

Civil Service Commission
January 13, 2020 Meeting

Called to Order: 4:30PM

Present: Commissioners Bruno, Hazel & Cauley

Absent: None

1st order of Business: Capt. Hernandez requested to film the meeting. Atty. Morgan stated it is allowed since it is a public meeting.

Commissioner Hazel nominated Commissioner Bruno as Chairperson. No other nominations. Commissioner Hazel made a motion to have Commissioner Bruno serve as Chairperson, Commissioner Cauley second, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting: Commissioner Hazel made a motion to approve the minutes with any changes made at the next meeting. Commissioner Cauley second, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: email from AC Aburto regarding submitting correspondence for the meeting.

Re: New hires: Chief Serna stated - 9 applicants have completed their physical & psychological exams. He will also submit the names to the BOS meeting for approval. Once approved they will send the paperwork to Indianapolis for final approval from PERF. Looking at mid February for possible hire.

Re: Becerra resignation: Commissioner Cauley made a motion to accept Sect. Becerra's resignation effective the start of the new secretary, Commissioner Hazelds second, all in favor, motion carried.

Re: AC Aburto email: AC Aburto submitted a letter and read it for the Commission. He asked for clarification on CS Rules. Submitted rules regarding responsibilities of the Assistant Chief. He stated that E2814 was taken out of service and Rescue and Truck were placed in its stead and they are not attack pumpers, which makes him uneasy and bad things can happen. He brought it to the Commission to ask that they, as AC's are allowed to place E2814 in service to protect the Citizens and their own safety. Commissioner Cauley asked why E2814 was placed out of service. Chief stated it was taken out because the calls are low and the population has changed. AC Aburto stated the calls have gone up since they took E2814 out of service. Commissioner Bruno asked AC Aburto what it is he was asking for. AC Aburto stated to put E2511 at Station 4 and bring Truck and Rescue back to Central, but the best scenario is to put all the rigs in service. He wants to act on the Commission rules. Atty. Tolbert stated that there is nothing for the Commission to decide. There are a bunch of moving parts, undercurrent, pending lawsuits and issues before the City Council. This is an indirect way of attacking the

situation and exceeds the scope & purview of what the Commission can do. Chief Serna has overall say to day control of the fire department. Atty. Morgan agreed and stated it was not on the agenda for this meeting. Indiana Code gives control of the department operations to the Chief. AC Aburto thanked the Commission for hearing him.

Public Comment: Chauff. E. Rivera stated that there is concern of being able to move the firefighters and rigs- there have been 300 transfers and no cohesion since 2016. Everyone gets moved around. Chauff. Hernandez stated he has to guess who his AC is for the day and if everyone is doing the right thing. Concerned people have been put to drive who haven't had training.

Being of no further business the Commission meeting ended at 5:08pm