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## **BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**, Teleconference/Virtual Meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Board member Kim Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. Other Board members present were: Maqubé Reese, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Shruti Rana and Rafi Hasan, who joined while the approval of the second set of meeting minutes were up for approval.

Members of the public that were present can be seen on the attached participant list.

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

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 19, 2021, and board member Shruti Rana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0, through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

Board member Shruti Rana moved to approve the meeting minutes from special session on February 9, 2021, and board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 through a roll call vote by board recording secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe. Board member Rafi Hasan abstained, as he was late to the meeting.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

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

Fire Chief Jason Moore gave a report on the monthly statistics.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer inquired about the statistics. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the questions.

Board member Rafi Hasan inquired about the social media pages. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered the question.

#### **Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:**

Fire Chief Jason Moore said there was none.

#### **General Business and Personnel**

Fire Chief Jason Moore provided an update, saying they are working on social media postings for the snow event that took place earlier that day. He also said there are six current fire fighter openings and

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one fire inspection officer opening. He said that he has a projected vacancy at the end of February and three more vacancies in March due to retirements. He said there is no one on light duty at this time.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Jason Moore said they are still waiting on the delivery of the departments aerial trucks.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff presented on the annual statistics shared at the public safety press conference.

Board member Rafi Hasan inquired about conceal carry permits and on the changes brought about by new training, and Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered the questions.

Board member Maqubé Reese also inquired about training, and Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered the question.

Letters of Appreciation and Commendation:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said there were two and provided details

General Business:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said there was no other general business.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said there were not any.

Personnel:

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff said that the special session the week prior that all six people accepted the conditional offer of employment to be a police officer. He said they are also finishing up the hiring of the social workers and the neighborhood resource specialist positions.

Board member Maqubé Reese also inquired about the vacancies in the department, and Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered the question.

Board president Kim Gray said she misses the opportunity to meet the new hires and congratulate them.

Board member Rafi Hasan inquired about the social worker positions, and Police Chief Mike Diekhoff answered the question.

CIRT/ARV Deployment Report:

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There was no CIRT/ARV deployment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Verbal Certification of Payroll:

Fire Chief Jason Moore stated that the fire payroll is correct.

Police Chief Mike Diekhoff stated that the police payroll is correct.

### **BFD GREVIENCES**

Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler spoke briefly about the process for grievances. He said there are several steps that are required to be taken before it comes to the board. He said there are two that have come to that point and are before the board. He also said this is not the last step. He said the next step is non-binding arbitration.

#### Welch Grievance:

Union Representative and President Jordan Canada presented the Union's position for the Welch Grievance. Union Representative and Vice President Robert McWhorter Jr. also added information to the Union's position. Both Union Representatives answered questions from the board.

Fire Department and Assistant City Attorney Jennifer L. Lloyd presented the City's position for the Welch Grievance. She answered questions from the board.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved to deny the grievance filed by Chris Welch. Board member Rafi Hasan seconded the motion. After some further discussion, the motion passed 4-0-1, with board member Rafi Hasan abstaining. The vote was taken through a roll call vote by Board Recording Secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

#### Coover Greivence:

Union Representative Jordan Canada presented the Union's position for the Coover Grievance.

Fire Department and Assistant City Attorney Jennifer L. Lloyd presented the City's position for the Coover Grievance.

Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer moved to deny the grievance filed by Steve Coover. Board member Maqubé Reese seconded the motion. After some further discussion, the motion passed 3-1-1, with board member Maqubé Reese voting no, and board member Rafi Hasan abstaining. The vote was take through a roll call vote by Board Recording Secretary, Nicole DeCriscio Bowe.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No members of the public spoke at the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Board member Luis Fuentes-Rohwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeCriscio Bowe, Recording Secretary  
Board of Public Safety

**The minutes of the February 16, 2021 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 23rd day of March, 2021.**

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