

January 8, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:43 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Richard C. Cox, Chair
Carolina M. Stark
Leonard J. Sobczak
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ABSENT: Commissioners: Ernesto A. Baca (Excused)
Kathryn A. Hein (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Douglas Holton, Chief, Milwaukee Fire Department; and Edward Flynn, Chief, Milwaukee Police Department.

The Director presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2008. Commissioner Stark moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sobczak. The motion carried unanimously.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

a) The Director presented a classification report dated January 5, 2009, from Maria Monteagudo, Director of Employee Relations, regarding a new position of Finance and Planning Manager in the 2009 Police Department budget. Ms. Monteagudo recommends that the Salary Ordinance be amended under Salary Grade 11 to add the title "Police Finance and Planning Manager", and that a footnote designation "2/" be added after the title Police Budget and Administration Manager and footnote 2/ to read as follows: "2/ Position to be studied when vacant." She also recommends that in the Position Ordinance, under Police Department, Administration Services Decision Unit, Office of the Chief of Police, add one position of "Police Finance and Planning Manager." Andrea Knickerbocker, Human Resources Manager, was present and spoke regarding the report. Commissioner Sobczak moved approval of the report, seconded by Commissioner Stark. The motion carried unanimously.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotion, as presented by Chief Douglas Holton, was approved by the Board:

TO FIRE EQUIPMENT MACHINIST, from Fire Equipment Repairer II, effective January 11, 2009:

KEITH A. WERNER.

b) The Director presented a letter dated December 30, 2008, from Chief Holton, wherein he notifies the Board that Firefighter John O. Craney was granted an extension of his Medical Leave of Absence, which will now expire April 2, 2009.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotions, as presented by Chief Edward Flynn, were approved by the Board:

TO IDENTIFICATION TECHNICIAN, from Police Officer, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, effective January 11, 2009:

STEVEN R. KANE.

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT II, from Office Assistant I, effective January 11, 2009:

VERONICA I. MCCLAIN.

b) The following appointments, as presented by Chief Flynn, were approved by the Board:

TO POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR (REGULAR), from eligible list established February 1, 2007, contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation, medical examination, and drug screening, effective January 26, 2009:

#94 – SARAH B. TATE-WELLS.

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT I, from Department of Employee Relations eligible list, contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective January 12, 2009:

KIMBERLY L. HOGAN and ROSALYN D. FULLER.

c) The Director presented a letter dated December 30, 2008, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board that Police Officer Monique Foster returned from an unpaid leave of absence effective December 17, 2008; Police Officer Robert Kendziorski returned from a Family and Medical Leave Act unpaid leave, effective December 8, 2008; Police District Office Assistant Norma Waller-Powell returned from a Family and Medical Leave Act unpaid leave, effective December 11, 2008; Police Officer Matthew Curler was granted an unpaid Military Leave of Absence commencing December 12, 2008 and concluding in January 2010; Police Officer Harriet Harrison was granted a Family and Medical Leave Act unpaid leave commencing December 7, 2008 and concluding January 22, 2009; and Police Dispatcher Camille Simmons was granted a Family and Medical Leave Act unpaid leave commencing November 16, 2008 and concluding February 7, 2009.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Cox commented on the positive media coverage of Chief Flynn's one-year anniversary.

Chief Flynn gave the Commissioners an update on the condition of a police officer who had been involved in a serious squad accident earlier in the day.

Renee Keinert, Program Assistant III for the Fire and Police Commission, announced that the January 20, 2009 Testing and Recruiting Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 28, 2009.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Sobczak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Stark. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 5:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director