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Meeting Minutes - Final Police and Fire Commission

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

3:30 PM

Safety Building, 730 Center Street
Police Chief's Conference Room

OPEN SESSION

1 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Johnson, at 3:30 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

*Charles W. Johnson
Marie Black
Keith Rogers
Charles Tyler
Van H. Wanggaard*

Also Present:

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen
Assistant Chief Steven Hurley
Lieutenant John Polzin
Michael Moore - Journal Times*

3 Approval of Minutes for the December 15, 2009 Meeting

Draft minutes for the December 15, 2010 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Rogers and seconded by Commissioner Black. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

4 Police Department Update-Assistant Chief Hurley

General Discussion:

Review Crime Statistics for: November and December, 2009

Review stats for November - December, 2009: Violent Crime down 21%; Part One Crime down 11.5%. See written crime stats.

Homicide Report

Homicide Report: No new homicides during the period; one cold case cleared from 2006 (06-68760).

Schools Reviewed

Schools: Reviewed chaplain training. They are volunteers who work with the officers to address stress issues.

5 Fire Department Update-Chief Hansen

General Discussion:

*CFS down (383) in 2008.
01-01-09 through 12-31-09: All Saints Emergency ambulance calls down.*

Recruitment

*Sarting in March, West Allis will be doing ability testing - CPAT.
New applications open March, 2010 - written test, May, CPAT, July; backgrounds,
September/October; Interviews, November/December.*

Equipment Update

Engine 6 delivery, mid-June.

6 Meeting Agendas and Draft Minutes

Discussion of:

Agenda Content

"Legistar" Challenges, etc.

Draft Minutes

General discussion of the requirements of Open Meeting rules for posting agendas with expanded information on topics of discussion. The agenda for this meeting was amended to be expanded in the categories of general discussion to reflect reports to be reviewed. Difficulties with "Legistar" were discussed in the use of the program and training required to work the program. While prior agendas were posted timely, and the commission participants were aware of the reports to be reviewed, more info on those reports needed to be highlighted on the agenda. Therefore, this agenda was immediately amended to reflect that need.

7 Old Business

None

8 Correspondence

Praise letter from Diane Margosian, 21 Jimlin Lane, Racine, Wisconsin, re: cooperative life-saving effort by Burlington, Lake Geneva, and Racine Fire Departments with regard to Phil Adsit, trapped in a soy bean grain elevator on February 10, 2010. Received and filed.

CLOSED SESSION - A motion made by Commissioner Wanggaard and seconded by Commissioner Black to move to closed session under authority of Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(f), for the purpose of consideration of employment, evaluation, and data referring to Police or Fire Department personnel matters, promotion, compensation, or evaluating the performance of any employee under the Commission's jurisdiction in addition to sensitive policing strategies was carried unanimously. Roll Call Vote.

1 Fire Department - Chief Hansen:

Promotions

Action taken in open session.

Personnel Update

Hired six new fire fighters; swearing in last Friday in March.

2 Police Department - Chief Wahlen

Promotion

Action taken in open session.

Retirements-Probationary Report-Training Schools

Gang Report

Internal Affairs Report-Lt. John Polzin

Three complaints; one open.

3 Personnel Update Probationary Officers

OPEN SESSION - A motion was made by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, for the Commission to reconvene in open session to take action on promotions discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Promotions:

Motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, and approved unanimously, to promote the following fire fighters, effective January 20, 2010, at 12:01 a.m.:

*Lieutenant Gary Solfest to Fire Suppression Captain.
Driver/Operator Jeffery Peterson to Fire Suppression Lieutenant.
Driver/Operator Timothy Lehner to Fire Suppression Lieutenant.*

Motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, and approved unanimously, to promote the following fire fighters, effective January 30, 2010, at 12:01 a.m.:

*Lieutenant Charles Ricchio to Fire Suppression Captain.
Driver/Operator Richard Peterson to Fire Suppression Lieutenant.*

Police Department Promotion:

Motion by Commissioner Black, seconded by President Johnson, and approved unanimously, to promote Sgt. Todd Schulz to Lieutenant of Police.

Next Meeting Date

Next regular scheduled meeting, Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 3:30 p.m., in Chief's Conference Room, Racine Safety Building, 730 Center Street.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m., approximately, on a motion by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, and carried unanimously.