September 17, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:33 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Richard C. Cox, Chair
Carolina M. Stark
Ernesto A. Baca
Kathryn A. Hein
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Sarah W. Morgan

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 September 3, 2009. Commissioner Stark moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Chief Edward Flynn spoke regarding the Branding/Recruiting Campaign. He explained that local advertising agency Cramer-Krasselt created the campaign pro-bono. The goal of the campaign is to recruit and communicate a positive message about the Police Department and the decreasing crime rate. Improvements are being made to the Police Department, and this campaign is being used as a tool to market Milwaukee as a great place to live, work, and play. Chief Flynn also stated the campaign will be playing in Marcus movie theaters and has been nominated for a national award for public service announcement of the year. Due to technical difficulties, the video presentation was laid over to a future meeting.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The Director presented two letters dated September 9, 2009, from Chief Douglas Holton, wherein he nominates Battalion Chief Jack P. Christianson and Battalion Chief Steven W. Gleisner to the exempt position of Deputy Chief, Fire in the Fire Department, to be effective October 4, 2009. Pursuant to Rules of the Board, final action on these nominations was laid over to permit the nominees to be interviewed.

The Director presented two letters dated September 9, 2009, from Chief Holton, wherein he nominates Fire Captain Sean W. Slowey and Fire Captain Spencer L. Vassel to the exempt position of Battalion Chief, Fire in the Fire Department, to be effective October 4, 2009. Pursuant to Rules of the Board, final action on these nominations was laid over to permit the nominees to be interviewed.

The promotions to Fire Captain and Fire Lieutenant were removed from the agenda to be considered at the next Regular Meeting on October 1, 2009.

b) The following promotions, as presented by Chief Holton, were approved by the Board:

TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, on a waiver basis, from eligible list established July 16, 2009, effective September 20, 2009:

#5 – DAVID E. ORNSTEIN and #6 – AARON M. KREIL.

c) The following appointments, as presented by Chief Holton, were approved by the Board:

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TO FIRE EQUIPMENT DISPATCHER, from eligible list established June 4, 2009, contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective October 5, 2009:

#2 – TRACE MATABELE and #5 – SUSAN HUNNICUTT.

d) The Director presented a letter dated September 3, 2009, from Chief Holton, wherein he notifies the Board that Firefighter Anthony J. Guehlstorf has returned to duty from his military leave of absence without pay effective September 3, 2009. His leave was granted on March 16, 2009.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotion, as presented by Chief Edward Flynn, was approved by the Board:

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT III, from a Department of Employee Relations (DER) eligible list, effective September 20, 2009:

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

TO POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR (REGULAR), from eligible list established May 7, 2009, effective September 20, 2009:

#29 – THERESA SCOTT.

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT I, from DER eligible list, contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective September 21, 2009:

TRECIA M. COLEMAN.

TO SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (REGULAR), with effective dates:

ANTHONY CALVIN (09/1/09); LUCINDA N. POWELL (09/01/09); and JUDIA D. WELCH (9/3/09).

c) The request to exempt the position of Communication Systems Manager was removed from the agenda.

d) The Director presented a letter dated September 1, 2009, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board that Police Officer David J. Grycowski has been suspended for 15 days without pay for violation of Department Rules and Regulations under Personnel Order 2009-156 dated September 1, 2009.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no comment made from the public present.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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The meeting concluded at 5:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

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