



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Police and Fire Commission

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Monday, June 1, 2020

4:00 PM

City Hall Annex - Room 330

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#### Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.*

#### Also Present

*Present:*

*Angelina Cruz*

*Keith Rogers*

*Rebecca Strommen*

*Excused:*

*Robert Turner*

*Also Present:*

*Mayor Mason*

*Police Chief Howell*

*Assistant Police Chief Polzin*

*Fire Chief Hansen*

*Fire Division Chief Wolff*

*Pastor Keith Evans*

*Minister Foster*

*Bishop Freeman*

*Pastor Melvin Hargrove*

*Scott Terry*

*Police Chaplain A.L. Woods*

#### Approval of Minutes

**Approved**

#### Police & Fire Commission

*The following made public comments:*

*Pastor Keith Evans*

*Minister Foster*

*Bishop Freeman*

*Pastor Melvin Hargrove*

*Mayor Mason*

*Scott Terry*

*Police Chaplain A.L. Woods*

**Fire Department**[0277-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Fire Chief presenting a status report update for the fire department.

**Received and Filed**

[0278-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Division Chief of Professional Standards presenting a status report update for fire department activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Division Chief Wolff distributed a hand out to Commissioners regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. The Fire Department is taking as many precautions as necessary when at emergency calls.*

**Police Department**[0311-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss for approval the RPD Promotional Eligibility Process

*Chief Howell gave an overview of what the PD is looking for when seeking new candidates such as leadership and supervisory skills. Chief Howell also requested approval for the department's promotional eligibility process.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Commissioner Rogers made a motion to move into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Strommen*

**Police Department**[0320-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Bishop Freeman requesting to discuss a Personnel matter

*Bishop Freeman addressed the PFC regarding an incident that occurred at his home involving several police officers and their conduct during the situation.*

[0317-20](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to present the following 1st & 2nd Quarter 2020 RPD reports:

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

**Received and Filed**

[0313-20](#)**Subject:** Presentation of RPD Promotional Candidates for Approval*Chief Howell made the following promotional recommendations:**Sergeant Hanns Freidel to Lieutenant; tentative effective date 3-22-2020**Investigator Joshua LaForge to Sergeant; tentative effective date 11-03-2019**Investigator Robert Ortiz to Sergeant; tentative effective 11-03-2019**Officer Bryant Petersen to Investigative; tentative effective date 11-03-2019**\*Investigator Bryant Petersen to Sergeant; tentative effective date 4-26-2020**Officer Kevin Sell to Sergeant; tentative effective date 4-26-2020**Officer Ryan Bodnar to Investigator; tentative effective date 5-10-2020**Officer Peter Boeck to Investigator; tentative effective date 11-03-2019**Commissioner Rogers motioned to accept the recommended promotions, seconded by Commissioner Strommen.***Approved****Fire Department**

[0279-20](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting the PFC conduct interviews for the position of Division Chief of Fire Suppression Training.

*Fire Chief Hansen requested the PFC to commence interviewing for the position of Division Chief of Fire Suppression Training.*

*The following candidates were interviewed:*

*Lieutenant Steven Dixon  
Lieutenant John Magnus  
Lieutenant Brian Phillips  
Driver/Operator Shannon Anthoine  
Driver/Operator Gavin Degrave  
Driver/Operator Jason Lister  
Private David Yakowenko*

*Interviews ended at 8:04 pm, however the PFC will remain in Closed Session to review promotion packets and will reconvene to give their recommendations.*

*On June 18, 2020 the PFC reconvened via Zoom in Closed Session. The meeting commenced at 10:00 am with Commissioners Angelina Cruz, Keith Rogers, Rebecca Strommen, and Fire Chief Hansen in attendance.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Rogers to advance*

*Lieutenant Steve Dixon  
Lieutenant John Magnus  
Lieutenant Brian Phillips  
Driver/Operator Jason Lister*

*Commissioner Rogers made a motion to go back into Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Cruz.*

*Lieutenant Steve Dixon was approved for recommendation to Division Chief of Fire Suppression Training.*

*Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.*