



DES PLAINES BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 4, 2022

Call to Order: 9:13 a.m.

Roll Call:

Lester: Present (Zoom)

Albrecht: Absent

Green: Present

Thomas Green	Commissioner	Daniel Anderson	Fire Chief
Debra Lester	Commissioner	Mark Burkland	Elrod/Friedman Atty
		Dorothy Wisniewski	Asst City Manager/Finance Director
		Becky Madison	Recording Secretary/Director of Human Resources
		Matt Matzl	Deputy Fire Chief

Commissioner Lester recommended Commissioner Green serve as the meeting’s Chairman and Commissioner Green accepted.

Public Comment: For matters that are not on the Agenda: None

Old Business:

- 1 Discussion and approval of a recommendation regarding the proposed changes to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Rules and Regulations.

Commissioner Lester lead discussion pertaining to the historical background of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as written in the ordinance and wants to ensure the Rules and Regulations reflect that the people of Des Plaines elected to have an independent Board. Mr. Buckland understood and stated that he would add to the proposed language to ensure that is clear in the document.

Commissioner Lester asked that the Police Department recruitment verbiage be consistent with the changes occurring in the Fire Department recruitment verbiage. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director stated that changes to the Police Department recruitment verbiage will be revisited at a later date. Commissioner Lester reiterated that she understood, but wants to ensure there is consistency. Police Chief Anderson stated that Police would bring changes to the Commissioners in the next few months. It was agreed that they will be managed in totality at that time.

Typographical errors in the Police Department sections were discussed and changed in the working draft.



Commissioner Lester and Mr. Burkland discussed Public Act 102 0375 regarding the amendment to the age limitation of firefighter applicants. Language was added to Chapter V Section 3 *Age Requirements* that allows exceptions to the age requirements for “any person who has served in a municipality as a regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call or part-time firefighter” which is consistent with the updated statute language.

Preferences points were discussed and Commissioner Lester confirmed that veterans service points are required by statute, which was agreed by Mr. Burkland and the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director. Commissioner Lester stated that the statute is clear that paramedic points be stated as, “shall”, instead of “may.” Draft Rules and Regulations document was updated to reflect the change.

Use of examples were discussed and it was determined that examples in the preference points section were not required during this revision.

Background investigation language was discussed and Commissioners Lester and Green preferred the language remain with the current Rule and Regulation phrasing. Draft Rules and Regulations document was updated to reflect the change.

Discussion regarding Bonds of the Commission and its removal. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director stated the language was outdated an inconsistent with current practice.

Discussion regarding signature page. Mr. Burkland and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director stated that there was no reason to have signatures as this Board makes recommendations on rule changes to City Council.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director made the changes to the working document as discussed and the document is ready to be sent to City Council once the Board has approved the recommendation.

Commissioner Lester requested one more opportunity to review the document before it goes to City Council. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director stated the small scriber’s errors could be corrected, but substantive changes would require another vote of the Board.

Motion to recommend approval of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners as amended:

Motion Made by	2 nd	Albrecht	Green	Lester
Green	Lester	-	Aye	Aye

Motion carried.

Report of Commissioners: None.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made by	2 nd	Albrecht	Green	Lester
Green	Lester	-	Aye	Aye

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

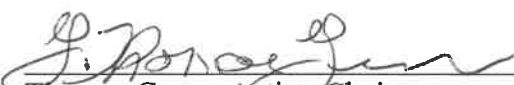


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Next Special Meeting: January 28, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Madison, Recording Secretary/Director of Human Resources

Approved this day 14th of March, 2022


Thomas Green, Acting Chairman


Debra Lester, Secretary

