
BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Special Session on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Barbara McKinney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members Tim Brinson, Jon Barada and Philip Amerson were present in person.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Roger Kerr, Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin, Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Ryan Pedigo, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, and Legal Administrative Assistant Ashley Sparks. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Member Tim Brinson was welcomed by the other attending board members and introduced himself. All attendees introduced themselves.

DECLARATION/REVIEW OF BOARD MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Board President Barbara McKinney read the conflict of interest disclosure statement. No conflicts of interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Jon Barada made a motion to approve the presented consent agenda, which included payroll and claims from July and August, as well as minutes from the July meeting. Board Member Tim Brinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Barbara McKinney certified the executive session held earlier in the afternoon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics and training. Police Captain Ryan Pedigo added additional information regarding community engagement events and Police Social Worker statistics.

Letters of Appreciation/Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented 1 letter of appreciation.

General Business:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated that the Department has been continuously working on the 2025 budget.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated that there are no large expenditures this month, but a possible large expense next month for the construction of a parking lot for electric vehicles at the Range Complex.

Board Member Phil Amerson asked for further clarification on the location of the new parking lot. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated that it will be placed in the middle of the Range, Fire Training Tower, and Police Annex, next to the projected location of the Fire Logistics Facility.

Personnel:

Police Captain Ryan Pedigo indicated that current staffing numbers are at 89 out of 105, making the Department 16 short. He indicated that there are 2 employees in the FTO program and 5 starting the Academy on Monday, August 26. There are also 4 officers currently on extended sick or injury leave and 1 officer on extended military leave. Additionally, there are 2 officers that should be onboarding within the next 4-5 weeks.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated no deployments of the CIRT vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESSReport on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Jon Barada asked what the colors of shifts are and their origin. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron indicated that there are red, gold, and black shifts.

General Business:

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated a focus of the Department on the 2025 budget items.

Board Member Jon Barada asked what amount the Department is requesting for the 2025 budget. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated a projected budget of roughly \$20 million.

Board Member Jon Barada asked what amount the Police Department will be requesting for the 2025 budget. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated a projected budget of roughly \$24 million, including dispatch which accounts for much of the difference between Fire and Police budgets.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked how much those budgets are increased from the 2024 budget. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated that it would all depend on what the Mayor's office intends to pursue regarding personnel raises, but it is consistent with the 2024 budget other than personnel.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked what personnel compensation changes have been proposed. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham indicated that he is not currently comfortable disclosing information from those discussions.

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated that his budget numbers are also largely dependent on personnel changes and that the Fire Union Contract is currently out for a vote with the proposed numbers being what was included in the 2025 projected budget numbers.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated that a UTV that has been awaiting insurance replacement is finally being replaced and some miscellaneous purchases will be coming through.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked for more details about the function of a UTV. Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated that it is similar to an ATV and it assists with Fire Suppression.

Personnel:

Board Member Tim Brinson moved to promote Justin Webb to the rank of Chauffeur, effective August 5. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Jon Barada moved to approve the conditional hire of Justin Brosmer. Board Member Phil Amerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Phil Amerson moved to approve the conditional hire of Robert Loviscek. Board Member Tim Brinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Tim Brinson moved to approve the conditional hire of Luke Kiritschenko. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Phil Amerson moved to approve the conditional hire of Diego Alanis. Board Member Tim Brinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Jon Barada moved to approve the conditional hire of Clarence Dawson. Board Member Tim Brinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Board Member Tim Brinson moved to approve the conditional hire of Tanner Wood. Board Member Phil Amerson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Fire Deputy Chief Max Litwin indicated that there are currently 4 vacancies and 3 employees on light duty.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Barbara McKinney adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the August 20, 2024 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 18th day of September, 2024.






