

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman
Mr. John Schaperkotter
Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. John Stupp
Mr. Stephen Jones
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Also present were Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Police Captain Darin McClure and Police Lieutenant Ray Hahs.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

Mr. David Molamphy, residing at 7 Brazillian Court, addressed the Commissioners regarding police presence at the property at 9239 Ladue Road responding to calls for unknown activity at this property. The activity was determined to be lawful as this was a vacant property in foreclosure and maintenance work was being performed. Discussion then turned to car thefts in the area and the need for education to prevent future thefts. Chief Andreski notified the Commissioners of an upcoming meeting with the residents on January 22nd to further address these issues.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2017 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Jones.

The Police Chief presented the monthly crime report and the Commissioners discussed the weekly communications distributed to them regarding calls and further defined the information to be included.

New Police Manual guidelines for Sections 6.1 and 6.2 for Police Agency Accreditation which were previously approved were briefly reviewed again. Commissioner Francis initiated discussion of the time limit of 72 hours for emergency orders. It was pointed out that emergency orders are temporary and will not supersede the department's regulations. During discussion it was suggested that the word "ordinarily" be added so that no emergency order shall ordinarily have force and effect for more than 72 hours from the time issued.

The Commissioners next reviewed Section 6.2 Forms Management and concluded discussion with the recommendation that, when appropriate, new forms should undergo legal review by the City Attorney.

Section 36.18 Language Interpreter Service was reviewed. Upon conclusion of discussion Sections 6.1, 6.2 and 36.18 were unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter, with two additions; Section 6.1 - No emergency order shall “ordinarily” have force and effect for more than 72 hours from the time issued and Section 6.2 - “When appropriate”, new forms should undergo legal review by the City Attorney.

There were no questions for Chief Lynn upon conclusion of the presentation of his monthly report.

Chief Lynn distributed a draft of the weekly report which was pulled from two different databases. The Fire Chief explained that the data cannot be extracted until the reports have been verified which will delay distribution to the Commissioners. The Commissioners did not have any objection to the delay or format of the report but requested that if a significant event occurs to distribute a separate report immediately so as not to delay notification.

Chief Lynn reported that while he has never been in favor of a mandatory overtime policy, there was an occurrence recently which prompted him to develop a policy and create an overtime list which starts in reverse seniority order. Discussion ensued regarding the procedure and enforcement of the policy. It was noted that the Police Department does not have a similar policy.

The policy as written was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

The Fire Chief provided an update on the replacement of the wooden bay doors at House #2 with metal doors. Updated bids have been requested. The new doors will cost about \$16,500 and the Chief will attempt to sell the wooden doors being removed. Discussion ensued regarding manufacturer warranty, liability for the calculations and specifications of the cables, potential for recoupment, and replacement schedule.

Commissioner Francis announced that his proposed policy regarding hiring and promotions had been circulated amongst the Commissioners and there were no changes.

The Commissioners were invited to attend the resident meeting on January 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM upon motion by Commissioner Schaperkotter and second by Commissioner Stupp.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
City clerk