

City of Glendale
Police Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Regular meeting of the Police Commission of the City of Glendale held in the Police Department Headquarters, 5909 North Milwaukee River Parkway. This was published per the open meetings laws of Wisconsin.

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Chairperson Pam Hodermann called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Roll Call-Present: Joseph Zancanaro, Paul Kranz, Eric Zentner and Mary Viergutz

Absent: none

Others present: Mark Ferguson, Interim Chief of Police.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 18, 2018

Motion: Joe Zancanaro motioned to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018, as amended.

Seconded by: Paul Kranz

Discussion: One correction to section 3, should be 1,000 population.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried.

3. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

A pamphlet about a state conference "2018 Police & Fire Commission Workshop" was distributed, being held November 9 in Stevens Point.

Two recruit graduates are now on the police force. One graduated with the top academic score and another had the top fitness score.

A homicide case out of Green Bay is being investigated. Apparently, 4 individuals dropped a body in the river in Glendale and now Green Bay prosecuting for reckless homicide. Body was not found.

4. DISCUSS ITEMS RELATED TO PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Mark reviewed the history and latest developments in the union and supervisory benefits issue. There was no resolution at the last common council meeting.

The proposal was that the union would give up post retirement insurance and then the city would reinstate the supervisory benefits. There will be a counteroffer in the next 2 weeks. Mark is hopeful that the issue can be resolved so that promotions can resume in the department.

5. THE POLICE COMMISSION WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Joe Zancanaro to go into closed session and seconded by Paul Kranz. Passed by all.

Per Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wis. Stats, the commission discussed the vacancy of the chief of police in closed session.

Motion: Mary Viergutz motioned to promote Mark Ferguson to Chief of Police.

Seconded by: Joe Zancanaro

Discussion: There was discussion about the best date for the department and HR. The best date would probably be a pay period start and this will be discussed with Mark Ferguson.

Vote:

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion Carried.

6. RECONVENE TOP OPEN SESSION AND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion was made by Paul to resume open meeting. Seconded by Mary Viergutz and agreed by all.

7. POTENTIAL ACTION ON VACANCY AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR PERMANENT POLICE CHIEF.

Mark Ferguson returned to the meeting and was informed of the commission's decision. Effective date discussion held.

Pam Hodermann motioned that the effective date for the Chief of Police to start is October 15, 2018 and a letter should go out to the Mayor, Common Council and City Administrator and a memo should go to the police department.

Seconded by Paul Kranz. Discussion: Joe felt the department should be thanked for their survey responses and that we appreciated their honesty. Paul felt a summary of findings would be an appropriate follow-up to the information. This information will be go out in the above motion memo. Joe also suggested that the promotion information be placed in the Journal Sentinel as well as local news. Mary Viergutz will explore with marketing folks tomorrow.

8. ESTABLISH SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Wednesday November 7, 2018 at 7pm. We will further discuss the survey results and formulate a summary of findings.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

It was moved Pam Hodermann and seconded by Eric Zentner to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Mary Viergutz
Secretary, Police Commission
City of Glendale