

MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 – 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:11 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

3. Moment of silence for US Firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths:

Chief Ronald Spitzer

Captain William Mertz

Captain Erik Segura

Chief Lonnie Bolar

Firefighter Tayler Bradford

Chief Engineer Edward Bookmyer

Lieutenant Edward Vasquez

Lieutenant Brian Ritchie

Captain Guandes Smith

Lieutenant Terry Watts

4. Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Russo, J. Meszoros, C. Saunders-Maignan, Chief Thode, DC Edwards, DC Buck

Absent: W. Marshall, J. Larcheveque, J. Herron

5. Minutes:

Entertain a motion to dispense with reading of minutes of the previous meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

6. Old Business:

- i. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-1 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure and Civil Service Provisions of the Charter when the City failed to promote in a timely fashion and the members impacted be made whole (wages and seniority date to be retroactive to the date they should have been promoted).

Local 834 advised they have met with Labor Relations and have come to a reasonable compromise. A resolution is anticipated shortly.

Commissioner Meszoros moved to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

7. New Business:

- i. Communication letter from Finance Director Ken Flatto regarding Pension Plan A.

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DC Buck read the letter from Finance Director Ken Flatto regarding Pension Plan A for the record. No motion required.

- ii. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-2 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure and Article 5, Disciplinary Action for the 60-day suspension without pay for Fire Inspect Regina Scates to be rescinded and made whole and all reference removed from her record.

Attorney Hunsberger spoke on behalf of Local 834, after some discussion it was agreed to table the item to the Mach meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- iii. Entertain a motion to amend the Widow's Disability Pension for Sharon Dressler to a Regular Pension effective December 13, 2020 and refer to the appropriate Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Russo moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- iv. Entertain a motion to remove Philip Lynch retired Provisional Lieutenant, deceased January 3, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Russo moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- v. Entertain a motion to grant Sheila Lynch, Widow of retired Provisional Lieutenant Philip Lynch a Widow's Disability Pension effective January 4, 2021 and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it

- vi. Entertain a motion to remove James Walsh, retired Pumper Engineer, deceased January 27, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

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- vii. Entertain a motion to remove Wayne Carlson, retired Pumper Engineer, deceased January 28, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- viii. Entertain a motion to grant Christine Carlson, Widow of retired Pumper Engineer Wayne Carlson a Widow's Disability Pension effective January 29, 2021 and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

8. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

- **LT David Purcell – Not in Attendance**

Entertain a motion to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **LT John McMahon – Declined Executive Session**

LT McMahon provided an update on his medical status; next doctor's appointment is scheduled for 2/18/2021.

Entertain a motion to table to the March Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Eriq McCalla - Declined Executive Session**

FF McCalla advised he is progressing very well and continuing with physical therapy 2X a week.

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- **FF Adalberto Planas, Jr. – Declined Executive Session**

FF Planas advised his doctor said he is ready per his doctor to start rehabilitation. Next doctor's appointment is scheduled for 3/15/2021 and will have more specific information.

Entertain a motion to table to the April Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **PE Dayshon Smith – Declined Executive Session**

PE Smith advised he is continuing with Physical Therapy for strengthening his knee. Doctor's appointment on 2/26/21. Anticipates a RTW date at that time.

- **FF Angel Cintron – Declined Executive Session**

FF Cintron advised he has not started physical therapy yet. Next doctor's appointment for his shoulder is 3/4/2021.

Entertain a motion to table to March Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Alexander Daniels – Declined Executive Session**

FF Daniels advised he is continuing with his Physical Therapy. Possible return to work date mid-March.

Entertain a motion to table to March Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Ronald Reed – Declined Executive Session**

FF Reed advised he may be ready to return to light duty sometime in March.

Entertain a motion to table to March Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

9. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of Sick and Injury

Commissioner Meszoros moved to accept the Report of Sick and Injury; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

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10. Policy and Procedure review:

- Chief Thode will address the Board on key issues
 - COVID Vaccinations and Numbers within the Department

11. There being nothing further to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

Meeting Ended 11:49 AM

Prepared: G. Bottillo