



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual

Special Meeting

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Turner at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

*Robert Turner
Carl Hubbard
Rebecca Strommen
Angelina Cruz*

Excused:

Thomas Binger

Also Present:

*Police Chief Maurice Robinson
Assistant Police Chief Alexander Ramirez
Deputy Chief Jessie Metoyer
Lieutenant Adam Malacara
Assistant City Attorney Marisa Roubik
City of Racine HR Public Safety Generalist Heath Ryan*

CLOSED SESSION

After President Turner read the Closed Session Statement, a motion to move into Closed Session was made by Commissioner Strommen, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. The motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved

[0918-21](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Robinson requesting to discuss a promotional recommendation for approval.

Chief Robinson presented a recommendation for the promotion of Officer Joshua Baclawski to the rank of Investigator. The Chief discussed Officer Baclawski's qualifications for the position and the awards and commendations he has received to date. A motion to approve Chief Robinson's recommendation was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Recommended For Approval

[0919-21](#)**Subject:** Police Department New Officer Candidate Interviews

Interviews were conducted with seven candidates for the position of City of Racine Police Officer. Candidates interviewed were Benjamin Eiden, Cindy Kach, Christopher Vertz, Ryan Balchitis, Devin Jander, Shawn Gulick, Khadeja Dismuke. An eighth scheduled candidate was unable to connect to the Zoom meeting for his interview.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Strommen to advance all seven candidates to the next phase of the hiring process. Motion seconded by Commission Turner. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Recommended For Approval**OPEN SESSION**

Motion to move to open session was made by Commissioner Strommen, seconded by Commissioner Turner.

Approved[0918-21](#)**Subject:** Communication from Police Chief Robinson requesting to discuss a promotional recommendation for approval.

A motion to approve Chief Robinson's recommendation to promote Officer Joshua Baclawski to the rank of Investigator was made by Commissioner Strommen, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved[0919-21](#)**Subject:** Police Department New Officer Candidate Interviews

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to advance candidates Benjamin Eiden, Cindy Kach, Christopher Vertz, Ryan Balchitis, Devin Jander, Shawn Gulick, and Khadeja Dismuke to the next phase of the hiring process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Strommen, seconded by Commissioner Turner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Approved