



Mike Mackey, Fire Chief

CITY OF LANSING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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Andy Schor, Mayor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 | 5:30 PM | DIGITAL / REMOTE MEETING

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum

- 1.1. All Commissioners present
- 1.2. Commission Chair Steve Purchase led the board in a moment of silence in remembrance George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and all others whose lives have been cut short due to excessive use of force and also in recognition that we all have work to confront our implicit biases and dismantle systemic racism in all of its ~~prejudicious~~ prejudiced forms to work together to forge a more perfect union.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1-WARD	VACANT
2-WARD	DAVID KEENEY
3-WARD	KATHLEEN TOBE
4-WARD	GINA NELSON – VICE CHAIR
AT-LARGE	LUCIANNA SOLIS
AT-LARGE	STEVE PURCHASE - CHAIR
AT-LARGER	RODNEY SINGLETON
AT-LARGE	WYATT LUDMAN

2. Additions to Agenda:

- 2.1. A motion was made by Rodney Singleton and moved by Wyatt Ludman to add to the Agenda: Resolution expressing support for the acquisition of a new aerial truck. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- 3.1. Minutes from 5/13/2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Gina Nelson and seconded by David Keeney to approve the minutes. Discussion: Gina Nelson noted the misspelling of Commissioner Kathleen Tobe. Should be Tobe not Kobe. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written with the typographical error corrected.

4. Public Comment – Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 Minutes)

- 4.1. none

5. Review Communications

- 5.1. Email from Sparrow re: excellent service of EMS Crews

6. Comments from Chair

- 6.1. July Educational Presentation: Carl Dennison was scheduled from the garage but he is unable to attend due to the City's reduced work hours and family obligations. Will reschedule at a later date to more thoroughly review fleet services. Next month, Christopher Mumby and Shelbi Frayer will be attending to discuss IT and Budget.
- 6.2. Grant: Shelbi and her team in the Finance dept. applied for a state grant on behalf of the fire and police depts. The fire department was awarded a 210,000 which is expected to help pay for heart monitors. Additionally the city staff expects to present a budget amendment at the next council meeting to facilitate the acquisition of a much needed aerial truck on a lease program basis.
- 6.3. City Roadmap document prepared in 2018 by a city lobbyist. Chair Purchase invited the board to read and review the document. The Mayor suggested this may be helpful if the board pursues fire department grant opportunities. Will circle back to this during the work of the budget committee and the full board.
- 6.4. Would like to recognize the many conversations surrounding diversity, equity, inclusion and racial disparity. Will discuss during commissioner comments.

6.5. Officer Elections @ July Meeting: Chair and Vice-Chair. Will be taking nominations and the vote next month.

7. Educational Presentations

7.1. Carl Dennison, City of Lansing Fleet Services. Will present at a future meeting. Christopher Mumby (IT) and Shelbi Frayer (Finance) will be attending the July meeting.

8. Fire Administration Report

8.1. Hiring Process: Chief Mackey gave an update on the current hiring process: The City of Lansing Human Resource department is handling the hiring. LFD currently has sixteen vacancies, but due to financial reasons, he anticipates filling nine of those positions. Chief Mackey reported that Regina in the HR department has done an absolutely stellar job on the hiring process.

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8.2 Currently working with the Lansing School district to add a FF I and II class option at Sexton HS.

9. Committee Reports

9.1. Budget Review Committee: Budget committee meeting has been scheduled for Tues June 23d at 5:30 pm. Assistant Chief Tobin and Administrative Chief Odom will be the point of contact.

9.2. Annual Report Drafting Committee – Assistant Chief Tobin and Administrative Chief Odom will be the point of contact.

Commissioner Gina Nelson will be scheduling.

10. Old Business: none

11. New Business

11.1. Resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LANSING FIRE COMMISSION

06/10/2020

WHEREAS, the Lansing Fire Department maintains three Aerial Trucks in its fleet that are thirteen, nineteen, and twenty-four years old; and

WHEREAS, LFD's aerial trucks are operating at or beyond their respective useful lifespans giving rise to reliability concerns and escalating maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, LFD's aerial trucks represent vital equipment for the Department to carry out its mission to protect life and property in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Given current budget constraints and in the absence of a viable alternative, the City of Lansing Finance Department has recommended a Lease Program to provide for the acquisition of a replacement aerial truck;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing Board of Fire Commissioner's, hereby, express our support for the acquisition of a new aerial truck meeting the operational requirements identified by Fire Administration, and our appreciation for Mayor Schor's team for their creative efforts to meet this need. We further urge the Lansing City Council to adopt the forthcoming budget amendment authorizing and enabling the acquisition of the replacement aerial truck.

Moved: Commissioner Nelson

Seconded: Commissioner Tobe

Vote: 6-0

12. Request for Commissioners to be Excused: All present

13. Commissioner Comments

13.1. Conversations surrounding diversity, equity, inclusion and racial disparity.

13.1.1. Commissioner Wyatt Ludman comments: The last couple weeks have been highly emotional and he is trying to do his part with his involvement. He would like the board to continue to look at policies and inclusion and also make the point that we are the citizen's oversight board. We are generally on board with the administration. As a citizen board we can support when positive and in agreement, but also bring up issues regardless of our own opinions to be proactive and allow all voices to be heard. Please be aware of and look for opportunities to elevate diversity and inclusion. Thanks for doing the work, for the conversations, and your commitment to the community. Commissioner Ludman offered to have an experienced facilitator to sit down at a meeting for discussion regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. Either as an educational presentation or a special meeting. More to come.

13.2. In person meetings? Will follow the City of Lansing declaration and how they are handling meetings. Discussion followed.

13.3. Commissioner Solis requested information regarding the vote and nomination process.

14. Public Comment – On any matter (Time Limit: 3 minutes): none

15. Adjournment 6:17 pm

Minutes Approved: July, 2020 | Fire Board Meeting | Submitted by Patti Starnes, LFD Administrative Specialist

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