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FOR INFORMATION CALL

April 18, 2018

Ald. Terry L. Witkowski  
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## **Fire and Police Commission violates open meetings law, leading to do-over for police chief appointment**

The Fire and Police Commission must re-do its action to appoint interim Police Chief Alfonso Morales to serve out the remaining term of former Chief Edward Flynn.

The City Attorney's office has determined that **the Commission violated open meetings law by not giving proper notice that** the item would be heard during its April 5 meeting, leading to a second rushed attempt at making the appointment tomorrow.

**Alderman Terry L. Witkowski**, vice chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee, said he is not pleased with how the Fire and Police Commission is handling the do-over of the Morales appointment confirmation, scheduled for tomorrow – Thursday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

“I’m frankly incensed that they are handling such an important appointment so poorly—and for the second time.” Alderman Witkowski said.

In the **attached** agenda for tomorrow’s Fire and Police Commission meeting, the confirmation of Chief Morales is listed as item G under “Unfinished Business.” That agenda was issued after the close of business on Tuesday.

“They are burying the confirmation. It seems like they just want to punch it through with one day’s notice, and the public and public input be damned,” Alderman Witkowski said.

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## **FPC meeting/ADD ONE**

The rushed appointment of Chief Morales was also discussed during the April 9 Judiciary and Legislation Committee meeting, and a clip of that meeting can be viewed by going to [http://milwaukee.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=1618&meta\\_id=2365074](http://milwaukee.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1618&meta_id=2365074). In this clip, Alderman Bauman and Alderman Witkowski question the legality of the public notice being given.

They both complain that the way the notice was written, no one knew that the important matter of appointing the Chief of Police was on the agenda.

For further information please call Alderman Witkowski's office at 414-286-8537.



# City of Milwaukee

## Meeting Agenda

City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

### BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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Thursday, April 19, 2018

5:30 P.M.

Room 301-B, City Hall

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### Regular Meeting

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will meet in open session on the following items:

I. **Public Comment**

A. Comment(s) by the Public

II. **Consent Agenda**

- A. [Correspondence regarding Police Officer Appointments](#)
- B. [Request to Rescind Police Officer Appointments \(7 positions\)](#)
- C. Promotions:
  - 1. [Designer Graphic II – Police Department](#)
  - 2. [Office Assistant III \(2 positions\) – Police Department](#)
- D. [Appointments: School Crossing Guard \(4 positions\) – Police Department](#)
- E. [Correspondence regarding Termination of Probationary Recruit Officer – Police Department](#)
- F. [Request for Examination for the position of Police Identification Supervisor – Police Department](#)
- G. [Correspondence regarding change of date of promotion \(2 positions\) – Police Department](#)
- H. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2018

III. **Unfinished Business**

- A. [Promotion to Battalion Chief \(1 position\) – Fire Department](#)
- B. ~~[Reconsideration of Promotion of Detective – Police Department](#)~~
- C. [Objection to Police Lieutenant Promotion – Police Department](#)
- D. [Promotion to Fire Lieutenant \(1 position\) – Fire Department](#)
- E. [Appointment to Crime Analyst \(2 positions\) – Police Department](#)
- F. [Request to Extend the Probationary Period of Police Officer – Police Department](#)

- G. Confirm Appointment of Alfonso Morales to Chief of Police with the Term of April 6, 2018 to January 7, 2020

IV. **New Business**

- A. Request of Detective for Residency Exemption
- B. Request of Forensic Investigator for Residency Exemption
- C. Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Reappointment
- D. [Presentation Regarding the 2017 Vehicle Pursuit Report](#)

V. **Committee Reports**

(none)

VI. **Examinations**

- A. [Chief of Staff – Police Department Job Announcement Bulletin](#)
- B. [Heavy Equipment Operator Job Announcement Bulletin](#)
- C. [Data Communication Specialist Job Announcement Bulletin](#)
- D. Request to Approve Fire Dispatch Assistant Manager Eligible List
- E. Request to Approve Garage Attendant Eligible List – Police Department
- F. Request to Approve Firefighter Eligible List

VII. **Fire Department**

- A. [Promotion of Battalion Chief to Deputy Chief \(2 positions\)](#)
- B. [Promotion of Captain to Battalion Chief](#)
- C. [Promotions: Fire Captain \(2 positions\)](#)
- D. [Promotions: Fire Lieutenant \(2 positions\)](#)
- E. Request to Extend Probationary Period of Fire Equipment Dispatcher

VIII. **Police Department**

- A. Promotions:
  1. [Assistant Chief of Police](#)
  2. [Police Sergeant](#)
- B. [Request to Exempt the Position of Crime and Intelligence Manager](#)
- C. [Request for Recruitment for the Position of Crime and Intelligence Manager](#)
- D. [Request to Re-Exempt the position of Crime Analyst](#)

(See Consent Agenda)

IX. **Adjournment**

A. Motion to Adjourn

The Board may receive a motion to convene in closed session in City Hall, Room 301-B, 200 East Wells Street, on the promotions and appointments, residency and probation extension requests in the Police Department pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) or (f) Wis. Stats., if necessary. The Board may then reconvene in open session concerning any such item following the closed session.

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