

**BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**CONVENED JUNE 25, 2021**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners was called to order at 9:06 A.M. in the Council Chambers of Edwardsville City Hall with Chairman John W. McCracken presiding.

**Commissioners Attending:** John W. McCracken, John Cunningham, Mary Ann Harris and Jean Hughes. Commissioner Roger Huber was excused absent. **Also Attending:** Police Chief Michael Fillback, City Attorney Jeff Berkbigler, Human Resources Director Amanda Tucker and Edwardsville Police Detective Matthew Evers.

**Public Comment:** No comments to be heard from the public were either submitted by email or telephonically.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Harris moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021 and May 11, 2021. Commissioner Cunningham seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cunningham moved to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021, February 4, 2021, February 22, 2021, March 23, 2021, March 24, 2021, April 13, 2021 and May 4, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

**Communications:** The Commissioners reviewed a letter of resignation effective July 1, 2021 from Jay Keeven, Director of Police for the City of Edwardsville. Major Michael Fillback will replace Chief Keeven as Chief in the interim, pending confirmation of a permanent replacement.

**Fire:** None

**Police:** Commissioner McCracken moved and Commissioner Harris seconded to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:15 A.M. and reconvene in closed session, enabling Detective Evers and Human Resources Director Tucker to present results of their background investigation conducted for Probationary Police Candidate Justin Benton. Further included in the motion was the discussion of the voluntary removal of Candidate Zachary Fletcher from the application process for Probationary Officer. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cunningham moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:00 A.M and Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Harris moved to make an offer of employment to Candidate Benton, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, and the motion was unanimously approved.

A spread sheet of Lateral Patrol Officer candidates was presented for review. Commissioner Cunningham moved to interview those applicants meeting the requirements of Lateral Patrol Officer, seconded by Commissioner Harris. The motion carried unanimously. Interviews will be conducted on July 20 and 21, 2021 commencing at 5:00 P.M. both evenings at a location to be determined.

A motion was entertained to extend an offer of employment to Probationary Patrol Officer Candidate Kelly Fischer. If Candidate Fischer is no longer available for employment, then an offer will be extended to Candidate Andrew Bode. Commissioner Cunningham moved and Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

A draft of Lateral Police Officer Interview Questions was then presented for possible use in future interviews. Commissioners will review the document along with a revised score sheet for discussion at the July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Administrative:** Commissioner Cunningham moved to approve and Commissioner Harris seconded the following a slate of officers for terms running from June 2021 to June 2022:

**Chairman:** John W. McCracken

**Vice Chairman:** Jean M. Hughes

**Secretary:** Roger L. Huber

The motion carried unanimously.

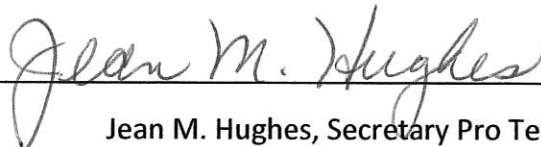
**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.



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John W. McCracken, Chairman



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Jean M. Hughes, Secretary Pro Tem