

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 4:20 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. Stephen Jones
Mr. John Stupp

Also present were Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr., Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson and Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

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

The minutes of the February 20, 2019, March 4, 2019 and March 11, 2019 meetings were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

There were no questions for Chief Lynn upon presentation of the monthly report so the Chief moved on to presentation of the annual report, noting that 2018 was a productive year in regard to training and an active year for structure fires. Discussion ensued regarding EMS calls and the apparatus that responds to calls. Chief Lynn explained the variance in budget was due to retirements of senior staff such as captains earning higher salaries, who are replaced by entry level firefighters starting at entry level salary. It was noted there were 66 working fires which were mostly outside of Ladue and the type of fires that trigger the working fire category. The Commissioners discussed the number of calls compared to last year, the increasing trend over the past ten years and mutual aid. Commissioner Schaperkotter encouraged the Fire Chief to communicate calls of interest to residents in an effort to educate. There was discussion of fire hydrants; particularly the difference between public and private hydrants and instances of installation and use of private hydrants.

Chief Lynn expressed his appreciation of the work of Assistant Chief Johnson who solely prepared the annual report and reported on the success of the recent Movie Night hosted at Fire House No. 1.

Upon presentation of the Police Department UCR report by Chief Andreski, Commissioner Francis requested explanation of the aggravated assault category. Chief Andreski explained the majority of aggravated assaults occur at Litzsinger School where students sometimes experience behavioral issues.

During presentation of the annual report Chief Andreski explained that car claddings and shop lifting are considered larcenies, the department has an average clearance rate and probably deals with misdemeanor crimes more than larger agencies. Upon inquiry from Commissioner Francis about the slight increase in Part II Class Crimes, discussion ensued and the Chief explained Part II Class Crimes would include drug offenses, identity thefts and white collar crime.

Chairman Francis advised there were items for discussion in executive session involving litigation, legal matters and/or confidential communications between the Council and its attorneys and employee matters pursuant to RSMo. Section 610.021 (1), (3).


Commissioner Hermann moved to go into closed session for discussion of litigation, legal actions and/or any confidential or privileged communications from the City Attorney and hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 (1), (3), with second by Commissioner Schaperkotter and the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Commissioner Francis	"Aye"
Commissioner Schaperkotter	"Aye"
Commissioner Gaskin	"Aye"
Commissioner Hermann	"Aye"

The Commissioners went into closed session at 4:50 p.m. with Mayor Spewak, Ms. Erin Seele and Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr.

The Commissioners returned to open session at 5:46 p.m. with Mayor Spewak, Ms. Erin Seele and Chief Ken Andreski, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM upon motion by Commissioner Schaperkotter and second by Commissioner Hermann.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk