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CITY OF LANSING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
120 E. SHIAWASSEE ST., LANSING MI 48933
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Andy Schor, Mayor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 | 5:30 PM

LFD STATION #1 COMMUNITY ROOM | 120 E. SHIAWASSEE ST. | LANSING MI 48933

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum

1.1. Present

- 1.1.1. Gina Nelson
- 1.1.2. Lucianna Solis
- 1.1.3. Steve Purchase
- 1.1.4. Rodney Singleton
- 1.1.5. Charles Willis

1.2. Absent

- 1.2.1. Kathleen Tobe
- 1.2.2. Barbara Lawrence

Fire Commissioners

1st Ward Barbara Lawrence
2nd Ward Vacant
3rd Ward Kathleen Tobe
4th Ward Gina Nelson
At-Large Lucianna Solis - Chair
At-Large Steve Purchase – Vice-Chair
At-Large Rodney Singleton
At-Large Charles Willis

2. Additions to Agenda

- 2.1. A call for additions to the agenda was given by Commissioner Chairperson Solis and no additions were received.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- 3.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Singleton to approve the September 2021 minutes as written. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

- 4.1. None

5. Educational Presentation

- 5.1. none

6. Comments from Chair Lucianna Solis

- 6.1. Meeting Schedule 2022: Monthly Fire Commission meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Station #41 Community Room located at 120 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing MI 48933.



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7. Fire Administration Report – Greg Martin, Fire Chief

7.1. Firefighter Hiring update:

- 7.1.1. Five new medics will be hired contingent on the psychological and physical exam.
- 7.1.2. The Human Resource department will post the Firefighter position again the third week of December to March 2022.

7.2. Fire Chief Hiring Process: This City of Lansing is utilizing a hiring consultant to hire the new Fire Chief and Police Chief. Challenges to hiring: Chief pay rate and Department Head 1 year contract.

7.3. Turn Out Washers – Purchased and Installed with Training Tower funds.

7.4. Training Tower to be condemned

7.5. Vehicle Purchases:

- 7.5.1. New Battalion Chief vehicle
- 7.5.2. New ambulance on order. Price increase of \$30,000 compared to the previous ambulance purchased.

7.6. Applied for state funding of “shovel ready” projects. LFD was first to submit the following projects:

- 7.6.1. Four Ambulances
- 7.6.2. Traffic Pre-emption System
- 7.6.3. New Station 48/49 at the Washington park site.

7.7. Metro Lansing fire investigations: LFD will be teaming up with the Metro area departments and the ATF for Fire Investigations. This will give LFD added support and also provide the metro departments with additional Fire Investigation training opportunities.

7.8. LFD Captain Rahshemeer Neal is doing a great job in his new role as LFD’s Community Resource Officer. This is a new position within the Lansing Fire Department.

8. Old Business

8.1. Committee Update

- 8.1.1. Fire Commission Annual report: Commissioner Purchase reported a draft Fire Commission Annual Report will be submitted to the board at the December meeting.
- 8.1.2. Facilities: Commissioner Willis reported the need to continue pushing for Station #2 funding. Suggested adding to the State of Michigan funds request.

9. New Business

9.1. Legal Update by City Attorney Amanda O’Boyle



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9.1.1. A lawsuit has been filed regarding an individual who was not hired for a position in the City of Lansing. The plaintiff is alleging sexual and race discrimination.

10. Request for Commissioners to be Excused

10.1. A motion was made by Commissioner Purchase and supported by Commissioner Nelson to excuse Commissioner Tobe and Commissioner Lawrence from the November meeting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

11. Commissioner Comments

11.1. Commission Chair Solis thanked Chief Martin for his service to the Lansing Fire Department and the Citizens of Lansing. Chief Martin's last day is December 31, 2021.

11.2. Commissioner Willis reported that he is pleased to hear of the involvement of the ATF in regards to Fire Investigations. The additional resources will aid in the investigation process.

12. Public Comment – On any matter- speakers must state their name and address (Time Limit: 3 minutes):

12.1. None

13. General Order

13.1. No Comments

14. Adjournment

14.1. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted to the Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners on 12/8/2021. Minutes approved by unanimous vote on 12/8/2021.

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