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## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 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 Maqubè Reese and Jon Barada were present in person. Board Member Philip Amerson was absent.

Also in attendance were Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr, Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron, Police Chief Michael Diekhoff, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Ryan Pedigo, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, Corporation Counsel Margie Rice and Paralegal Heather Whitlow. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

### **CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Barbara McKinney certified the executive session held earlier that evening.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Board Member Maqubè Reese made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 meeting. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Jon Barada made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2024 meeting. Board Member Maqubè Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

### **VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL**

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff and Fire Interim Chief Roger Kerr both affirmed the payroll claims for December 15 and December 29, both in the year of 2023, and January 12, January 26, and February 9, all in the year of 2024.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:**

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics and training.

Board President Barbara McKinney asked if there is data kept on the racial breakdown of traffic stops. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham confirmed that this is the case.

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Board Member Maqubè Reese asked if the traffic stop numbers reflect Bloomington's population. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham confirmed that the numbers lie within the margins of Bloomington's population.

Board Member Maqubè Reese asked for more details on the Police Social Worker who helped a juvenile who discovered his father deceased. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham provided more background details on the situation.

Letters of Appreciation/Commendation:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented a letter of appreciation for a person's experience with the Citizens Police Academy.

General Business:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the Board of the current number of officers in the department, indicating that the Department is short 20 officers at this time, not counting the officers in training or in the list of conditional offers of employment to be discussed in this meeting.

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff informed the Board of 4 Community Service Specialists who will be hired once approval is granted from Human Resources.

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff discussed the status of the hiring process for 2 Police Social Workers.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff discussed 2 large purchases around \$20,000 each for the purchase of tasers and body cameras, as well as radios.

Board President Barbara McKinney inquired about the use of tasers. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff explained that the Department has never had tasers in the past and the benefits of these purchases and the use of tasers.

Board Member Maqubè Reese asked if there will be training for the use of tasers and requested reports of any training statistics for the implementation of tasers by the Department. Police Chief Michael Diekhoff agreed to provide these statistics to the Board.

Personnel:

Board Member Jon Barada moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Adam Kirsch. Board Member Maqubè Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Audrey Warren. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Jon Barada moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Anthony Hampton. Board Member Maqubè Reese seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

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Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Joseph Sheehan. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Riley Pardue. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Aaron Massengill. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Payton Wallace. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Tyrae Dabney-Murphy. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Maqubè Reese moved to promote Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tyler Keen to the rank of Senior Police Officer, effective March 4, 2024. Board Member Jon Barada seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

### **CIRT/ARV REPORT**

Police Chief Michael Diekhoff indicated no deployments of the CIRT vehicle.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

#### **Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:**

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Maqubè Reese asked for clarification on reading the graphs in the Year to Year Trends slide. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron explained the charts.

Board Member Maqubè Reese asked for clarification on reading the graphs in the Training and Education slide. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron explained the charts.

Board Member Jon Barada asked how goals are created for Training and Education. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron explained that each worker has an expected goal in each category, and the total goal is a combination of everyone's individual goals. Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr explained that the individual goals come from national standards.

Board Member Jon Barada asked for an overview of the MIH program. Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron and Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr provided details on the program.

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron presented 1 letter of appreciation.

#### **General Business:**

Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated that there are is no general business at this time.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated no large purchases for January.

Board Member Maqubè Reese asked if there are any upcoming large purchases. Interim Fire Chief Roger Kerr indicated the upcoming procurement of a ladder truck, which will cost approximately \$1.7 million, as well as additional software for the MIH program.

Personnel:

Fire Assistant Chief Tania Daffron indicated 2 employees who are on long-term leave for surgical recovery, 1 employee on light duty, and 3 employees who are ill.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.


**ADJOURNMENT**

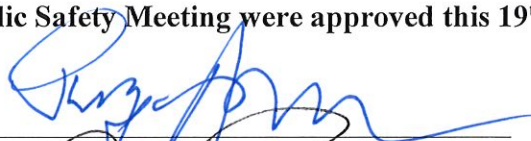
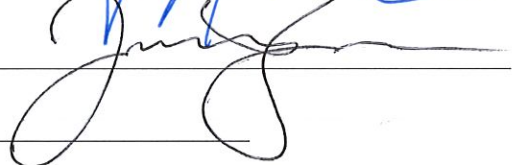
Board Member Jon Barada made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary  
Board of Public Safety

**The minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.**

  
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