April 16, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:50 P.M.

PRESENT:	Commissioners:	Kathryn A. Hein, Vice-Chair Michael M. O'Hear Marisabel Cabrera Steven M. DeVougas
ABSENT:	Commissioners:	Sarah W. Morgan (Excused) Ann Wilson

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

The Chair reconvened the Board in Regular Session, having previously met in Executive Session from 5:18 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) c), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of employees of the Police Department and/or Fire Department over whom the Board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to wit: evaluation of candidates for promotion to Police Sergeant and Detective, and reappointment request of a former police officer.

The meeting was staffed by Attorney Steven Fronk. Mr. Fronk presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2015. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

1. EXAMINATIONS:

a) Mr. Fronk presented for approval an examination announcement bulletin for the position of Health and Safety Specialist in the Fire Department. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the bulletin, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, on a waiver basis, from eligible list established July 27, 2014, effective April 26, 2015:

#13 – MATTHEW A. JAEGER.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO POLICE SERGEANT, on a waiver basis, from eligible list established December 19, 2013, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, effective April 26, 2015:

#55 – BRIAN C. BURCH.

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TO DETECTIVE, on a waiver basis, from eligible list established December 19, 2013, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, effective April 26, 2015:

#46 – SHANNON D. ORVIS.

TO CRIME ANALYST, from Sensitive Crimes Project Coordinator, effective April 26, 2015:

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b) The following appointment, as presented by Chief Flynn, was approved by the Board:

TO ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, from eligible list established December 4, 2014, contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective April 27, 2015:

#2 – MICHAEL D. LAMBERT.

c) Mr. Fronk presented a letter dated April 7, 2015, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that the probationary period of Police Officer Israel M. Rivera be extended for a period of 95 consecutive days, until August 22, 2015, based on the reasons in the letter. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fronk presented a letter dated April 7, 2015, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that the probationary period of Police Officer Cameron R. Scott be extended for a period of 283 consecutive days, until February 25, 2016, based on the reasons in the letter. Commissioner DeVougas moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner O'Hear. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Mr. Fronk presented a letter dated March 23, 2015, from Chief Flynn, wherein he presents a request for reappointment to the position of Police Officer from Alan D. Carsky. This item was discussed earlier in closed session. Mr. Carsky was appointed on August 13, 2007, and was terminated from the Department for a non-disciplinary reason effective June 19, 2014. Chief Flynn recommends that Mr. Carsky be reappointed contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Mr. Fronk presented a letter dated March 31, 2015, from Chief Flynn, wherein he presents a request for reappointment to the position of Police Telecommunicator from Tenine R. Fleck. Ms. Fleck was appointed on June 21, 2012, and resigned from the Department in good standing effective September 30, 2014. Chief Flynn recommends that Ms. Fleck be reappointed contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective April 27, 2015. Commissioner O'Hear moved approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Mr. Fronk presented a letter dated April 7, 2015, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that an examination be conducted for the position of Property Control Manager as soon as administratively possible. The Chair referred the request to the Department of Employee Relations for implementation.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Watkins stated there have not been any citizen complaint hearings since 2012. She noticed on the closed session agenda that the Board interviewed promotional candidates and hopes it was not just for appearance. She stated that one of the nominees, Officer Burch, has a history and such things need to be looked at before approval is given to promote. She was disappointed that there were not that many members of the public in attendance because they have to keep pushing for change even when there is no hot button topic in the public eye.

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Martin Wall spoke about traffic situations that he feels have not changed since he spoke before the Board on this a few years ago. Intersections like 3rd and North have poles and hydrants down, pedestrians jumping out of the way of cars, cars passing on the right, cutting through crowded gas stations to avoid busy intersections, etc. He asked what was being accomplished with traffic stops because they are not affecting how people drive. Blind pedestrians, bicycles, and people in bus shelters are all at risk, and some have already been hit. He asked for a new plan to change this.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting concluded at 6:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn A. Hein
Vice-Chair

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