

MICHIGAN CITY POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 9, 2009

The Police Civil Service Commission of Michigan City, Indiana, held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present to conduct business.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Michael Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Commissioners Michael Palmer, Deloise Howse and Michael Buda.

Also present: Commission Attorney Pamela S. Krause, Commission Secretary Leni Barugh, Chief of Operations Mark Swistek, Chief of Services John Kintzele, Captain Mark Harris, Sergeant Mark Krauklis, Mayor Chuck Oberlie, Rita Swistek and members of the department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Buda moved the minutes of the monthly meeting on May 12, 2009 be accepted as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Howse. **Motion carried 3-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

PROBATIONARY OFFICER REPORTS

Captain Harris reported:

- Probationary Officer Steven Wiegel is continuing with his 4th week at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy basic course and is doing well.
- Probationary Officer Kenneth Equia is training with the Division of Professional Standards and will be assigned to the FTO program in mid-July.

APPLICANTS IN PROCESS

POLYGRAPH REPORTS - None

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

We have five backgrounds in process. Three of them have been completed and we are awaiting the remaining two.

PHYSICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL - None

PERF - None

HEARING RESULTS

The following are the results of the hearings held on April 22, 2009.

- Hearing #1 – Officer Douglas Samuelson's request to review a one day suspension. Motion by Commissioner Howse, and seconded by Commissioner Buda the one day suspension will stand as stated. **Motion carried 2-0.** (Commissioner Palmer was not present for the 1st hearing.)
- Hearing #2 – Captain Stephen Jesse's request to review his past performance report for the period July 1 – December 31, 2008. Motion by Commissioner Howse, seconded by Commissioner Buda, to accept the amended past performance report. **Motion carried 3-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A letter from Officer Douglas Samuelson.
- Bills to be paid totaling \$2365.50.

On motion of Commissioner Buda, seconded by Commissioner Howse, bills in the amount of \$2365.50 should be paid. **Motion carried 3-0.**

PAST PERFORMANCE 1-1-09 TO 6-30-09

Chief Swistek reported that Captain Harris is working on assigning the supervisors who they will be grading under their command. The finished reports will be given to the Board of Captains when completed and should be ready for the Commission to review by the end of August.

NEXT TEST DATE

Commissioner Palmer asked the Commissioners to consider a new testing date for applicants to be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM ASST. CHIEFS

Assistant Chief Swistek reported:

- ◆ Asked that everyone bear in mind that children are now out of school and are playing in the city streets.
- ◆ The Special Operations Group is in full swing and making a difference in many of the neighborhoods.
- ◆ Citizens are reminded of the Citizens Observer.com website that lists where crimes have occurred. This can also be used to relay tips to the department,
- ◆ Reminded the public to use the 873-1488 Crime Tip Hotline to communicate with the department.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

The Commissioners honored their secretary Leni Barugh who is retiring on June 30th after serving 35 years as the recording secretary for the Michigan City Police Civil Service Commission. Those in attendance expressed their appreciation for her service and thanked her for helping make their job easier. All agreed that she will definitely be missed The Commissioners gave her a plaque to take home and a plaque that will hang in the office as well as a bouquet of flowers. The Mayor presented her with the key to the city as well as a lapel pin to wear in case she gets lost. The Department presented a large framed photo of herself to hang in her home and a "35" year service pin.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 10.00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. on motion of Commissioner Howse, seconded by Commissioner Buda.

Michael Buda, Secretary

ATTEST:

Michael D. Palmer, President

Deloise Howse, Vice-President