

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Tom Crawford, Vice-President Ken Wendling, and Member Jim Hays. Police Merit Commission Members not present: Secretary Dave Derbyshire and Member Linda Lawson. Also present: Police Chief Heather Burris and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 pm by President Tom Crawford at the Metropolitan Police Department.

**2) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 2-03-2020 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING, 2-11-2022 MEETING, 2-28-2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION, 3-14-2022 MEETING, 3-21-2022 MEETING, 3-28-2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MEETING**

Member Hays moved to approve the following minutes as presented: 2-03-2020 Executive Session and Meeting, 2-11-2022 Meeting, 2-28-2022 Executive Session, 3-14-2022 Meeting, 3-21-2022 Meeting, 3-28-2022 Executive Session and Meeting. Vice-President Wendling seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

**3) DISCUSS CREATING A DONATION FUND FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT**

Police Chief Burris discussed the need for body cameras for the officers. She would like to create an ordinance to allow for donations to be made to the department to purchase equipment. Records Clerk Jones explained that the Town Council would have to approve of the ordinance in order for the Town Clerk-Treasurer to create the line item and to receive and spend the funds.

Police Chief Burris will be taking the lead for establishing and designing this ordinance that will create the vehicle to accept and distribute monies for the needs of the officers. Police Chief Burris will present her ordinance ideas at the next Merit Board meeting May 9, 2022 at 3:30 pm. Once Chief Burris and the Merit Board agree on the ordinance the ordinance will be presented to the Town Council at the first available opportunity.

**4) FUTURE PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Burris advised that she will be attending Police Chief school April 18-22, 2022.

Police Chief Burris would like to have a dunk tank at the 4-H Fair to raise funds for uniforms and equipment for the reserves. She would also like to set up a Reserve Donation fund for the same purpose.

Police Chief Burris has talked with the Brown County Probation Department, and they have grant funds to promote crime prevention.

Police Chief Burris would like to have a National Night Out event or a Nashville Night Out event. Sugar Creek BBQ has volunteered to donate all the food for the event.

Police Chief Burris would like to have pay increases for her officers and wants help to figure out how to do this.

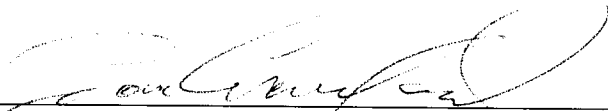
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Police Chief Burris spoke about the reserves program regarding the number needed and how to help offset the cost for outfitting said officers.

The next Police Merit Board Commission will be held on May 9, 2022 at 3:30 pm at the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department. Police Chief Burris will bring draft ordinance to the Commission for their review.

**5) ADJOURN**

Vice-President Wendling moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Hays seconded the motion. President Crawford adjourned the meeting at 4:32 pm

  
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Police Merit Commission President Tom Crawford

5-9-2022  
Date