

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2018

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman
Mr. John Schaperkotter
Mr. L. Shepley Hermann
Mr. Stephen Jones
Mayor Nancy Spewak

Absent:

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin
Mr. John Stupp

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

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Jones.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2018 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Chief Andreski presented the monthly crime report.

Chief Andreski next presented Police Policy Manual Section 9.2 Firearms and Firearms Qualifications, which sparked discussion by the Commissioners focusing on safety and qualification requirements for duty weapons as well as secondary weapons, training and weapon classes in the department's armory.

Police Policy Manual Section 9.2 Firearms and Firearms Qualifications, was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Jones.

The Police Chief then presented Police Policy Manual Sections 9.3 X26P Taser and 9.4 Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray pointing out that these weapons are used at the officer's discretion. The procedures, training and authorized use of both of these weapons were discussed at length and it was noted that Tasers and OC Spray are issued to all uniformed officers including the School Resource Officer. Discussion turned to use of force and how that policy ties in with the three policies discussed at this meeting. The approval of Police Policy Manual Sections 9.3 and 9.4 will be held over until the next meeting to be reviewed with the Use of Force policy.

Chief Lynn presented his monthly report in addition to discussing department activities in response to recent fires in Ladue and Maryland Heights which had positive outcomes.

The Fire Chief then initiated discussion regarding the Firefighter/EMS role at active shooter scenes and the need for personal protective equipment and his intention to request support from the Commissioners for the purchase of tactical ballistic vests and helmets in the near future. Chief Lynn went on to explain that the St. Louis Region has adopted the Multiple Attack Counter Terror Action Capabilities or MACTAC principles which integrates firefighters/paramedics into the tactical action plan. The Commissioners discussed the levels of ballistic protection, proper fit and placement of the protective vests and potential costs. Upon conclusion of discussion Chief Lynn was directed to research any custom fit requirements of the vests and check on potential grants for the purchase of vests and helmets.

Chief Lynn announced that the department now has two firefighters on technician teams. Engineer Brian Gibson has achieved swift water technician and Captain Mike Rose has achieved hazardous materials technician.

Commissioner Francis advised there were items for discussion in closed session involving hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees under RSMo. Section 610.021 (3).

Commissioner Schaperkotter moved to go into closed session for discussion involving hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees under RSMo. Section 610.021 (3), with second by Commissioner Jones and the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

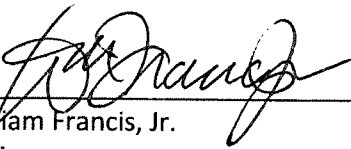
Commissioner Hermann	"Aye"
Commissioner Jones	"Aye"
Commissioner Francis	"Aye"
Commissioner Schaperkotter	"Aye"

There being four aye votes and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

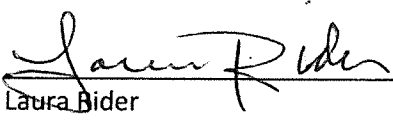
The Commissioners went into closed session at 6:05 PM with Mayor Spewak, Police Chief Andreski and Fire Chief Lynn.

The Commissioners returned to open session at 6:37 PM with Mayor Spewak, Police Chief Andreski and Fire Chief Lynn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM upon motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Hermann.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Bider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk