieutenant
16 is doing a great job. We're trying to catch up. We're
17 way behind. You see the dates on some of these.
18 They're catching up, which is important. The officer
19 couldn't have it hanging over they head, and the
20 community should get action as soon as possible; right?
21 So both ways. We put extra people in IA, and we're
22 trying to catch up.

23 On the flip side, sure, it may be
24 unfounded, but two or three unfounded for the same
25 thing, maybe we need to look back. Maybe they need

1 some training. The individual case might not have
2 spurred a training, but maybe the three. I hope that
3 answers your question.

4 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: It does.

5 Thank you so much, because you opened up about the
6 other side of that, that if it's creating a pattern
7 that causes one to raise an issue of how our police
8 officers are interacting with community, so thank you
9 for that, because I was just looking at the first one,
10 and it just seemed to me someone who was scorned or
11 upset but then makes an unjust accusation against a
12 police officer, and that could be a challenge, and it's
13 difficult enough to do this job without being falsely
14 accused of something, but you raised a very valid point
15 about creating patterns that may not be violations, but
16 certainly they're not good for community policing, so
17 thank you for that.

18 MS. AGOSTO: We do try to keep track
19 of that. If there's officers that are coming through
20 our office a little too often, we do have some other
21 conversations, even if maybe these cases have been
22 exonerated or unfounded, we do look more into them to
23 see if there a some kind of issue that we can address.

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Thank you for
25 sharing that. Kudos to you, Chief, and your team.

1 CHIEF JACOBSON: Thank you for the
2 lieutenant and her people. We have a serious backlog.
3 We're going to get caught up and do it the right way,
4 not just for the officers but the community members,
5 too.

6 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Speaking of
7 the backlog, what is missing from the back of this is a
8 list of all the open IAs, so I don't know if it was an
9 oversight, but if we can start having that back next
10 month.

11 LIEUTENANT AGOSTO: I will. I
12 apologize. We were doing the adjustment with the of
13 missing of the admin and now retraining another admin
14 to kind of take her place, so some things might have
15 gotten lost in translation, but next month we'll
16 definitely have everything back in order.

17 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Also, I see
18 that this looks like it's new, an Internal Affairs
19 complaint breakdown. Maybe it's the same report but in
20 a different format. I'm not really sure. What I'm a
21 little concerned about is the 2024, your 20 neglected
22 duties complaints in IA, and I don't know if that's
23 something that's been brought by the community or by
24 the chief. I kind of want to understand, have you
25 classified a neglected duty complaint, and that's a

1 high number compared to the other type of complaints
2 received this year?

3 LIEUTENANT AGOSTO: The neglected
4 duty can be anything ranging from something as simple
5 as the complainant just felt that there wasn't enough
6 of an investigation conducted or that there was
7 something missing during their investigation that they
8 didn't do. It encompasses a lot. A lot of those
9 neglect of duties we found to not be -- to be
10 unfounded. And once we talk to the complainant, they
11 kind of understand it more. They don't understand
12 maybe policies or law in some cases, so sometimes it's
13 just a matter of talking to a complainant and giving
14 them a little bit more information as to what
15 happened.

16 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: So, yeah, if
17 you're thinking about using this format or introducing
18 this specific report, it will be good to have some kind
19 of context, because if you can have a number 20, but 19
20 are unfounded, it would kind of be good to see that
21 breakdown, because just looking at it, it's like wow,
22 it's not good. So I think it would be a little more
23 transparent.

24 Anything else, Commissioners?
25 Personnel matters. We'll move on to personnel matters.

1 We have on the agenda discussion and action on
2 recommendations from Chief Anthony Campbell, Yale
3 Police Department to hire the following candidate,
4 Yannick Adjei. I hope I said that correctly. Chief.

5 CHIEF CAMPBELL: Thank you, Chair
6 and thank you, Commissioners, for your patience. I
7 know these meetings can sometimes be long, and we've
8 been popping up a lot on your calendar as we're trying
9 to get fully staffed. Before you I present Officer
10 Yannick Adjei. He's a police officer in Maryland, a
11 veteran officer, being working for about eight years as
12 an officer. A few of you have had the opportunity to
13 interview him. I had the privilege of interviewing him
14 after a member of my staff had interviewed him, and he
15 truly is, I think, going to be an asset to, not only to
16 our department but to the New Haven community.

17 He's familiar with the city, has
18 lived here, has family here, and really is very
19 conscientious of not just being a police officer but
20 about how he interacts with all human beings in his
21 role as a police officer, and that's what I'm looking
22 for. I look forward to your decision, hopefully, to
23 have him on board, because I think that he's one of our
24 best candidates we've been presented with in the last
25 five or six months, and it brings us one step closer to

1 completely staffing the Yale Police Department. I will
2 only have one vacancy open after him. With that, I
3 present Yannick Adjei.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We did have
5 the opportunity to interview him the other day, and we
6 had good conversation, but I just want to know, like,
7 where do you find these people and can you help Chief
8 Jacobson out? You have one vacancy left.

9 CHIEF CAMPBELL: Chief Jacobson will
10 tell you the best way to get references is the very
11 officers in your department, and that's where Yannick
12 came from. He was referred by one of our current
13 officers who used to work with him in Maryland, and
14 they didn't steer us wrong.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you,
16 sir. Commissioner Lawlor, did you want to add
17 anything.

18 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: As you said,
19 Madam Chair, you and I had the honor of interviewing
20 Officer Adjei the other day. I think it's fair to say
21 we're both very impressed. I think it's also worth
22 noting, he just returned from overseas deployment, and
23 we appreciate his service to the country, and he's a
24 native of Ivory Cove, which is also very impressive. I
25 mentioned to him, during our interview, how important

1 it is to us in New Haven, whether it's Yale PD or New
2 Haven PD, to have the type of officers who are coming
3 here, not necessarily as 20-year olds, and have
4 experience and bringing cultural awareness that comes
5 from having been born in another country, speaking
6 another language. I think that's very effective when
7 you're dealing with the elaborate sort of array of
8 cultures we have here, fortunately, in New Haven. I
9 think it's a great addition to our community's
10 policing, both Yale and New Haven together, so I'm
11 happy to support him tonight.

12 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you.
13 Commissioners, you have a recommendation. What is your
14 pleasure?

15 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: I move that we
16 accept the recommendation to appoint Officer Adjei to
17 the Yale Police Department.

18 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I second it.

19 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
20 motion by Commissioner Lawlor and a second by
21 Commissioner Brooks. Any further discussion?
22 Commissioner Lawlor, how do you vote?

23 COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
25 Brooks?

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
3 Miranda?

4 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
6 Meares.

7 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm a yes, as
9 well. Congratulations Officer Adjei and Chief
10 Campbell.

11 CHIEF CAMPBELL: Thank you so much,
12 Commissioners. We appreciate you all.

13 OFFICER ADJIE: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Moving on,
15 retirements for board information only, we have Officer
16 Ivelisse Ortiz effective July 31, 2024 and Officer
17 Richard Lennon effective July 29, 2024. Any questions,
18 Commissioners?

19 Resignations, we have Officer in
20 Training, Harry Collins, effective July 25, 2024,
21 Officer Aldo Ojeda effective August 1, 2024. Any
22 questions? I believe you got copies of their
23 resignation letters.

24 Recruitment selection committee.

25 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: He's on

1 vacation.

2 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Didn't he just
3 come back? Do we have a report?

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: Just
5 briefly, the recruitment background team has been going
6 to events. They were just at the Puerto Rican Festival
7 on Saturday for recruitment, and we have some upcoming
8 fall career fairs at several different colleges, a few
9 out of state, as well, so they will be attending those
10 events.

11 And we have, as the chief mentioned
12 earlier, we have our civil service special meeting
13 tomorrow, and they should be certifying the list which
14 we'll forward to you for approval on the 19th.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any questions,
16 commissioners? Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER MEARES: I just want to
18 note we're not putting any policies up today, but I
19 wanted to, for the visibility of the commission and the
20 public, to let everybody know that we are moving
21 towards our second year of accreditation, which is due
22 near the end of this year, so we will have a number of
23 new policies that are coming in the next three
24 meetings.

25 Commissioner Ribeiro and I met today

1 with AC Bhagtana and LC Agosto to develop a plan that
2 will hopefully be efficient and transparent, so.

3 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you.

4 Yes. There's lots going on. The committee is
5 committed to working with the department to make sure
6 that this is done efficiently and effectively, so we'll
7 certainly have more information to share and the chief
8 will be meeting with you at some point for further
9 discussion.

10 CHIEF JACOBSON: I appreciate your
11 work. I heard a little bit about your meeting today,
12 but whatever you need, we'll work together and get
13 everything done.

14 COMMISSIONER MEARES: That's good to
15 hear, Chief. I do want to say, just to remind everyone
16 and any members of the public, that one of the most
17 important bedrock foundations of any police agency's
18 work are our policies. They're the foundation of
19 accountability. If you don't have that, if you don't
20 have the basement, you can't build the house. And so
21 we have a lot of work to do. We got through tier 1,
22 but we have some special orders that we have to clear
23 up, and tier 2 has some really important policies. I'm
24 glad to hear that everybody is on board, excited, and
25 ready to put their shoulders to the wheel.

1 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you.

2 Thank you Chief Bhagtana and Lieutenant Agosto for the
3 meetings on staffing. Finance committee.

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: Thank you
5 for meeting with us this morning.

6 As far as the finance committee,
7 I'll provide some general updated. Property room,
8 Lieutenant Portela and Sergeant King are wrapping up
9 our file 2 training. Only people that are left are
10 admin and people that are out on injured, so we should
11 finish that up within the next few weeks and next up is
12 the animal shelter. We're working with the Humane
13 Commission and corporation counsel on a comprehensive
14 policy manual. We also had cameras installed at the
15 animal shelter. The work has been completed. They
16 were just waiting for them to be connected to the
17 server, which is a Milestone system.

18 Next up, promotional exams. We have
19 a captain's test scheduled for August 28th and we're
20 still working on the other ranks completing the job
21 analysis of the other ranks, especially the lieutenant
22 and detective ranks.

23 The academy class, we have eight New
24 Haven recruits in the academy class; however, there are
25 people from other departments, as well.

1 Next up, facilities. The animal
2 storage project at Wintergreen is still in progress.

3 Vehicles, we, as I mentioned at the
4 last meeting, the new vehicles are slowly trickling in,
5 which are the Dodge Durangos. They are big outfitted
6 for patrol. There's a police pursuit package, which
7 needs full light package; computers, dashboard cameras,
8 etc.

9 Personnel updates, animal shelter
10 is -- has one vacancy for municipal assistant animal
11 control officer. The list will be served by tomorrow
12 at the civil service meeting. Once we have the list,
13 we'll start planning interviews to fill that position
14 at the animal control -- excuse me, at the animal
15 shelter.

16 Records division, we're down eight
17 or nine records clerks. The lieutenant and the
18 supervisor is conducting the interviews, and so far we
19 have seven people that we're interested in. We're
20 sending job offers to them, hopefully they accept them,
21 and, lastly, grant coordinator position. The offer was
22 accepted and the start date -- onboarding for the
23 individual is on August 26th or 25th. One of those.
24 So we're excited to work with a new person. There will
25 be a learning curve. There's a lot of things that she

1 will be learning. As long as, you know, we have the
2 right people in place, we will be able to teach her.
3 That's all, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Any questions?

5 MS. MEARES: I have a couple
6 questions. For the vehicle, how many have come in and
7 where are they being deployed?

8 CHIEF JACOBSON: They're not on the
9 street yet. They will be deployed in patrol in the
10 districts. Two of them will go as supervisor -- patrol
11 supervisor cars. None of them will be going to any
12 admin positions or take-home cars. They're all going
13 on the street for the cops.

14 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: How many?

15 CHIEF JACOBSON: Fifteen. First
16 wave is 15, so 13 will hit the districts. The other
17 thing about that car is it has a special seatbelt
18 system where you don't have to lean in to buckle in a
19 prisoner. It's the top of the line. The system is set
20 up, there's a larger passenger compartment for
21 transport. They sit in there and it's literally like
22 you just pull it down. You know what I'll do is I'll
23 have a videotape of it done, because it's really good.
24 The officer doesn't have to reach in the car, it's more
25 comfortable for the suspect, and it's more comfortable

1 to use for the officer. It's just top of the line.
2 We're really happy to get these cars with that in
3 there.

4 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Chief, would
6 it be possible, for those of us that would like to, to
7 just come down and take a look at the new inventory of
8 vehicles coming in?

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA:
10 Absolutely. It's up to you.

11 CHIEF JACOBSON: I would wait until
12 they hit the road. What are we thinking, about two
13 weeks, a week?

14 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: We're
15 waiting for some equipment to come in. We're at the
16 mercy of the people who are installing the dashboard
17 cameras.

18 CHIEF JACOBSON: I would wait until
19 then. We can send out an e-mail saying come down, and
20 we can show you the whole thing.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: A second
22 question has to do with the humane commission, and I
23 know that, Chief Bhagtana, you and I have talked about
24 this. The policy manual that you're putting together,
25 is this -- because I know there's a general order on

1 the animal shelter and there was some discussion about
2 them wanting to have input. I thought. Maybe I
3 misunderstood, but they wanted to have some type of
4 input on that, and I just want clarification in terms
5 of the separation of duties between the humane
6 commission, when it comes to the animal shelter, and
7 the police commission in our ability to do general
8 orders that govern the animal shelter, and how does
9 this comprehensive policy manual fit into that. I
10 don't know if that's a Chief Bhagtana question or
11 Attorney King question.

12 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: So I know
13 we spoke about this and I actually met with Attorney
14 King, and the attorneys for the humane commission. We
15 looked through the ordinance and it says in there that
16 the humane commission will adopt the policies and
17 procedures for the animal shelter, which means we come
18 up with policy and procedures, they give their
19 feedback, and that's kind of the workflow we have going
20 on. Attorney King, am I missing anything?

21 MS. KING: No, not as far as I know.
22 I haven't been updated on any of the latest particulars
23 around that, but I know that the human commission is
24 tasked, under the ordinance, with formulating policies
25 and procedures. So it really boils down to having to

1 be a cooperative effort between the humane commission
2 and the animal shelter, because the animal shelter's
3 responsibility under state law -- the city's
4 responsibility is to run the animal shelter, so they're
5 working, as far as I know, cooperatively together to
6 try to come up with a policy that works -- is
7 acceptable to the humane commission and works for the
8 police department, which has to run the animal shelter.
9 I'm not aware that that's completed yet. Once that is,
10 I guess -- I hadn't, to be honest with you, really
11 thought about the police commission's role in this, but
12 it would seem like once the humane commission and the
13 police department have reached an agreement on the
14 policy and procedures manual, that it would seem maybe
15 it has to be submitted to this commission for approval.

16 CHIEF JACOBSON: This commission's
17 approval and input. I agree.

18 MS. KING: It's not a -- it's a
19 complex task, because of the -- you know, there are two
20 commissions in the department, but I have roles in it,
21 so we're hopeful that we'll be able to get something
22 resolved here.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: So, thank you
24 for that. Not to take away any of the authority or the
25 responsibility of the humane commission, they certainly

1 need to do what they need to do in regards to the
2 ordinance or anything else. I just want to ensure that
3 this commission is involved to the extent that they
4 need to be involved, if more research is needed in
5 terms of what our authorization and responsibility is,
6 I would appreciate that, because we're working on a
7 whole set of general orders. I do believe animal
8 shelter is one of those general orders; correct or
9 something to that effect?

10 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: We don't
11 have the animal shelter as part of the accreditations
12 on the order.

13 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Not
14 accreditation, but do we have a general order?

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF BHAGTANA: We have
16 no policy governing the animal shelter. We have
17 bulletins and things of that nature.

18 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Okay.

19 CHIEF JACOBSON: We have guidelines
20 for who's the ACO.

21 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Maybe
22 semantics.

23 CHIEF JACOBSON: It doesn't touch
24 base on it all, but what we're talking about is putting
25 together a whole policy and procedure manual just to be

1 clearer and better. Yes, there's different policies
2 and procedures that touch base on who's to be where,
3 who's doing what. I wouldn't say there's none, but we
4 need to make it better.

5 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: I'm just
6 saying some type of coordination and if we need and are
7 able to get input, I'd like to see that happen, but
8 that's not to take away from their authorization. I
9 want to make that clear. I'm not trying to overstep or
10 step on anyone's toes. It's just that we have our
11 obligation, as well.

12 Anything else? Thank you for that.
13 Any other business? Do we have any public comment?

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Madam Chair, I
15 just wanted to thank the chief and especially Chief
16 Ettiienne for assisting -- a good friend of mine lost
17 his mother and he's a long-time staple of the
18 Newhallville community, and he asked for an escort for
19 his mother. I wanted to thank the chief. I know it's
20 tough to do these, but just thank you for being able to
21 provide a service for a longtime standing resident of
22 Newhallville.

23 CHIEF JACOBSON: Any time we can, we
24 will.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Thank you. Is

1 there any reason to go into executive session? Before
2 we adjourn, I just want to say thank you to everyone.
3 This meeting went a little longer than we probably
4 anticipated, but I think there was a lot of good,
5 healthy discussion, and I appreciate the commissioners
6 for that and for everyone for hanging out and say thank
7 you to Attorney King for stepping in for Attorney
8 DuPrey this evening. And also to your our court
9 reporter for stepping this evening, as well.

10 If we have no further business, then
11 I would entertain a motion for adjournment.

12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved,
13 Madam Chair.

14 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: We have a
16 motion by Commissioner Brooks and a second by
17 Commissioner Meares for adjournment. Any further
18 discussion? Seeing none, Commissioner Brooks.

19 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
21 Meares?

22 COMMISSIONER MEARES: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commissioner
24 Miranda?

25 COMMISSIONER MIRANDA: Yes.

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CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: Commission

Lawlor?

COMMISSIONER LAWLOR: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON RIBEIRO: And I'm yes,
as well. We're adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Thank you,
Commissioners and everyone for this evening and have a
great rest of your night.

(Whereupon, the Hearing was
adjourned at 7:44 p.m.)

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