

October 3, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Sarah W. Morgan, Chair  
Kathryn A. Hein  
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Michael M. O'Hear  
Ann Wilson  
Marisabel Cabrera

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Rohlfing, Chief, Milwaukee Fire Department and  
Edward A. Flynn, Chief, Milwaukee Police Department

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) The Director presented correspondence dated September 17, 2013 from Police Sergeant Shaun Doyne wherein he provides a status update for his temporary residency exemption. Through his correspondence, Sergeant Doyne indicated his marital status and living situation have not changed. Commissioner O'Hear moved to extend the temporary residency exemption for one (1) year, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The Director introduced Chief Rohlfing who gave a presentation regarding fire prevention week. Chief Rohlfing informed the Commission that fire prevention week is October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. The Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) has week-long activities planned including the kickoff at the Survive Alive House on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>; on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> there is the fallen firefighter memorial at MFD headquarters; and on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the poster to billboard contest lunch will be held at Engine 2. Milwaukee area school children create a poster regarding fire prevention week and the winning poster is turned into a large highway billboard and displayed. The children attend a Milwaukee Bucks game, are awarded some prizes and meet some of the players. Also on October 10<sup>th</sup> MFD has a meritorious service award presentation at the academy. On Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> MFD and some of the Bucks' players are out in the community installing smoke detectors in homes. On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> there will be two locations where free smoke detector batteries will be handed out. Fire prevention week is celebrated throughout the country every year in October during the week containing the ninth to commemorate the October 9, 1871 Great Chicago Fire. This year's emphasis is on preventing kitchen fires. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in the home. Children are taught escape planning. About three-quarters of Americans have escape plans but do not practice them. One-third of Americans believe they have at least six minutes to evacuate their homes before a fire would become life-threatening, but the time is actually about one-half that. Working smoke detectors cut fire deaths in half. Citizens can call the smoke detector hotline at 286-8970 and MFD will send a fire truck to their residence to hang a smoke detector in the proper location, free of charge. If they do not have a smoke detector, MFD will provide one and hang it, also free of charge. MFD installs smoke detectors with a 10-year lithium battery that is non-removable. About 1,200 to 1,500 are installed by MFD yearly.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD, with the following effective dates:

ROBER T. TYLER (9/9/13), NANCY L. FUHRMANN (9/16/13), JESSICA GUERRERO-RAMOS (9/16/13), MICHELLE RIVERA (9/24/13), JASMINE M. JAMES (9/25/13), and HERMAN JACKSON (9/25/13).

b) The Director presented correspondence dated September 24, 2013, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board that the September 3, 2013 appointment effective date of Charrisa Macorncan to the position of Office Assistant I, approved at the July 25, 2013 meeting, has been changed to September 4, 2013.

c) The Director presented correspondence dated September 26, 2013, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board that Police Officer Anthony Rivera returned from an unpaid military leave of absence which commenced March 21, 2013, effective September 2, 2013; and Police Sergeant April Hoffman was granted an extension to an unpaid medical leave of absence until October 4, 2013, which commenced April 17, 2013.

d) The Director presented correspondence dated September 30, 2013, from Chief Flynn, requesting the Department of Employee Relations perform a study of the Public Relations Manager position for reclassification to Media Producer.

e) The Director presented correspondence dated September 23, 2013, from Chief Flynn, requesting the Department of Employee Relations perform a study of the Office Assistant IV position in Technical Communications Division – NCIC position for reclassification.

f) The Director presented a communication from Chief Flynn regarding law enforcement grants. Chief Flynn informed the Commission that the Milwaukee Police Department has been seeking funding to enhance their mission of data-driven, community based, problem oriented strategy. During the third quarter of 2013, MPD earned \$2,103,754 in grant money. The Justice Information Sharing Implementation Program awarded them \$417,554. Students Talking It Over With Police (STOP) Program awarded them \$50,000. The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program awarded them \$386,200. The COPS Hiring Program Grant awarded them \$1,250,000. The total grant money received for the first and second quarters was \$2,118,754. The year-to-date total is \$4,790,748.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner O'Hear moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin  
Executive Director

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