

Police Commission Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025, 6:30pm
At Glendale City Hall Council Chambers
and by Zoom

Present:

Paul Kranz, Chair

Maria Rozek

Lars Woehlck, Vice Chair

Eric Zentner, Secretary

Chief Rhett Fugman, Glendale Police Department

Absent:

Jeremy Triblett

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

Maria mentioned that she was present in person (not by zoom) at the previous meeting. Lars moved to approve the minutes pending this change, and Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Chief's Report:

The chief reported that, year-to-date, calls for service are up, traffic stops are up. Motor vehicle thefts are up. A rising trend is stealing cars by reprogramming key fobs (especially with Nissans). Robberies are down; burglaries are down. There was a problem with a Flock camera that had to be fixed. Bayshore had some problems; not enforcing the curfew; now they are back on board with staffing enough to enforce the curfew. We had a shooting at Elite (attempted homicide). Another shooting incident (many shots fired) during a car theft at Bender Rd. (no one was hit). We are getting a new Flock camera on east-bound Good Hope Road at the Milwaukee/Glendale border. We are working on getting our community-engagement and field-training software updated. Staffing: Officers Osbourne and Young finished field training. Officer Kehoss resigned on April 26th (less than a month after he started). Officer Bechler was promoted to Sgt. on 4/21. Lt. Schieffer retired on 5/6. Sgt. Bartlein was promoted to Lt. on 5/10. Officer Nick Smith was selected as the next K9 handler. We will select the dog in August and start training in September. We have a vacant Captain position, and we are thinking of shifting some responsibilities from one Captain to the other next spring.

Lars moved and Eric seconded that we go into closed session for police-officer-candidate interviews. Motion passed.

Paul moved that we return to open session. Lars seconded. Motion passed.

Paul moved that we pursue hiring all three of the police-officer candidates we interviewed tonight. Maria seconded. Motion passed.

We discussed the process for the next round of hiring. The Chief proposed requiring at least 70% on not only the essay test (which was already the case) but also on the 3 multiple-choice sections of the written test and keeping the assessment center the same.

For the next round of hiring, we are hoping to expedite the process. The chief proposes we post positions for two months, and interview the candidates we get quickly, and we can repost the opening if we don't get the candidates we want to hire.

Paul moved that we open up a new recruitment following the recently changed educational standard and a 70% minimum score on all three multiple-choice sections and a 70% minimum score on the essay portion. Maria seconded. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is not scheduled. We will wait to set the date until we have candidates to interview.

Paul moved the we adjourn. Lars seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Zentner, Secretary