

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 8, 2007

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session at West Lafayette City Hall, Board of Works Room, on January 8, 2007 at 7:30 pm. In compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, notice of this regular meeting was sent to the press and posted. Copies of the meeting agenda and unapproved minutes of the December 11, 2006 Regular Meeting and January 4, 2007 Executive Session were available at a table adjacent to the entrance to the Board of Works Room.

Police Merit Commission President Polles called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Corrigan, Larry Leverenz, Virginia Nead, John Polles, and Joel Weber.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Williams, Human Resources Director Foster, and one member of the police department. No members of the public or the media were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Corrigan's motion for "the approval of the December 11, 2006 West Lafayette Police Merit Commission meeting minutes" was unanimously adopted.
- B. Commissioner Corrigan's motion for "the approval of the Executive Session minutes of January 4, 2007" was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Corrigan reported that he needs to meet with Commission Council Williams to discuss confidentiality concerns before he can report to the Commission concerning exit interviews for officers who resign.
- B. Commissioner Weber reported that the changes to Article II.A of the West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Rules and Regulations that were approved at the December 11, 2006 meeting have been incorporated and distributed as well as an updated List of Effective Pages.
- C. Commission President Polles reported that eight applicants were interviewed on January 4, 2007. Commissioner Weber incorporated the results of the aptitude examination, criminal background check, Police Review Board interview, and Commission interview into the Applicant Order of Merit Eligibility List. Commission President Polles independently checked the entry of data into the Eligibility List. Two of the eight applicants had a total weighted score of less than the minimum score of 75 percent and were thus not eligible for inclusion into the Eligibility List. The other six applicants were integrated into the Eligibility List.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commission President Polles reported that a letter had been received from Police Chief Marvin on January 5, 2007 requesting the names of the three highest applicants on the Eligibility List. Those three names have been provided.
- B. Commission President Polles reported that one of the Eligibility List applicants named in November 2006 has not yet returned his background investigation package and efforts to contact him have been unsuccessful. After discussion, it was determined that the letter that accompanied the background investigation package did not contain a suspense date as to when the package had to be returned. It was decided that a certified letter should be sent to the last known address for this individual. The letter should contain a suspense date by which the application must be returned.
- C. Commission President Polles reported that the next testing and interviews will be in April for Lieutenant and Captain promotions. Commissioners were asked to be prepared to set the April dates for testing and interviews at the February Regular Meeting.
- D. There was a discussion concerning the annual election of officers. Commissioner Leverenz moved "to suspend the rules associated with election of officers to make it occur on an annual basis in January." The motion unanimously passed.
- 1) Commissioner Corrigan nominated Commissioner Polles to be President. Commissioner Weber's motion that nominations be closed was unanimously passed. Commissioner Polles was elected President by a vote of 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.
 - 2) Commissioner Corrigan nominated Commissioner Leverenz to be Vice-President. Commissioner Corrigan's motion that nominations be closed was passed unanimously. Commissioner Leverenz was elected Vice President by a vote of 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.
 - 3) Commissioner Corrigan nominated Commissioner Weber to be Secretary. Commissioner Corrigan's motion that nominations be closed was unanimously passed. Commissioner Weber was elected Secretary by a vote of 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

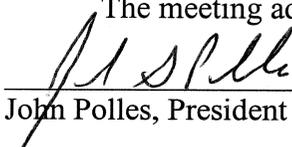
- A. In response to a question as to the number of names on the applicant Eligibility List, Commission President Polles reported that there are currently 15 names on the list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

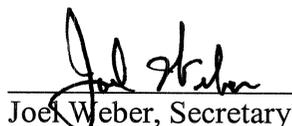
None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



John Polles, President



Joe Weber, Secretary

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
Meeting Agenda, 8 January 2007
7:30 P.M., Board of Works Room, City Hall

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Minutes for Meeting on 11 December 2006
Approval of Minutes for Executive Session on 4 January 2007

Old Business

Update concerning holding exit interviews for officers who resign (Commissioner Corrigan)
Changes to Article II.A. of WLPMC R&R (Commissioner Weber)
Results of latest application process (Commissioner Polles)

New Business

Update on proposed new-hires (Polles)
Non-response of a proposed new-hire (Polles)
Next Testing/Interview Session (Polles)
Setting the meeting for election of Commission officers for 2007 (Polles)

Items from the Floor

Public Comments

Adjournment