



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Roll Call: Chairman Rizzuto called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. Those in attendance were: Commissioners Rizzuto, Freccia, and Melzer; Acting Fire Chief Smith; Absent: Commissioners Perry and Tungaturthy; Fire Chief Antonio Conte

Public Comment: None

Chief's Report:

- Acting Chief Smith stated that Chief Conte is out on leave
- An issue with Rescue 1 whereas it went to the manufacturer in Michigan for repairs and repairs were done but were unacceptable to this department. The manufacturer does not want to honor its warranty. It's currently out at the manufacturers in Michigan. A/Chief Smith state that there is an apparatus problem insomuch as the fleet is aging and failing. The department is seeking a loaner Rescue. Discussion took place.
- Recruits are doing very well
- Budget:
 - Capital budget is in motion.
 - Operation budget – the budget was submitted for the Stamford Fire Department. In discussions with the City's Administration, since under the Charter the Stamford Fire department is one department the infrastructure of the Big 5 would fall under the Volunteer departments while all other line items would fall within the Stamford Fire budget.

Commissioner Freccia suggested that the Fire Chief include a line item in the budget for the financial costs associated to changing the name of the department, per the Charter, from Stamford Fire Rescue to Stamford Fire.

Personnel issues:

Commissioner Freccia asked if there were any personnel issues to discuss. Chief Smith stated there was.

Motion: Commissioner Freccia moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Rizzuto and unanimously approved at 5:22pm.

Motion: Commissioner Freccia moved to come out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Rizzuto and unanimously approved at 5:35pm. No action was taken in executive session.

Fire Commission Committees: NA

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Fire Commission meeting held December 11, 2012 were reviewed and revised. Commissioner Freccia read the section that was revised into record:

“Director Jankowski gave a brief overview on the Charter Revision and where it stands. He stated that it is in process and being reviewed by the Legal department. Discussion arose as to the position of Fire Marshal and it was asked if Barry Callahan had to be reappointed. Commissioner Freccia stated that as Co-Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, to his best recollection, that the Charter Revision

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Commission did not intend to mandate the re-appointment of Fire Marshal. However, there was discussion and intent for the Mayor to appoint a new Fire Chief. If the legal department believes that the Fire Marshal be re-appointed, Commissioner Freccia recommends that it be resolved expeditiously. Commissioner Freccia stated that the appointment of the Fire Marshal is done by the Fire Commission Director Jankowski added that the Charter revisions are being reviewed by Legal and the lawyers are working on it. Commissioner Rizzuto asked if any aggressive positions were being taken by the Volunteer departments. Director Jankowski responded that collaborate efforts are being made. Interim procedures are being implemented by the legal department. Commissioners Freccia and Melzer recommended that Chief Conte be re-appointed, as he is the best man for the job. Discussion took place.”

Motion: By motion duly made the minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting were approved as revised by the Commission.

Minutes of the Fire Commission meeting held January 8, 2013 were reviewed and revised. Commissioner Freccia read the section that was revised into record:

“Chairman Rizzuto asked for a motion from the Board to confirm/appoint the Fire Marshal for the City of Stamford Fire Department. Discussion took place.

Motion: Commissioner Freccia, in accordance with the Charter revision, Section C5-40-3, (e) and State of Connecticut General Statute, Sec. 29-297, made a motion to confirm/appoint Barry Callahan as the Fire Marshal for the City of Stamford Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melzer and approved by a unanimous vote. (4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent)

By motion duly made Barry Callahan was confirmed/appointed as Fire Marshal of the City of Stamford Fire Department.”

Motion: By motion duly made the minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were approved as revised by the Commission.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm