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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
5:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andreoli, Chair; Mayor Richard Moccia.

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Assistant Fire Chief
Lawrence Reilly, Deputy Chief Gino Gatto

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting - July 20, 2010

The following additions were made to the minutes:

Page 3, under **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, please replace the following:

“The Commission returned to public session at _____”

with “The Commission returned to public session at 6:20 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.”

Page 3, under **ADJOURNMENT**, please replace the following:

“The meeting adjourned at _____.”

With “The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.”

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACTION ITEMS

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS AN ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Chief McCarthy explained that Firefighter Simso retired at the end of June with a disability. Because of this, Firefighter Simso is eligible for disability pension. Chief McCarthy reviewed the details involved with this request.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY FIREFIGHTER SIMSO SUBJECT TO THE WAIVER OF PRECEDENCE SIGNED BY THE UNION.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

09/10 Budget Report – Chief McCarthy had no additional information to report.

10/11 Budget Report – Deputy Chief Gatto said that his assigned compressed gas work vehicle has been repeatedly stalling. Chief McCarthy said that the department needs to replace six vehicles. Mayor Moccia said that the City vehicle pool may have some vehicles that the Fire Department could use while the purchasing of replacement vehicles is being looked into.

Deputy Chief Gatto pointed out that the vehicle that runs on compressed gas has tanks that have expirations of 2013. Chief McCarthy made a note of this.

Contract Negotiations Update – No report.

Fire Station Project Report – There will be a meeting on September 23rd to review and select the construction manager. Chief McCarthy said that he expects the schematics will be finalized within the next month or so.

Force Realignment Plan – The plan is to put an addition on Station 4 and submit request two new Lieutenants next year. Discussion followed about the financial aspects of this proposal.

ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

Operations Report – Assistant Chief Reilly reported that the structure fire at 45 Wall Street on August 13th was the largest fire in years. Chief McCarthy said that Ed Prescott was the shift manager and due to the coordination of all the fire fighters, the building was saved. The cause is still under investigation.

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Summary of Activities – Chief McCarthy informed the Commission that Fire Marshal Iannaccone was on vacation.

The Mayor said that at a recent restaurant opening, he had been told that Norwalk had one of the smoothest operations in terms of permit processing for the new restaurant.

Fire Reports – Discussed earlier.

Promotion & Vacancies - Chief McCarthy gave an update on the academy trainees.

Open House – The joint DPW and Fire Department Open house is October 2nd,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Update – Ms. DeLuca and Mr. Broderick have been working closely together on fire preventions. Ms. DeLuca has done a number of presentations recently. Costco has done a display on disaster preparedness.

TRAINING REPORT

Recruit Training – Deputy Chief Gatto gave a review of recent training activities as outlined in his written report. He explained that four fire fighters had taken the initiative and developed a training program on Elevator Rescue including a PowerPoint presentation and on hands training. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for these firefighters in developing this program.

Educational Comments - Deputy Chief Gatto explained that there was an opportunity for some of the Department members to participate in a six week research exercise group for HealthFactory USA. A number of firefighters have expressed interest.

Promotional Exams – Deputy Chief Gatto presented a brief overview of the preparations for the upcoming promotional exams.

UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

Chief McCarthy said that he had been meeting with the Union President regularly.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss.

PERSONNEL

There were no items to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Chief McCarthy and Assistant Chief Reilly entered into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m. They returned to public session at 5:59 p.m. No actions or votes were taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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