



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, December 26, 2024

1:00 PM

City Hall, Common Council Chambers
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Manthei called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Mark Manthei, Michelle Sutinen, Kimberly Cosby and Sagar Tolani

Excused: Commissioner Danielle Romain

Also present: City Attorney Kail Decker, Assistant City Administrator/Talent & Strategy Director, Richarf Pfaff - City of West Allis; Recording Secretary, Bridget Morawetz

C. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

1. Closed session: Resolution to approve filing charges against Assistant Chief Jay Scharfenberg by the board as a body and ordering suspension pending disposition of filed charges

For agenda #1, the Police and Fire Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(b) for the taking of formal action on the investigation of charges against a public employee, unless the public employee requests that an open session be held. It may reconvene in open session after completion of the closed session to consider the balance of its agenda.

On a motion made by Commissioner Tolani and seconded by Commissioner Sutinen, the meeting convened into closed session at 1:10 pm.

Closed session agenda item discussed

On a motion made and seconded, the meeting reconvened into open session at 2:25 pm

City Attorney Decker read out a motion to approve the filing of charges by the Commission as a body regarding the following claim numbers: 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 16.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tolani and seconded by Commissioner Sutinen to adopt and approve the above as stated by City Attorney Decker.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 3, Commissioners Sutinen, Cosby and Tolani
Nay 1, Commissioner Manthei

Commissioner Manthei made a motion to remove claim number 5. The motion failed for lack of second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sutinen and seconded by Commissioner Tolani to approve the suspension of Assistant Chief Scharfenberg upon filing of the formal charges.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4, Commissioners Manthei, Sutinen, Cosby and Tolani
Nay: 0

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm



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