



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Police and Fire Commission

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

Thursday, December 2, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Turner at 5:36 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

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

Also Present:

*Police Chief Maurice Robinson
Deputy Chief Jessie Metoyer
Assistant City Attorney Marisa Roubik*

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the PFC meetings of October 12, 2021 and November 18, 2021 was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved

OPEN SESSION

Police & Fire Commission

[0960-21](#)

Subject: October 2021 - November 2021 PFC Invoice Report for Review and Filing

Following discussion, a motion to approve the PFC Invoice Report for receipt and filing was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Binger. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Received and Filed

[0959-21](#)

Subject: Communication from President Turner requesting to discuss and select 2022 PFC Quarterly Meeting dates.

A motion to approve the suggested 2022 PFC meeting dates was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved

Police Department

[0963-21](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief requesting to provide an update on AXON services

Chief Robinson provided a detailed overview of the AXON suite of services. The Chief explained the status of contract negotiations with AXON and described the capabilities of AXON body cameras and the benefits of implementing the AXON suite of services at the RPD. The Chief also discussed the re-institution of the Professional Standards Unit, which will be supervised by Lieutenant Chad Melby.

A motion to receive and file the Chief's report was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. The motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Received and Filed

[0962-21](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief requesting to discuss and approve Investigator and Sergeant exams

Deputy Chief Metoyer discussed the reasons for switching from the written tests currently used for investigator and sergeant exams to a new set of exams. The current tests include some content which is not pertinent to the RPD. The recommendation is to have new tests written, which are more relevant to Wisconsin law and RPD policies and procedures.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Binger and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. The motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved

[0961-21](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief requesting to discuss and approve funding for recruitment website

Chief Robinson and Deputy Chief Metoyer discussed funding options for creating a recruitment website and explained how such a website would be useful in reaching and recruiting a more diverse pool of police officer candidates. The website would be an enhancement of the department's present recruitment procedures. Commission members expressed support for the proposed recruitment website.

A motion to receive and accept the Chief's proposal for a recruitment website was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Binger. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Received and Filed

CLOSED SESSION

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

Approved

[0964-21](#)

Subject: Police Department New Officer Candidate Interview

This interview was not conducted. The candidate has withdrawn their application and no longer wants to be considered for this position.

A motion to receive item was made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. Commissioner Binger abstained.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0965-21](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief requesting to discuss the following reports.

- A. Internal Affairs
- B. Personnel
- C. Training Unit & Probationary Officer

Chief Robinson presented the above listed department reports. The Chief provided detailed explanatory information for each report and answered questions and concerns from Commission members regarding each of the reports.

A motion to receive and file the reports presented was made by Commissioner Binger and seconded by Commissioner Strommen. The motion was carried by Roll Call vote.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0966-21](#)

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

The Chief discussed his recommendation for the promotion of Officer Jacob Aukland to the position of Sergeant. Officer Aukland's service record and the commendations he has received were noted by the Chief.

A motion to approved the promotion of Officer Aukland to the position of sergeant was made by Commissioner Binger and seconded by Commissioner Strommen. The motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Recommended For Approval

OPEN SESSION

A motion to move into Open Session was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved

[0964-21](#)**Subject:** Police Department New Officer Candidate Interview

This interview was not conducted because the candidate has withdrawn their application and no longer wants to be considered for the position.

A motion to receive and file this item was made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Turner. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. Commissioner Binger abstained.

Received and Filed[0966-21](#)**Subject:** Communication from Police Chief requesting to discuss a sergeant promotional recommendation for approval

A motion to approve the promotion of Officer Jacob Aukland to the position of Sergeant was made by Commissioner Binger and seconded by Commissioner Strommen. The motion carried by Roll Call vote.

Approved[0965-21](#)**Subject:** Communication from Police Chief requesting to discuss the following reports.

A. Internal Affairs

B. Personnel

C. Training Unit & Probationary Officer

A motion to receive and file the reports presented was made by Commissioner Binger and seconded by Commissioner Strommen. The motion was carried by Roll Call vote.

Received and Filed**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Binger, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.