



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

*Carl Hubbard,
Robert Turner,
Thomas Binger
,Rebecca Strommen,
Angelina Cruz*

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Robert Turner at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

*Robert Turner
Rebecca Strommen
Carl Hubbard
Thomas Binger
Angelina Cruz*

Also Present:

*Fire Chief Steve Hansen
Police Chief Maurice Robinson
Assistant Police Chief Alexander Ramirez
Assistant Fire Chief Brian Wolf
Assistant City Attorney Marisa Roubik
Human Resources Director LaNeka Horton*

Approval of Minutes for the June 30, 2022 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2022 PFC meeting was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Strommen. The motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

[0651-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss new officer candidates not the age of 21 prior to entering the Law Enforcement Academy.

Prior to discussion, Chief Robinson introduced La'Neka Horton, the new City of Racine Human Resources Director. Ms. Horton provided the Commission members with a brief overview of her previous position as Staffing Services Manager with the City of Milwaukee and her work with a variety of Milwaukee community based organizations. Commission President Turner welcomed Ms. Horton and introduced her to the other Commission members.

After introductions and following discussion on this agenda item, Commissioner Strommen motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote; Commissioner Binger abstained.

[0652-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss new officer candidates who have not completed 60 hours of college credits.

Following discussion, Commissioner Strommen motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion carried by a Roll Call Vote.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to move into Closed Session was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. Motion carried by a Roll Call Vote.

[0649-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to present the following reports for receipt and filing:

- A. Drug, Gang, & Homicide
- B. Internal Affairs
- C. Personnel
- D. Training Unit & Probationary Officer

Chief Robinson presented the Drug, Gang, & Homicide, Internal Affairs, Personnel, and Training Unit & Probationary Officer reports and provided additional details as requested by Commission members. Following discussion, a motion to Receive & File the reports was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. The motion carried by a Roll Call Vote.

[0650-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to present lieutenant, sergeant, and investigator promotion recommendations for approval.

Chief Robinson presented his recommendations for promotion of personnel to lieutenant, sergeant, and investigator positions. Chief Robinson explained the qualifications for each of the officers recommended for promotion. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Binger to approve the following promotions:

*Sergeant Robert Ortiz to Lieutenant
Sergeant Juan Garcia to Lieutenant
Investigator Christopher Carson to Sergeant
Investigator Alicia Mitchell to Sergeant
Officer William Burinda to Sergeant
Officer Jason DeBruin to Sergeant
Officer Andrew Simon to Investigator
Officer William Lojeski to Investigator
Officer Todd Lauer to Investigator
Officer Thomas Bodnar to Investigator*

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. Motion carried by unanimous vote of Commissioners.

OPEN SESSION

A motion to move to Open Session was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

[0649-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to present the following reports for receipt and filing:

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A motion to Receive & File the Chief's four quarterly reports was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

[0650-22](#)

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to present lieutenant, sergeant, and investigator promotion recommendations for approval.

A motion to approve the promotion recommendations presented by Chief Robinson was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. The motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.