

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD
PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Blanks at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Councilor Carol Blanks, Chair; Councilor Alberto Cortes; Rick Ledwith, Acting Town Manager; Police Chief Vernon Riddick; Asst. Police Chief Lawrence Terra; Asst. Police Chief Robert Riccobon; Fire Chief Greg Priest; Asst. Fire Chief Hugh O’Callaghan; Fire Marshal Robert Grimaldi; Robert McCue, Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Members of the Civilian Police Review Board, Board Chair Olinda Morales, Veronica Badiola, Kathleen Hindman, Matt Horowitz, Robin Kallor.

2. Business Items

- A. Approval of May 4, 2022 Minutes – Chair Carol Blanks motioned the Minutes be accepted with the necessary corrections. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Civilian Police Review Board Annual Report – Acting Town Manager Rick Ledwith commented on the West Hartford Civilian Police Review Board. Olinda Morales, Board Chair of the Civilian Police Review Board, reviewed the first report of the Board.

3. Communications

There were no communications.

4. Staff Reports

- A. Fire Department Update – Fire Chief Greg Priest gave an update of the Department’s activities.
- B. Police Department Update – Police Chief Vernon Riddick gave an update of the Department’s activities.

5. Future Agenda Items

- A. Councilor Alberto Cortes suggested keeping communications with legislators of matters upcoming for their next session instead of trying to do it at the same time, being a step ahead of them. He stated the last time around, comments could be made on what was there but there was no input. Chair Carol Blanks emphasized stronger collaboration, reaching out and making something happen and perhaps scheduling a meeting.

7. Adjournment

Chair Carol Blanks adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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