

Police Commission Meeting August 4, 2021 6:30pm

Present:

Mark Ferguson (Glendale Police Chief)

Joe Zancanaro (Chair)

Mary Viergutz (Commissioner)

Paul Kranz (Vice Chair)

Tomika Vukovic (Commissioner)

Eric Zentner (Secretary)

Rebecca Boyle (city attorney)

Rob Cronwell (citizen)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Chief Ferguson gave an update: He said the School Resource Officer Memorandum Of Understanding went to Nicolet, and NHS agreed to all the changes. He said that the department got body cameras in June and are working out the kinks, but they are out on the streets. We are currently short one sergeant and the Community Outreach officer. Also a captain will be retiring. Hopefully, depending on what the Common Council decides, the chief will be coming to us later this year for promotions and/or new hires.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT HEARING:

City Attorney, Rebecca Boyle said that the complainant has asked for an adjournment because her mother was ill. She said that the state statutes require that the hearing happen between 10 and 30 days from the filing of the complaint (we are at day 10 now). She said it's up to the commission to grant or not grant the adjournment. It is the complainant's responsibility to bring evidence first, before the officers do anything. So if we don't grant the adjournment, the complainant could refile the complaint. If the hearing happens and the charges are dismissed on the merits, the complainant cannot file again. The chief said the officers are represented by the law labor association, and they object to an adjournment. Eric asked if the union gave grounds for their objection. The chief said no and that this is a common objection in cases like this. Mary asked if more than one adjournment can be granted. Attorney Boyle said yes, it's up to the commission.

Joe asked the chief to call the union rep to ask about the objection. The chief called, and the rep spoke to us over speaker phone. The rep said based on section 5B, the complainant has not provided any evidence against the officers. Attorney Boyle told the rep that he was getting into the merits, but we aren't at the point of

merits yet. At this point we only want to address the request for adjournment. She asked about the specific objection to adjournment, and the rep said they won't object to the adjournment, nor will they object to extending the time limits. Atty Boyle confirmed with the rep that they are waiving the time limits, and the rep confirmed.

The chief then called the complainant and Atty. Boyle explained that the hearing needs to happen between 10 and 30 days after the filing of the complaint and that we are at day 10 today. She asked if she would waive the time frame, and she first said she didn't want to waive anything, and then it was explained again, and she said that as long as she can be heard and her constitutional rights are not violated, she is not opposed to extending the time frame. Mary moved that we grant the adjournment, Eric seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Atty Boyle explained to the complainant that the motion passed and we are trying to reschedule. The commission and the complainant agreed to reschedule for Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30pm. The chief will send a notice to the complainant and to the officers.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30pm . Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Zentner
Secretary