



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Approved Minutes –Regular Fire Commission held October 24, 2022 Call to order: Commissioner Alswanger called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm

Roll Call Present: Commissioner Alswanger, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Hubbard, Commissioner Munger. Fire Chief Roach, Assistant Chief Morris, Assistant Chief Robles;

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Public Comment: N/a

Chiefs Report: Chief Roach gave a briefing on the department incidents stating there were approximately 2100 calls. Two fires which were the result of Arson. The individual was caught on video and the Police & department are working on finding the individual. Discussion took place.

Chief Roach stated that the hiring list is expecting within the next couple of weeks from the Human Resources department with potential December interviews with January academy and may have promotional exams in December with appointments in January 2023. The Commission was asked to review their calendars for dates to be discussed. Discussion took place.

Chief Roach gave report on new apparatus being ordered and new Command vehicle in service with new technology that would monitor air supply of firefighters as well as maydays noting that the Stamford Fire Department was the first in the country to deploy this type of technology. Discussion took place.

The Chief discussed the recent Electric Vehicle (EV) fire the department had and the EV training the department has taken. The department has purchased blankets to help in extinguishing future EV fires. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Hubbard inquired as to the possibility of purchasing a new Fire station to replace 629 Main Street building noting that the facilities do not seem to be suitable for female firefighters. Discussion took place. It was mention that a study of the rest room and lockers is ongoing throughout the City Fire Department and discussion of structural issues with 629 Main Street building have been noted and are being looked at. Further discussion took place.

Personnel Issues: N/a

New Business: a. Election of Commission Chair; b. Election of Vice Chair.

Commissioner Alswanger wanted to mention that he had a conversation with Attorney Freccia who is on the Blight Committee for the City of Stamford, who asked if Commissioner Alswanger would attend the Blight Committee meetings. Discussion took place as to the roles of the Blight Committee. Commissioner Alswanger noted that the previous Chair of the Fire Commission was on the Blight Committee. Commissioner Alswanger stated he informed Mr. Freccia that he was not Chair of the Commission but would bring the topic to the Commission.

Commissioner Baker opened the discussion of the Fire Commission Chair nomination stating he would like to move forward and that if there is not an objection to nominating a Chair, that Commissioner Baker would like to move to nominate Commissioner Alswanger based on Commissioner Alswanger experience, as well as his being the defacto Chair, and that he runs an efficient meeting.

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Commissioner Alswanger thanked Commissioner Baker for the nomination and if no objection wanted to nominate Commissioner Hubbard as Vice Chair. Commissioner Hubbard asked she could defer her decision on the appointment to Vice Chair until the next meeting. The Commission agreed.

Motion: Commissioner Baker made motion nominating Commissioner Alswanger as Chair of the Fire Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munger and with no opposition, the motion passed. (4 in favor, 0 against)

Minutes: N/A

Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Alswanger, seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved by all to adjourn at 6:10pm. (4 in favor, 0 against)