

May 1, 2014

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: Sarah W. Morgan
Kathryn A. Hein
Michael M. O'Hear
Ann Wilson
Marisabel Cabrera
Steven M. DeVougas

ALSO PRESENT: Mark Rohlfing, Chief, Milwaukee Fire Department and
James Harpole, Assistant Chief, representing the Milwaukee Police Department

The Director presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 3, 2014. Commissioner Wilson moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner O'Hear. The motion carried unanimously.

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Commissioner Hein presented the report of the Committee on Testing and Recruiting that met prior to the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Hein stated they were informed of the status of testing and recruiting for the positions of police officer, police aide, lieutenant and detective promotional testing, police dispatcher, firefighter, heavy equipment operator and fire cadet. A police officer class will begin in June, along with a class for police aide and firefighter in August. The firefighter class will probably include the fire cadets hired in 2012. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the committee report, seconded by Commissioner Cabrera. The motion carried unanimously.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following appointment, as presented by Chief Rohlfing, was approved by the Board:

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT I, contingent upon a successful medical examination and drug screen, from eligible list adopted November 1, 2012, effective May 12, 2014:

BRANDI M. DUPREE.

b) The Director presented correspondence dated April 24, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he requests an examination for the position of Fire Equipment Dispatcher be conducted as soon as practical and a new eligible list established to coincide with the current list's expiration. The request was forwarded to FPC staff.

c) The Director presented correspondence dated April 24, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he informs the Board Heavy Equipment Operator Daniel R. Lazarski has been granted a three-month extension to his unpaid leave of absence that will expire on August 9, 2014, effective February 9, 2014.

d) The Director presented correspondence dated April 9, 2014 from Chief Rohlfing, wherein he notifies the Board he suspended Firefighter David M. Schulz from duty for five days.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO POLICE SERGEANT, from eligible list adopted December 19, 2013, contingent upon a successful drug screening, effective May 11, 2014:

#42 – MICHAEL DIX.

TO OFFICE ASSISTANT II, from Office Assistant I, effective May 11, 2014:

CHARISSA MACORNCAN.

b) The Director presented correspondence dated April 8, 2014, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board he suspended Police Officer Eric K. Brenson from duty for thirty days.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Ahmuty, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (ACLU) spoke regarding the police officer involved shooting that occurred on April 30, 2014 in Red Arrow Park. He agrees with Chief Flynn that there are serious issues with access to mental health care. He referenced the death of John Kriewaldt and how the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) reported the call incorrectly. Instead of being a "trouble with subject" call, it should have been a "mental observation" call. He would like to see crisis intervention teams responding to calls of this nature. The focus should be on the number of calls relating to the homeless and mental health. The program needs to be tweaked, such as the CAD system to reflect the call better and the police officers' interaction with these people. The homeless and mentally ill determine that nothing good comes from their contact with the police. Mr. Ahmuty asked the Police Department and the Fire and Police Commission to review their budget going before the Finance and Personnel Committee to determine if there are adequate funds for enhancement of the crisis intervention team.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting concluded at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

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