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Commissioner
James R. Pedersen

MEETING MINUTES FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION MEETING December 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners McCarthy, O'Shea and Pedersen. Also present, was Ann Skrodzki in place of Commission Attorney Mike Jurusik, Police Deputy Chief Michael Fellers and Assistant Manager John Schwarz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2023, and the Special meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The only item of new business to discuss was 2024 firefighter testing. IO Solutions has provided a testing timeline, and the application is currently available until January 16th. The written exam will take place on February 11, 2024. Also, on the recommendation of Fire Chief Mavrogeorge, the BFPC has looked into holding a single written test for multiple agencies. After calling our testing agency the BFPC discovered this type of exam does exist but it would be on the individual departments to set it up.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item of old business to discuss was the amendments to the BFPC Rules and Regulations. Up for discussion was changes to lateral police officer hiring and promotional as well as statutory changes to fire and police eligibility requirements. The BFPC will table approving these changes until the next meeting. Next there was discussion on the Fire Captain Promotional Exam. Commissioner McCarthy explained that the test is scheduled for dates in January and Chief's points are requested of the fire chief to the Commission by December 20, 2023.

Next the promotional exam for Police Sergeant was discussed. The schedule for testing has been sent out to officers who are taking the exam and interview dates with the BFPC will take place after the Holidays. The BFPC then discussed the current firefighter testing. Also discussed was possible ways to adapt the rules to be more inclusive of fire candidates. After the discussion the initial eligibility list which will get sent out to both candidates on the list was presented. The number 1 candidate has already started the hiring process and the BFPC is moving along as quickly as possible due to the urgency in the fire department to fill vacancies. Last item to discuss was the status of candidates on the police eligibility list. Erick McCord and Jose Rodriguez are cleared for hire and set to start the academy as of January 8, 2024.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Next Meeting: January 3, 2024

Fire: Entry Level Firefighter List (Initial List Approved)

Fire: Captain Promotional List (Expired January 3, 2021- EXHAUSTED)

Fire: Lieutenant Promotional List (Expires August 24, 2025)

Police: Entry Level Police Officer Expires October 4, 2025)

Police: Sergeant Promotional List: (Expires January 6, 2024)

Commission Terms: James O'Shea (Expires May 2024) Thomas McCarthy (Expires April 30, 2025) James Pedersen (Expires April 30, 2026)

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm.