

December 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on the above date, commencing at 5:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Marisabel Cabrera
Steven M. DeVougas
Fred Crouther
Angela McKenzie
Ann Wilson (phone conference)

ABSENT: Commissioner: Nelson Soler (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Mark Rohlfig of the Milwaukee Fire Department; and Chief Alfonso Morales of the Milwaukee Police Department.

The meeting was staffed by Executive Director La Keisha Butler.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Mozina: Mr. Mozina stated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 760 is a complete rewrite of the original. He stated this SOP was not brought before the Fire and Police Commission. He would like to see the SOP updated to include turnaround time for the testing of confiscated drugs and the expansion of the testing to include all of the drugs recovered. He stated the opiate epidemic is at a crisis level and he believes the public should be made aware of the opiate drugs that are on the streets that are mixed with other illegal drugs being sold and consumed. His request is to see this information published along with the locations where these substances were confiscated. Mr. Mozina is requesting the SOP be updated to expand our perspective on the testing process in conjunction with the confiscation of controlled substances.

Robin Shellow: Ms. Shellow spoke on behalf of Paula Popp who was a School Crossing Guard for the City of Milwaukee. Ms. Shellow stated Ms. Popp was the victim in the Domestic Violence (DV) incident. Ms. Shellow is requesting Ms. Popp's termination be reconsidered as this incident was not her fault.

Joseph Walker: Mr. Walker talked about unjustifiable police shootings and conspiracies under the term of former Police Chief Edward Flynn. Mr. Walker stated he was a victim of a police shooting in 2014. He stated he was ambushed by a total of 4 officers while on his front porch. Mr. Walker stated he was unarmed. He stated his side of the story was not portrayed accurately by the Sergeant at the scene. He believes Sergeant committed perjury four times by changing her story during her testimony. He is requesting the Sergeant be terminated and his story to be investigated.

Pastor James Hebner: Pastor Hebner spoke on behalf of Lieutenant John Corbett who is a member of his church. Pastor Hebner stated Lt. Corbett is a faithful church member and serves as an usher in the Church. Pastor acknowledged the issues Lt. Corbett has had in

the past and sees the transformation he has made over the years. He recommends Lt. Corbett be moved toward promotion of Captain of Police.

Rose Stietz: Ms. Stietz wanted to thank the Commissioners for their final decision regarding the Andrade Appeal Hearing. She wanted to remind the community the seriousness of using racial remarks and referencing them as jokes is harmful to the members of the community. She stated the remarks made by fired Police Officer Andrade also speaks volumes that a community needs to root out racism.

Daniel Storm: Mr. Storm brought a video of the Jerry Smith shooting. He stated Mr. Smith was unarmed. He wonders why the Fire and Police Commission can terminate an officer for inappropriate texting but the Commission can't fire officers who had gunned down an unarmed man. He provided the Commission with a video of the shooting and requested they view it and terminate the two officers involved in this shooting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

The Director presented the following items for approval on the consent agenda. (Detailed information concerning the items can be found under the appropriate regular meeting agenda heading in the minutes.)

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2018
- B. Appointments: School Crossing Guard (3 positions)
- C. Correspondence regarding Termination of School Crossing Guard
- D. Correspondence regarding Organizational Changes
- E. Request to Approve Systems Security Administrator Eligibility List
- F. Request to Approve Fire Mechanic Helper Job Announcement Bulletin
- G. Request for Police District Administrative Assistant Examination

Commissioner Cabrera stated the School Crossing Guard termination, Item C, is an information item only and the individual has appealable rights if they disagree with the decision made by the Milwaukee Police Department.

Commissioner Cabrera removed Item E, Systems Security Administrator Eligibility List to be held over to address the discrepancies on the list.

There being no further objections, the remaining items were approved for adoption.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) The following amendments, as presented by Director Butler, were approved by the Board:

Amendment of Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) SOP 001 – Fair and Impartial Policing. Commissioner DeVougas moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Crouther. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment of MPD SOP 300 – Directed Patrol Missions. Commissioner DeVougas moved approval, seconded by Commissioner Crouther. The motion carried unanimously.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a) The following communication was previously approved by the Board under the Consent Agenda, Item D:

A letter presented by Chief Rohlfing dated December 12, 2018 wherein he notifies the Board that Station 28, 424 North 30th Street which had been closed after the decommissioning of Engine 28 last November, will now be used for community outreach and preparation/support events for candidates on the current and future Firefighter and Fire Cadet lists. Station 31, 2400 South 8th Street, which had been closed after the decommissioning of Engine 31 last December, will now be used as headquarters of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program, and the base of operation for the community Paramedics who staff the program.

b) The following request was previously approved by the Board under the Consent Agenda, Item F:

A request from the Department of Employee Relations (DER) to approve a job announcement bulletin for the position of Fire Mechanic Helper.

c) The following request for promotion was laid over for interview of the candidate:

A letter presented by Chief Rohlfing dated December 12, 2018, wherein he requests to promote Deputy Chief David C. Votsis to the position of Assistant Fire Chief.

d) The following promotions as presented by Chief Rohlfing were approved by the Board:

TO FIRE DISPATCHER-SENIOR, from eligible list established November 15, 2018, effective December 30, 2018:

BRYCE W. PEPLINSKI; JASMINE T. SALLEY; ZACHARY M. GORELIK and PATRICIA J. SAAVEDRA.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

TO CAPTAIN OF POLICE, from Police Lieutenant, contingent upon successful completion of a drug screen, effective December 30, 2018:

JOHN P. CORBETT.

TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV, from Administrative Assistant III, a promotion without competitive exam, effective December 30, 2018:

SUSAN M. WROBLEWSKI.

TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III, from Office Assistant III, effective January 13, 2019:

TONIA R. LEWIS.

b) The following appointments, as presented by Chief Morales, were approved by the Board:

TO CRIME ANALYST, contingent upon the successful completion of a medical exam and drug screening, effective January 14, 2019:

ANTHONY BUFFONE and ERIN BYRNE.

c) The following appointments, as presented by Chief Morales, were approved by the Board under the Consent Agenda, Item B:

TO SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD, with effective dates:

LYDIA S. BURTON (12/6/18), DANYELL CHAMBERS (12/6/18), ALONZEO Q. WALKER (12/7/18).

d) The following communication was previously received by the Board under the Consent Agenda, Item C:

A letter dated December 7, 2018, from Chief Morales, wherein he notifies the Board that School Crossing Guard Paula S. Popp has been terminated for violation of Department Core Values under Personnel Order 2018-146 dated November 29, 2018.

e) The following request was previously approved by the Board under the Consent Agenda, Item G:

A letter dated December 13, 2018, from Chief Morales, wherein he requests that an examination be conducted by DER for the Police District Administrative Assistant position. The request will be referred to DER for implementation.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Crouther moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner DeVougas. The motion carried unanimously.

(Adjournment)

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The meeting concluded at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "La Keisha W. Butler". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

La Keisha W. Butler
Executive Director

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