

**NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND
METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

ATTENDANCE:

Council members present: President Nancy Crocker, Councilmember Jane Gore, and Councilmember Dave Rudd (left at 4:50 pm). Council members not present: Vice-President Anna Hofstetter and Councilmember Tyra Miller.

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Tom Crawford, Vice-President Ken Wendling, Secretary Dave Derbyshire, Member Jim Hays, and Member Linda Lawson

Also in attendance: Interim Police Chief Mick Reddick, Town Attorney Wanda Jones, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Police Merit Commission President Crawford opened the meeting at 3:33 pm and Council President Crocker opened the meeting at 3:34 pm.

2) INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESERVE OFFICERS

Interim Police Chief Reddick introduced two new reserve officers: James Reynolds and Ryley Mayhall. Both men currently work at the VA and are police officers.

3) DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Interim Police Chief Reddick asked the Police Merit Commission and Town Council what they want in a new police chief. Do they want to keep the status quo, or do they want a change leader? Discussion.

An audience member suggested they put a hiring package together and maybe have business community provide incentives. For long-term funding of the department, they will have to talk with their State legislatures. Perhaps they can ask for a 1% tax for infrastructure and public safety.

PMC Secretary Derbyshire asked how many full-time officers are needed. Interim Police Chief Reddick advised that they should have two officers per shift and 24 hour coverage. Discussion on funding. PMC Member Lawson reported that there are community policing grants available. She offered to gather a list of grant opportunities. Discussion. They all agreed they need to come up with short-term and long-term funding plans.

PMC Vice-President Wendling advised that they need to hire a police chief now. What length of contract could they offer? Clerk-Treasurer Young advised they could offer a contract through 2023 due to Town Council term lengths. Then they could offer a four year contract.

Town Council President Crocker suggested the Town could pull money from other line items in order to raise the pay level of the Police Chief but the whole Council would have to approve this increase. Clerk-Treasurer Young noted they will need to make the salary sustainable. Discussion.

PMC Member Hays reported that the general consensus is that they need to hire a police chief. The PMC and Town Council agreed to create an advertisement for the position. Audience member Andrew

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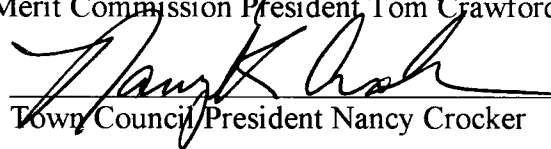
Tilton offered to contact an advertising company to write the job advertisement. The two boards agreed to meet again on Monday, March 28, 2022 to discuss the advertisement and pay scale.

4) ADJOURN

Police Merit Commission President Crawford adjourned the meeting at 5:24 pm.

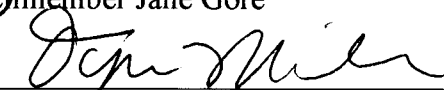
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Police Merit Commission President Tom Crawford

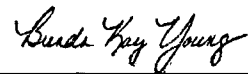

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ATTEST: 
Clerk-Treasurer Brenda K. Young