

FIRE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
May 11, 2020

Commissioner Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

Present: Commissioners Bruno, Hazel & Cauley, Chief Examiner Carpenter, Attorney Tolbert, Chief Serna, Atty. Harris, Maria Becerra & Secretary Enedina (Dina) Rodriguez **Absent:** None

Correspondence: **None**

Regular Business: **None**

New Business: **None**

Old Business:

Re Probationary FF Update: Chief Serna indicated that training is being done between Gary and East Chicago. Gary has 8 recruits, East Chicago has 6. Hope to have them online in July. Possible graduation ceremony after July 4, 2020

Re Testing for Bureau: Chief Examiner Carpenter stated three have signed up so far. .

Re: Sick policy change: Article 14—Attorney Harris stated he and Attorney Tolbert had a discussion after the previous meeting and they should have something to present to the Commission at the next meeting in June. They would like Chief Serna to review before it goes on the agenda. Attorney Tolbert agreed that it should go over to the next meeting—it may be the recommendation of no change to Article 14. Attorney Harris stated that the letter addressed quite a bit of changes; however it requires more review and make a decision as to why or why not the changes are being made. Commissioner Bruno stated the only issue was changing days to 24 hours or no change is possible. The city already has a policy on call offs before you need a doctor’s note. Commissioner Bruno stated the 24 hour rule is being used and right now they are trying to make it fair to 8 hour shift people.

RE: Inspector Captain Testing: Commissioner Bruno inquired stated if they check to see if the test would be needed again in October. Since this test is so close will this count as the regular test or would it need to be redone in October? Attorney Tolbert said the issue was whether or not that could take place because of the time of the list. The list has to be valid for two years. The list has been depleted. Attorney Tolbert said since the list has been depleted—you can go forward in that regard. Commissioner Bruno stated when they tested for the line—it was only valid until the next test date which was less than a year. Attorneys will look into if they can extend the list to include the month October and make the list effective through October 2022. If there is a past practice in place they may want to continue the practice. The rules need to be reviewed to see if it is specific. They will address this at the June meeting

Re Recorder at Fire Station: Commissioner Bruno asked about the recorder at the Fire Station to record the meeting. Recording Secretary Dina stated she uses her tablet to record the meetings and right now through ZOOM the meetings are automatically recorded. Commissioner Bruno suggested that the recorder be replaced to have as a backup and in case Dina cannot attend the meeting.

Commission Hazel made a motion to the recorder replaced. Commissioner Cauley second.

Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, Commissioner Hazel, Commissioner Cauley –
Nays: None All in favor. Motion Carried

Commissioner Hazel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Cauley second.

Roll Call: Ayes: Commissioner Bruno, Commissioner Hazel, Commissioner Cauley –
Nays: None All in favor. Motion Carried

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM