



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Return to Excellence

Glenda McDonald
Mayor

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Minutes of August 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Johnson.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Ryan Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Hicks, Commissioner RJ Watkins, Commissioner Curis, Internal Affairs Investigator Lackey, Chief McMann, Chief Hollowell

Approval of Minutes

Chairman: No minutes due to Commission Erica not being on the meeting. Lackey we will need to get her the recordings.

Police Department

Chief McMann: Currently, we have an officer suspended without pay. I believe you were involved in that process. The officer did not appeal and has criminal charges pending. I know the citizens have expressed concerns regarding him working. Once we were made aware, he was taken off the streets. Recently, we had an officer involved of misconduct and he chose to resign. Our vehicles have been outfitted and we are waiting on a couple of technical things to get the vehicles complete.

Commissioner Watkins: Is the officer that is suspended, the officer that worked at the auto parts store that he arrested and beat a citizen.

Chairmen: Yes, that was at a gas station, and this is the same situation.

Commissioner Curis: How many officers would you hire?

Chief: I would hire 5 more officers. We did have two more people start the academy this morning and they are from Highland Park. I think they will do well.

Chairman: How has the meetings gone with the community?

Chief: We learned things we need to brush up on. We are trying to work on our relationship with the community.

Chairman: Thank you for your transparency.

Commissioner Curis: Can we get at least a week notice prior to the meetings so we can support.

Chief: I will make sure you all are made aware.

Chairmen: Are the meetings the 2nd Wednesday?

Chief: It is the 3rd Wednesday on each meeting. We will try to have at least one commissioner to come out and support you.

Fire Department

Chief: We had 12 structural fires. There has been nothing new to update you.

Chairman: How are we in the process of hiring?

Chief: I have two guys I am interviewing next week. I can not find anyone for the full-time position.

Commissioner Curis: Were the structure occupied or unoccupied?

Chief: There were 8 occupied and 5 were accidents.

Commissioner Watkins: Were they insured?

Chief: They were all insured.

Commissioner Watkins: There were 5 that were accidents?

Chief: Yes, 5 were accidents and the other 3 I am not sure because they are still under investigations. I can not disclose.

Internal Affairs

Dir. Lackey: The Chief took everything. We talked about our transition to Clemis which we need a vote from City Council due to an agreement with Oakland County. We are about 85% with us catching vehicles that go by the cameras. We have a young lady from Highland Park who just went through the background check to become a police officer. There is a potential hire of a former Detroit officer who served about 15 years.

Chairman: Is he retired?

Lackey: He separated from DPD to go to school, went to do security at the hospital and now wants to return.

Public Comments

Chairman: No one is here from the public.

Closing Remarks:

Chairman: There are no closing remarks.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 6:00 pm, Zoom
cc: City Clerk