

## STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes -July 18, 2023 Special Meeting of Fire Commission

Call to order: Commissioner Alswanger called the meeting to order at 6:18pm

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Alswanger, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Hubbard, Commissioner Linares, Commissioner Munger, Fire Chief Roach. Also attending: PSH&W Director DeRubis, A/Fire Chief Robles, A/Fire Chief Morris, Vanesa Francis, Human Resources Manager; Rosemarie Frager, Human Resources Manager; Barbara Murphy, Fire Administrative Supervisor

Pledge of Allegience & Moment of Silence

Public Comment: N/a
Chiefs Report: N/a

Motion: Commissioner Alswanger moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of interviews of the Deputy Fire Chief candidates and the related discussions there of as the public discussion of same will result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein that are described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b), at 6:20pm. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hubbard. Motion passed. 5 favor, 0 against.

Those attending Executive Session were Commissioners Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Commissioner Munger, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Fire Chief Roach, A/C Robles, A/C Morris, Vanesa Francis, HR Manager, Rosemarie Frager, HR Manager, Barbara Murphy, Fire Administrative Supervisor. Those individuals interviewing for the position of Deputy Fire Chief are Carl Alton, Ryan Kerwin, Paul Newman, Brian Ohleth, Victor Rella.

The Commission came out of Exective Session and on the record at 7:20 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Motion:** Commissioner Alswanger asked for a motion to appoint to the first position of Deputy Fire Chief. Motion to appoint Paul Newman to the first position of Deputy Fire Chief was made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Munger and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Alswanger asked for a motion to appoint to the second position of Deputy Fire Chief. Motion to appoint Victor Rella to the second position of Deputy Fire Chief was made by Commission\_Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Linares and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

The Commission invited both Paul Newman & Victor Rella into the Commission meeting to congratulate them both on their promotions.

Motion: Commissioner Alswanger moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of interviews of the Deputy Fire Marshal candidates and deliberation and employment of Fire Captains & to solidifying the new firefighter and related discussions as the public discussion of same will result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein that are described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b), at 10:03pm. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion passed, 5 favor, 0 against.

## **FIRE COMMISSION CONTINUED**

Those attending Executive Session were Commissioners Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Commissioner Munger, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Fire Chief Roach, A/C Robles, A/C Morris, Vanesa Francis, HR Manager, Rosemarie Frager, HR Manager, Barbara Murphy, Fire Administrative Supervisor. Those individuals interviewing for the position of Deputy Fire Marshal are James Doherty, Brendan O'Reilly, Mark Kuhar, Timothy Devine.

The Commission came out of Exective Session and on the record at 10:58pm. No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Motion:** Commissioner Alswanger asked for a motion to appoint to the first position of Deputy Fire Marshal. Motion to appoint Brendan O'Reilly to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal was made by Commissioner Munger, seconded by Commissioner Commissioner Linares and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

**Motion:** Commission Alswanger asked for a motion to appoint to the second position of Deputy Fire Marshal. Motion to appoint \_Mark Kuhar\_ to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

**Motion:** Commissioner Alswanger made motion to appoint to the first position of Fire Captain, Brian Teitelbaum, motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

Motion: Commissioner Alswanger asked for a motion to appoint to the second position of Fire Captain. Motion to appoint Kevin Connell to the position of Fire Captain was made by Commissioner Linares, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and approved by all. Motion passed. 5 in favor, 0 against. Commissioner Alswanger, Baker, Hubbard, Linares and Munger in favor.

The Commission had produced a ranked list of alternate candidates at its meeting held February 7, 2023 to be used as alternates if needed and/or for future hiring.

**Motion:** Commissioner Alswanger read the names, in selected order, of individuals being certified tonight for this hiring and alternates to be used if needed. The selected appointee names, with alternates to be used if needed, are as follows:

Last Name	First Name	Rank of Appointment
MORRIS	COLIN	1
SCOTT	MACK	2
LORUSSO	JASON	3
SERRICCHIO	TYLER	4
BATISTA	BRYAN	5
HETHERINGTON	WILLIAM	6
FITZGERALD	JOSEPH	7
BUCHAS	TREVOR	8
KOVACS	NICHOLAS	9
MARKOWITZ	JOHN	10
ROPER	ELLISON	11
BUTKOVSKY	BROCK	12
HAGEDUS	STEVEN	13
SANTOS	CHRISTIAN	14
NTIM	NANA	15
ROSA	LUIS	16
JEAN-MARIE	CORY	17
LOPES	JULIO	18

Motion: Commissioner Alswanger made motion to certify the first 18 individuals in order of appointment as read to be certified for this hiring and to accept the second list of names as read to be used as alternates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Commissioner Hubbard, Commission Munger & Commissioner Baker moved in favor of the motion. Commissioner Linares abstaining. Motion passed, 4 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 against.

## Adjournment:

**Motion:** Commission Alswanger asked for a motion to adjoun the meeting at 11:02pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and approved by all. Commissioner Alswanger, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Hubbard, Commissioner Linares and Commissioner Munger in favor. Motion passed 5 favor, 0 against.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02pm.