

VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY POLICE COMMISSION

Minutes of August 17th, 2021 Meeting

**Whitefish Bay Village Hall
5300 North Marlborough Drive
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting was held in hybrid fashion-part virtually and part in person. Through the use of the Village's "GoToMeeting" Video Conferencing computer platform, Commissioner Markson appeared remotely for the duration of the meeting. Present in person in the Village Board Room at Village Hall for the duration of the meeting were: Commissioners Harron, Gonzales, Kearns, and Gilpin. Also present at Village Hall for portions of the meeting was Village Manager Boening, whose duties also included managing the remote access to the meeting for Commissioner Markson.

Every effort was made to provide appropriate social distancing for participants present for the meeting in person at Village Hall. Members of the public were permitted to attend in person for portions of the meeting held in open session, however, no one from the public appeared in the meeting room. In addition, members of the public were permitted to submit comments to the Commission prior to the meeting. Village Manager Boening reported no public comments were submitted.

Commission Chair Harron called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 P.M.

Per Agenda, the meeting minutes from July 21, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Gilpin moved to approve the meeting minutes, and Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0, and the minutes of July 21, 2021 were thereby approved.

Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gilpin, to convene in closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (1)(c), to allow the Commission to conduct interviews, and further discuss and evaluate the qualifications of several candidates for the position of Chief of Police. The motion carried 5-0.

In closed session, the Commission met with and conducted extensive interviews of several candidates. Each candidate appeared in person at Village Hall for the on-site interviews. Village Manager Boening managed the access to the Village Hall premises at all times during the meeting, including during the portion of the meeting held in closed session. Following the interviews, further discussions were held in closed session while Commissioners discussed and evaluated the qualifications of the candidates for the position of Chief of Police.

After extensive discussions, Commissioner Gilpin moved, and Commissioner Kearns seconded the motion, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened in open session as of 9:40 P.M. Village Manager Boening was invited to return to the meeting, and confirmed there were no members of the public awaiting return to the meeting room for portions of the meeting held in open session.

In open session, Commissioner Gonzales moved, and Commissioner Gilpin seconded the motion, as follows:

To request the Village Manager to begin the process of selecting appropriate personnel to conduct the background investigation of a particular preferred candidate for the position of Chief, and further to begin

preparing the announcement/s to be released, in due course, once the preferred candidate has completed the satisfactory background investigation and other measures. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Kearns moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned and the videoconference remote access for Commissioner Markson ended at approximately 9:52 P.M.