

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS REGULAR MEETING OF THE
POLICE, FIRE, AND SAFETY COMMISSION
Tuesday September 20, 2022**

CITY OF ROMULUS

**Mayor Robert McCraight
Chief Pfannes, Director of Police Department**

POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY COMMISSION

**Mark Wilhide
Stan Bragg
Debbie Lattner
Cynthia Harris
Vonda Cooley
Charles Pecsénye
James Crova**

1. Meeting called to order at 4:08 PM by Commissioner Wilhide.
2. Roll call
3. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Harris, supported by Cooley, to approve the agenda as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Harris, Lattner, Wilhide, Bragg, Pecsénye, Cooley, Crova. Nays – None. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda:

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call - Lattner, Wilhide, Bragg, Pecsénye, Cooley, Harris, Crova
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes – Police, Fire and Safety Commission regular meeting held on September 20, 2022.
- E. Chair’s Status Report
- F. Public Comments
- G. Old Business
- H. Police Department Updates
- I. Fire Department Updates
- J. New Business
- K. Communications
- L. Adjournment

4. Approval of Minutes – Police, Fire and Safety Commission regular meeting on August 16, 2022.

It was motioned by Cooley to approve amended minutes from August 16, 2022, to combine information from former Clerk and PFSC Secretary. Motion supported by Harris.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Harris, Lattner, Wilhide, Bragg, Pecsénye, Cooley. Nays – None. Motion carried 7-0.

5. CHAIR STATUS REPORT:

- Commissioner Wilhide stated that he had a rebuttal letter that he wanted issued to the Mayor in regards to the actions taken by the City against the PFSC.
- The Mayor was present and stated that he wanted to speak with the PFSC at this time. He stated that he believed the whole issue was miscommunication. He wanted the PFSC to know that he values this Commission. He states that he supports the by-laws and believes there are minor issues to resolve.

-Commissioner Crova felt that there were miscommunications as no one wanted to violate the Open Meetings Act. He stated that the dates were posted on the initial annual calendar on Cable TV.

- Commissioner Cooley stated that she wants the PFSC to be taken more seriously.

- Commissioner Wilhide wanted to extend a special thank you to Brian for the work that he performed for the PFSC.

-Commissioner Harris made a motion to give the letter signed by all members of the PFSC to the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Lattner. Letter was given to Mayor.

- Commissioner Wilhide asked the Mayor if he had met with the Chiefs to discuss the PFSC by-laws. The Mayor stated he had not.

- The Mayor provided an overview of the North Pointe Development to include seven buildings. He stated the City is looking to enter the tech market.

- Commissioner Wilhide wanted to know why a small part of Merriman is City Road and the remainder is County.

- Commissioner Cooley questioned the possibility of a mini Walmart or Meijers. The Mayor stated that stores like Aldis generally build where a Walmart is around. He further stated that the City will continue looking into a grocery store.

- Commissioner Cooley asked about sidewalk on the East side of Wayne Road. The Mayor stated that the Ecorse/Wayne Road development was a high priority, and the sidewalk would be going in place from Wick to Vanborn.

- Commissioner Bragg asked if the City gets any funds from the airport. The airport pays over one million dollars in property taxes and parking fees.
- The Mayor stated that he would like to see vacant schools developed.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS: None

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- Chief Pfannes stated that he wants to expand the use of the PFSC.
- Chief stated that he appreciated the participation of the PFSC at the recent promotions and retirement of Captain Hull ceremony. He was very pleased with the promotions as they reflect the Community.
- Chief stated that everyone on Command Staff is on probation.
- There are two new dispatchers coming on board.
- Chief passed out to PFSC members vehicle stickers stating Romulus Backs the Blue.

- Commissioner Lattner gave kudos to the Police Department on the promotional ceremonial and stated that she thought the ceremony truly honored the officers

- Commissioner Harris questioned why officers are coming to Romulus from Detroit. Is it the benefits, the friendly environment?

- Commissioner Cooley informed the Chief of the concern she had when she saw a motorcycle officer standing behind a vehicle with no protection behind him.

- Commissioner Bragg gave kudos on police participation at the Pumpkin Festival.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Harris – None
- Lattner – None
- Cooley – Motioned to have Commissioner Lattner serve as the Secretary Clerk for the PFSC. Seconded by Harris.
- Bragg – None
- Wilhide – Be aware of expiring City ID. Mark will address new design with the City. The clerk works on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. You will get the Lanyard only, no wallet card.
- Pecsénye – Motioned to draft a thank you letter to Brian to go in his Personnel File for supporting the PFSC. Seconded by Harris

11. Communications: None

12. Adjournment – Motioned by Harris, Seconded by Cooley at 5:35 PM
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Harris, Lattner, Wilhide, Bragg, Pecsénye, Cooley, Crova.
Nays – None. Motion carried 7-0.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022.