

BOARD OF CITY SERVICE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

REGULAR meeting of the Board of City Service Commissioners held TUESDAY, May 7, 2019, at 1:30 pm in Room 301-A of City Hall, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Commissioners	Francis Bock, President Marilyn Miller, Vice President Steve Smith Janet Cleary Jeremy Levinson
Staff	Maria Monteagudo, Commission Secretary Benjamin Roovers, Assistant City Attorney Patrick McClain, Commission Attorney - Excused Karen Biernat, Administrative Services Coordinator

A quorum being present, President Bock called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.

The REGULAR MEETING MINUTES held on April 23, 2019, were APPROVED.

(Commissioners Miller/Smith, unanimous)

The Commission APPROVED the communication from the Department of Public Works requesting an EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT (30 days) for Ahmed Shaker, Office Assistant I; May 25, 2019 ending June 28, 2019. (Shannon Goodwin, Human Resources Representative was present to answer questions on this item).

(Commissioners Cleary/Miller, unanimous)

The Commission APPROVED the communication from the Department of Public Works requesting an EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT (30 days) for Erik Sandberg, Office Assistant I; May 29, 2019 ending June 28, 2019. (Shannon Goodwin, Human Resources Representative was present to answer questions on this item).

(Commissioners Miller/Smith, unanimous)

The Commission APPROVED the communication from the City Clerk's Office requesting an EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT for Sandra Rusch Walton, Public Relations Supervisor; April 14, 2019 ending on July 14, 2019. (Richard Pfaff, Deputy City Clerk, was present to answer questions on this item).

(Commissioners Smith/Miller, unanimous)

The Commission heard the DISCHARGE APPEAL of Eric Lemmer, District Code Enforcement Supervisor, DNS. The issue before the Commission was whether or not there was cause for the action taken by the Department in accordance with s.63.43 Wis. Stats.

The Appellant requested a hearing before the Commission. Mr. Lemmer was represented by Attorney Martin C. Kuhn from the Hynes & Kuhn law firm.

The following witnesses were sworn in by the Court Reporter: Eric Lemmer, Appellant, District Code Enforcement Supervisor, DNS; Kenneth Garbisch, District Code Enforcement Supervisor, DNS; Thomas Harding, Residential Code Enforcement Supervisor, DNS; Thomas Mishefske, Commissioner, DNS; Donald Schaewe, Building Code Enforcement Manager, DNS; and La’Neka Horton, Personnel Officer, DNS.

All testimony was taken by a court reporter and all exhibits and stipulation presented were reflected as part of the record.

The Commission recessed from 2:51 pm to 3:00 pm, from 4:25 pm to 4:34 pm, and 5:27 pm to 5:33 pm.

The Commission moved into closed session at 5:45 pm., pursuant to S. 19.85(1)(a), Wis. Stats., which states that upon motion there may be a closed session for the purpose of deliberation individually on the appeal heard by the City Service Commission.

(Commissioners Smith/Levinson, Roll Call)

The Commission reconvened into open session at 6:16 pm.

(Commissioners Cleary/Miller, Roll Call)

After hearing all of the testimony and based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented the Commission agreed the Department (DNS) had just cause to discipline the Appellant but MODIFIED the charge to a one-week suspension without pay with credit for time served.

(Commissioners Smith/Cleary/Levinson, unanimous)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

(Commissioners Levinson/Miller, unanimous)

ATTEST:

FRANCIS BOCK
PRESIDENT

MARIA MONTEAGUDO
DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE RELATIONS