

# **RICHMOND POLICE COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Employment & Training Building**  
**330 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Conference Room 1**

## **MINUTES**

### **I CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Cora Ward

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Nemy Bautista  
Scott Gillespie  
Dolores Hembree  
Felix Hunziker  
Roberto Reyes (arrived 7:04)  
Bea Roberson  
Glenn Stephenson  
Cora J. Ward  
Naomi Williams

**Absent:** None

**Vacancies:** None

#### **Administrative**

**Staff Present:** Don Casimere, Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer  
Malia Glover, Executive Secretary I

**Council Liaison:** Jeff Ritterman, Council Liaison – Absent

#### **City Attorney's**

**Office Representative:** Bruce Soublet, Assistant City Attorney – Present

**Chair Ward** introduced and welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, **Felix Hunziker**.

### **II APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2010**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Bautista** and second by **Commissioner Williams**, the minutes for the regular meeting of January 6, 2010, were approved as written. All were in favor.

### **III COMMENTS BY COUNCIL LIAISON JEFF RITTERMAN**

Not present.

#### IV COMMENTS BY CHIEF OF POLICE (Chris Magnus or his representative)

**Chief Magnus** handed out the following policies for the commissioners to review - 404 Briefing Training; 408 Special Response Team; 706 Vehicle Use Policy. He also handed out a copy of RPD's Homicide/Gun Violence Reduction Plan for 2010, a copy of an article from the Christian Science Monitor called Follow the Guns, a copy of an article from The Oakbook entitled Tracking Oakland's Guns and a copy of an editorial in the NY Times about criminals and guns. He gave an overview of the Homicide/Gun Violence Reduction Plan that includes gun tracing, hot spot patrols, DNA analysis of firearms, gang injunctions, special attention to parolees, domestic violence prevention, focus on gun crimes, and reducing gun violence among young people. **Capt. Allwyn Brown** provided additional information about hotspot patrols, parolees and other areas included in the plan.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked when they trace firearms back to the original purchaser, how do they establish proof that they sold it illegally. **Capt. Brown** said that the buying and selling of weapons is controlled by the federal government. When they do tracing through ATF, they track the firearm back to the original manufacturer or importer. They want to make sure, administratively, that whoever sold it or imported it did it legally and correctly. They look for patterns of abuse such as someone going around the law to get more guns into the community to make money.

**Commissioner Stephenson** asked if the detectives would be working with the beat officers. **Chief Magnus** said they have several detectives in the special investigations division which includes a robbery and homicide team, someone who handles parole issues, gun crimes, narcotics, etc., who work together with the beat officers in solving crimes.

**Commissioner Williams** asked if the policy had changed on having police commissioners take part in oral boards. The Chief said the policy has not changed. **Commissioner Williams** asked why all commissioners had different versions of the policy manual. **Chief Magnus** said that certain commissioners came on board at different times and received a different version of the manual. **Bruce Soublet** said the policy manual will be revised and everyone will get a copy of the new manual.

**Commissioner Hunziker** asked the Chief to break down the percentages of where the illegal guns in Richmond come from. **Chief Magnus** said he does not have that information.

**Commissioner Hembree** asked if officers will be able to view the policy manual on their computers while on duty. **Chief Magnus** said that will be implemented this year.

**Commissioner Bautista** inquired about the substation at Hilltop and what will happen to mall security. **Chief Magnus** said it is near completion. He said the mall hires its own security personnel. The substation will supplement that with an added police presence.

**Commissioner Bautista** asked how many officers will retire in the next three months. The Chief said he is aware of one. He will be announcing 4 promotions in the next 10 days – 1 lieutenant and 3 sergeants.

**Commissioner Williams** asked if they could get copies of schedules for the north, south and central areas. **Chief Magnus** said yes. **Capt. Brown** handed out copies of the central area schedule.

**V REPORTS BY:**

- **Richmond Police Officers' Association**

**Off. Hector Esparza**, Vice-President, said he had no report but handed out photos from the Christmas party for the commissioners that attended.

- **Latino Police Officers' Association**

**Off. Esparza** reported that **Off. Ray Hernandez** is the new LPOA President. They have tickets on sale for the annual crab feed that will be held on 3/13/10, at Salesian High School.

- **Guardians of Justice**

No representative present

**VI PUBLIC FORUM**

No public speakers

**VII REVIEW OF RPD POLICIES (300 Use of Force; 302 Major Incident Review; 304 Use of Firearm Policy; 306 Leg Restraint Device; 308 Control Devices and Techniques; 313 Crime Gun Tracing; 314 Response/Vehicle Pursuit Policy; 318 Canine Program; 337 Rewards Program; 378 Closed Circuit Television/Public Camera System (CCTV); 402 Racial/Bias Based Profiling; 428 Immigration Status)**

**Chair Ward** said she had three recommendations for the process of reviewing the policies. 1) Commissioners will review all policies and submit notes at the March Police Commission meeting; 2) Commissioners will review all policies and submit comments to the Police Commission secretary. All commissioners will get copies of all comments for review and will discuss at the March Police Commission meeting; 3) Have a special meeting to discuss any comments/revisions.

Following discussion, **Commissioner Roberson** made a motion for all commissioners to review policies and submit all comments to the Police Commission secretary who will compile all comments and send to the commissioners for review. They will be discussed at the next regular Police Commission meeting on 3/03/10. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Reyes**. All were in favor.

**CIAO Casimere** thanked the Chief for bringing the policies to the commission for review.

**Chair Ward** asked the commissioners to submit their comments to the secretary by close of business on 2/17/10.

## **VIII REPORTS BY:**

### **Commissioner Stephenson**

- 1/13/10 – Attended Family Justice Center Kick Off Reception
- 1/11/10 – Attended Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony

### **Commissioner Bautista**

- 1/11/10 – Attended Police Officer Swearing-In Ceremony
- 1/13/10 – Attended Family Justice Center Kick Off Reception
- 1/27/10 – 4-Hour Ride-Along with Off. Vigil
- 1/28/10 – Attended Event for Supervisor John Gioia

### **Commissioner Roberson**

- 1/09/10 – Attended Crime Prevention Retreat
- Attended RNCC Meeting
- Attended RNCC Board Meeting
- Attended meeting regarding closure of Station A Post Office
- Attended 2 City Council Meetings
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### **Commissioner Hunziker**

- North and East Neighborhood Patrol was recently recognized by the City Council
- North and East Neighborhood Patrol will provide monitoring at Friday's Valentine's Dance at Richmond High School
- Beginning daytime bicycle patrols in the neighborhood

### **Commissioner Reyes**

- Announced that he is entering supervisor's race

### **Chair Ward**

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- Attended Easter Hill NC Meeting

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**CIAO Casimere**

- Submitted the daily activity log
- Suggested taking new picture for commission brochure prior to next meeting

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by **Commissioner Williams** and second by **Commissioner Stephenson**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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**Don Casimere**  
**Confidential Investigative & Appeals Officer**