

## LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. John Stupp

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

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

The minutes of the regular and closed meetings of June 11, 2018 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Francis and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Chief Lynn presented his monthly report and discussion ensued regarding the high number of incidents in July, terminology used in the report, along with gas leak incidents with the Chief's explanation that both the Fire Department and Spire are called and respond. The Fire Department secures the scene and looks for a shut off valve in the home but Spire mitigates the leak.

The Fire Chief then requested the Commissioners support for the purchase of ballistic vests and helmets similar to those worn by police officers at active shooter scenes. The vests are clearly marked identifying Fire Department staff rather than Police. Since 2014, Fire Departments in St. Louis County have been training under the principles of "Multiple Attack Counter Terror Action Capabilities" or MACTAC. The Chief presented a proposal for purchasing vests and helmets at a cost of \$11,388.00 for the twelve seats in the truck, which would be stored on the truck and available, if needed.

Commissioners' endorsement of the purchase of twelve sets of ballistic vests and helmets at a cost of \$11,388.00 was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Francis and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

Chief Lynn reported that he has completed his final year of the Executive Fire Officer program.

Chief Andreski presented the monthly crime report and details on a recent burglary. The Commissioners discussed the prosecution of cases and in some instances, the lack thereof.

Commissioner Francis noted that the approval process for the updated Police Policy Manual which is required for accreditation should be accelerated and suggested scheduling a special meeting to review the draft policies at one time. Some of the policies are existing and need updating while others are new. The Chief explained that updating the policies is the first phase of the accreditation process. Once these are in place the department can move onto other phases. Discussion ensued regarding the process for delivery of the draft policies prior to the meeting scheduled on October 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

Chief Andreski and Lieutenant Hahs presented Police Policy Manual Sections 9.1 Use of Force, 9.3 Taser X26P, 9.4 Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, and 9.5 ASP Baton. The Chief expressed that these are significant policies for the Police Department, noting that the Use of Force Policy language should not be ambiguous and was based on the IACP model policy, St. Louis County and Richmond Heights policies and National Consensus on use of force. Command staff extensively reviewed the Use of Force Policy but has recommended legal review by the City's attorneys.

Discussion ensued regarding Policy Section 9.1 Use of Force reviewing definitions, use of deadly force, non-traditional weapons, reporting requirements and investigation and commissioners made suggested changes to language within the policy. Commissioner Schaperkotter departed at 5:31 p.m.

Commissioner Francis moved approval of Police Policy Manual Section 9.1 Use of Force with changes discussed during the meeting and with the qualifier that the policy have legal review by the City's attorneys and any recommended changes be brought back to the Commissioners for their review, with second by Commissioner Gaskin the motion passed unanimously.

Police Policy Manual Section 9.3 Taser X26P was next discussed with some suggested additions and changes to the policy. Upon conclusion of discussion Police Policy Manual Section 9.3 Taser X26P with changes discussed during the meeting was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

Police Policy Manual Section 9.4 OC Spray was presented and it was noted that Ladue Police Department uses a water based OC Spray. Manual Section 9.4 Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Hermann.

The Police Chief next presented Manual Section 9.5 ASP Baton and provided explanation that in-service training is provided by Officer Austin Medlin who is a certified trainer. The batons are available in different sizes with officers carrying 16", 21" or 26" and detectives carrying 12" or 16".

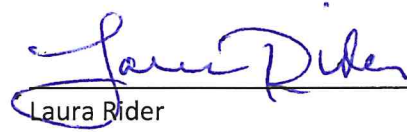
Police policy Manual Section 9.5 ASP Baton was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Jones and second by Commissioner Hermann.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM upon motion by Commissioner Francis and second by Commissioner Gaskin.



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William Francis, Jr.  
Chairman



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Laura Rider  
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk