

April 1, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:31 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Richard C. Cox, Chair
Carolina M. Stark
Kathryn A. Hein
Paoi X. Lor
Sarah W. Morgan

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Jones, Acting Chief, Milwaukee Fire Department; and Edward Liebrecht, Assistant Chief, representing the Milwaukee Police Department.

The Director took the following item out of order:

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a) The Chair thanked Commissioner Morgan and the other members of the Fire Chief Selection Committee for their time and effort through the exhaustive search. Commissioner Morgan nominated Mark Rohlfing, seconded by Commissioner Stark. Commissioner Stark thanked the Fire Chief Selection Committee, the staff of the Fire and Police Commission, Local 215, and the public for their input. The Director thanked Acting Chief Michael Jones for his hard work and stated that he has done an exemplary job as Acting Chief. On the call of the question, The motion carried unanimously. Mark Rohlfing will bring 27 years of fire service to the City of Milwaukee.

1. MINUTES:

The Director presented for adoption minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2010. Commissioner Hein moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lor. The motion carried unanimously.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) The Director presented a classification report dated March 26, 2010, from Maria Monteagudo, Director of Employee Relations (DER), regarding a new position of Accountant I in the 2010 Police Department budget. The Police Department requested Accountant I in Pay Range 545 and Ms. Monteagudo recommends the same. Commissioner Stark moved approval of the report, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

b) The Director returned to the Board a letter dated January 22, 2010, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests the rescission of Milwaukee Police Department Rules 6 and 7. The Director stated all the provisions of Rules 6 and 7 are currently in standard operating procedures (SOP), and he recommends rescission of Rules 6 and 7 in their entirety. Commissioner Stark moved to rescind Milwaukee Police Department Rules 6 and 7, seconded by Commissioner Lor. The motion carried unanimously.

4. EXAMINATIONS:

a) The Director presented for approval an examination announcement bulletin for the position of Fire Education Specialist in the Fire Department. Timothy Keeley, Human Resources Representative from DER, was present and stated two new civilian positions of Fire Education Specialist were created in the 2010 budget. The positions have been studied by DER's classification section and placed in Salary Range 530. At the Fire Department's request, an outside recruitment will take place. Based on data gathered during the classification study and from meetings with Fire Department staff, qualifications were established and are consistent with other City positions at the same level. Upon approval, recruitment will begin on Tuesday, April 6th and will end on Friday, April 30th. Commissioner Morgan moved approval of the bulletin, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

5. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following promotion, as presented by Acting Chief Michael Jones, was approved by the Board:

TO FIRE LIEUTENANT, on a waiver basis, from eligible list established December 17, 2009, effective April 4, 2010:

#4 – JORDAN C. PONDER.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO GARAGE ATTENDANT, from a Department of Employee Relations reinstatement/transfer list, contingent upon successful completion of a medical examination and drug screening, effective April 19, 2010:

STEVE M. BEJMA.

b) The Director presented a letter dated March 19, 2010, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that Building Maintenance Assistant Manager David Skorzewski serve as Acting Police Building and Fleet Manager for more than 30 days until a promotion or appointment is made. Commissioner Stark moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

c) The Director presented a letter dated March 24, 2010, from Chief Flynn, wherein he notifies the Board that Building Services Supervisor II Lishunda Patterson has been reinstated from layoff to her previous position as Safety Specialist Senior effective April 4, 2010.

d) The Director presented a letter dated March 24, 2010, from Chief Flynn, wherein he requests that the position of Police Buildings and Fleet Manager be reclassified to Police Buildings Maintenance Manager. The Chair referred the request to the Department of Employee Relations for study and report.

e) The Director presented a letter dated March 24, 2010, from Chief Flynn, wherein he revises his earlier reclassification request of the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor position. The Chair referred the request to the Department of Employee Relations.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Monaghan, Vice President of Local 215, read a prepared written statement objecting to the dismissal of the Director and Assistant Director of the Fire Department Dive Rescue Team. The Chair acknowledged receipt of the statement.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Stark moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hein. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 5:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

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