

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Police Merit Commission
January 13, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Wheeler, Gail Gartin, Robert Crouch and Karen Horth Powers were present

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Interim Corporation Counsel Hopper

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff and Detective Michael McKenna were present

Commission President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Powers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 4-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The election of Secretary of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Mr. Wheeler nominated Karen Horth Powers for Secretary.

The election of Vice President of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Ms. Powers nominated Gail Gartin for Vice President.

The election of President of the Police Merit Commission was opened for nominations. Mrs. Gartin nominated Charles Wheeler for President.

After each nomination, Commission President Wheeler three times called for any additional nominations. At the end of that process, with no additional nominations received, those nominated were elected by unanimous consent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Chief Woodruff notified the Commission that the applicant being accepted into 1977 Fund (Offer of Employment no longer conditional) was fulfilled.

Deputy Chief Woodruff requested approval to certify the top three (3) eligible Sergeant candidates from the current Sergeant promotion list (Candidate numbers 2961, 7102 and 8144). Ms. Powers moved to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gartin and carried 4-0.

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff invited Detective Michael McKenna to join him at the podium. Deputy Police Chief Woodruff informed the Commission of the actions by Detective McKenna on December 19, 2019 at the EZ Pawn Shop at 8028 Pendleton Pike. After his comments, Deputy Police Chief Woodruff presented a Police Merit Commission certificate of recognition to Detective McKenna. Attached are Deputy Police Chief Woodruff's remarks.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Deputy Police Chief Woodruff said they are accepting applications until February 2, 2020 for the 2020 Police Department Citizen Police Academy. The Police Academy will start on March 5, 2020 and go for 12 weeks.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Charles Wheeler, President

Kathleen Walton, City Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.