

**NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERIT COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

Police Merit Commission Members present: President Tom Crawford, Vice-President Ken Wendling, Secretary Dave Derbyshire, and Member Jim Hays. Police Merit Commission Members not present: Member Linda Lawson. Also present: Interim Police Chief Mick Reddick, Town Councilmember Nancy Crocker, Town Attorney Wanda Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by PMC President Tom Crawford at the Metropolitan Police Department.

2) REVIEW OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION

PMC Secretary Derbyshire announced that NPD Sergeant Burris will take the Chief of Police position if the pay is correct. He noted there is not a requirement for Sergeant Burris to live in the county for this position. Additionally, Secretary Derbyshire advised that the current Metropolitan Police Merit Commission is willing to stay on if Sergeant Burris is hired.

PMC Secretary Derbyshire reported that the Merit Commission is very impressed with Sergeant Burris's work and recommends to the Town Council that she be hired as the next NPD Police Chief.

Town Council President Crocker commented that she is very happy that Sergeant Burris is willing to take this position. She advised that they need to have an Executive Session to interview Sergeant Burris and then hold an open public meeting to hire.

PMC Secretary Derbyshire commented that they would like to hire more full-time officers. They currently have Interim Police Chief Reddick, Sergeant Burris and three full time officers, and one of those officers is at the academy. He advised that they don't have enough officers to cover all the shifts and the Town should have their own officers.

PMC Member Hays asked if there is any benefit to having a K9 unit. Interim Police Chief Reddick reported that it would be costly to have a K9 and he doesn't think they need this expense.

PMC Vice-President Wendling asked if we need officers on duty 24/7. Interim Police Chief Reddick advised that the Town does need 24/7 and most drug stops are during the 6pm-6am shift. Town Council President Crocker agreed the 24/7 staffing should be a goal.

Town Council President Crocker reported that she spoke with Interim Police Chief Reddick, and they would like to change the current ordinance to allow the Police Chief to hire more reserve officers. Interim Police Chief Reddick would like to raise the number of reserves to 12-25 active reserves with a cap of 50 reserves on the roster. Discussion.

A discussion about officers' salaries, and how to raise funds for the department. Town Council President Crocker would like to talk with PMC Member Lawson about applying for grants for equipment such as body cameras. Discussion.

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The Police Merit Commission and Town Council President agreed to hold an Executive Session with the Police Merit Commission and Town Council on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 3:30 pm at the Police Department to interview Sergeant Burris. An open joint meeting will follow at 4 pm.

Interim Police Chief Reddick advised that the Veterans Service Organization has agreed to volunteer to work during the Town's parades. He has coordinated this with Town Administration Manager Phyllis Carr.

3) ADJOURN

President Crawford adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm



Police Merit Commission President Tom Crawford

4-11-2022
Date