

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, September 10, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann

Mr. John Stupp

Mr. Stephen Jones

Mayor Nancy Spewak

Absent:

Mr. John Schaperkotter

Also present were Fire Chief Steven Lynn, 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 Gaskin and second by Commissioner Stupp.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2018 were approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Gaskin.

During an opportunity for public comment none was offered.

Chief Lynn presented his monthly report with no questions from the Commissioners and reported that the fire department is searching historical records and compiling data to track the number of calls and staffing levels to establish trends for use in long term planning.

Chief Andreski presented the monthly crime report with no questions from the Commissioners.

Discussion began regarding the October 3rd meeting when the Police Chief will present about 30 policies that have been completed which are required for the accreditation process. It was noted that most are more routine policies. The first group of policies will be distributed a few weeks in advance of the meeting.

Police Manual Policy Section 1.5 Shift and Patrol District Assignments was presented and discussion ensued regarding different scenarios for patrol district plans which are contingent on staffing levels. Upon conclusion of discussion, Police Manual Policy Section 1.5 Shift and Patrol District Assignments was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Stupp.

The Chief next presented Police Manual Policy Section 1.6 Law Enforcement Code of Ethics which was developed from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) template. Commissioner Gaskin suggested that the word "men" in the last line of the first paragraph be changed to "people". The other Commissioners agreed. Police Manual Policy Section 1.6 Law Enforcement Code of Ethics was

unanimously approved as amended, with the word “men” being replaced with “people” in the last line of the first paragraph, upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Hermann.

Chief Andreski reported that at their last meeting the City Council approved a Bicycle Patrol Program and Policy Section 19.4 outlines the policy and procedures for the Bicycle Patrol. The Bicycle Patrol will provide an additional method of patrol to provide greater visibility in business areas, greenways and residential neighborhoods. Three officers are already certified and the department will soon purchase the necessary equipment and uniforms. Discussion ensued regarding response plans and procedures.

Police Policy Manual Section 19.4 Bicycle Patrol was unanimously approved upon motion by Commission Stupp and second by Commissioner Hermann.

The Chief next presented Police Policy Manual Section 22.6 Police Canine. While the Ladue Police Department does not have canines this policy is required for accreditation. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the effective use of a trained police canine from a neighboring jurisdiction for use in tracking missing persons, narcotics detection, explosives detection or arson investigations and to ensure the use of accredited and certified dogs. The local agencies that have certified canines are listed within the policy.

Police Policy Manual Section 22.6 Police Canine was unanimously approved upon motion by Commissioner Gaskin and second by Commissioner Francis.

The last Police Policy to be discussed at the meeting was Manual Section 31.6 Bias-Free Policing and Traffic Stop Information. The Chief and Lieutenant explained that the purpose of this policy is to declare the Department’s commitment to bias-free policing. Discussion ensued regarding the traffic stop form, its available format and when this form should be completed, along with the method by which a pedestrian stop is documented, and the frequency of review of the summary reports for any evidence of patterns of stops that might be concerning.

Discussion turned to stops and detentions by officers, which are based on a standard of reasonable suspicion or probable cause as required by the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and statutory authority. Commissioner Jones pointed out additional language “and case law” should be added at the end of the first sentence after statutory authority on Page 2 Section IV 1. The other Commissioners agreed with this addition.

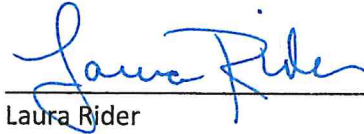
Commissioner Gaskin stated that in her experience as a Commissioner, receiving the summary reports for twenty years, she consistently reviewed those reports, along with a previous Mayor, and no instance of bias was ever present. The City and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners have been on top of this important matter.

Police Policy Manual Section 31.6 Bias-Free Policing and Traffic Stop Information was unanimously approved as amended to add “and case law” at the end of the first sentence after statutory authority in Section IV 1. upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Hermann.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM upon motion by Commissioner Stupp and second by Commissioner Gaskin.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Laura Rider
Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk