

Police Commission Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024
At Glendale City Hall, Medium Conference Room and by Zoom

Present:

Nicole Ford
Paul Kranz, Chair
Maria Rozek
Tomika Vukovich, Vice Chair, by zoom
Eric Zentner, Secretary
Jessica Ballweg, Deputy City Administrator
Dave Burkhart, Union President, by zoom
Chief Mark Ferguson, Glendale Police Department

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

Paul pointed out a correction: Next Meeting should be April 11th, not January 24th. Nicole moved to approve the minutes with this correction. Paul seconded. The motion carried.

Process for Hiring for Chief of Police position:

Paul mentioned that we got a letter from the police officers association about the fact that there is precedent that police commissioners not be elected officials, so Tomika is not going to be renewed on the commission. The mayor has named a replacement commissioner, and the city council still needs to approve this appointment.

Regarding the vote we took at the last meeting where we decided to allow both internal and external candidates, Paul said he is hoping to get the vote to allow internal and external candidates reconsidered, and that reconsideration must be done by one of the commissioners who voted “yes.” Paul said that if we don’t reconsider, that decision will be tainted by the fact that one of the commissioners was an elected official during the vote, and this could open us up to liability.

Maria moved that we reconsider the vote. The chief explained that this is not a motion that needs a second or a vote. This automatically tables reconsidering until our next meeting.

Paul moved that we table the entire process to fill the Police Chief Vacancy so that the new commissioner is able to be a part of the process. Eric seconded. Motion passed.

The chief reported that he disciplined an officer (the penalty was a required training and a 2-day suspension). The commission doesn’t need to do anything unless he appeals, which is unlikely.

Paul moved that we adjourn and Nicole seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Zentner
