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FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Special Personnel Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

5:30 PM

**West Street Firehouse
1 West Street
Cromwell, CT**

Present: Commissioners Mertie Terry (Chair), Jason Hinners, David Colligan and Roger Rukowicz attended. Also attending were Executive Director Julius Neto, President Lee Brow and Commissioner Charles Epstein.

Per Executive Order No. 7B, Governor Lamont has ordered and directed that in-person open meeting requirements be suspended. Therefore, the Special Personnel Committee meeting will be held via conference call. Members of the public may send questions or comments to meetings@cromwellfd.com on any agenda items.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, by Chairwoman Terry.
- II. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Hinners, seconded by Commissioner Rukowicz and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda as submitted.
- III. Public Comment. The Executive Director stated that he did not receive any public comments through the email format.
- IV. New Business. The Chair with the consensus of the Committee decided to have a discussion under Executive Session of both items A. and B. under new Business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Colligan, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 PM to discuss: Strategy and Discussion on Pending Local 4662 Union Negotiations for Part-Time staff; and on the Fire Marshal Position. Invited into the session were the Executive Director, Commissioner Epstein and President Brow.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rukowicz, seconded by Commissioner Hinners and unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rukowicz, seconded by Commissioner Colligan and approved 3 to 1 to recommend Mr. Ray Saracco to the Fire Marshal position. Commissioner Hinners voted nay.

- V. Commissioners' Comments. Commissioner Rukowicz commented that he was glad everyone was able to express their opinion in a calm, rational manner. Commissioner Epstein commented that the Personnel Committee's decision on the Fire Marshal's position will also impact their decision on the Fire Chief's position. A wrinkle was discovered that will impact the Fire Chief's job description.
- VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Rukowicz, seconded by Commissioner Hinnens and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mertie Terry".

Mertie Terry, Chairwoman

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary
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