



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – POLICE**
Minutes, Wednesday, January 20, 2021
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the City of Surprise Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers. Due to COVID-19, the public was able to stream the meeting live.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chairperson – Present
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – (*conference bridge*)
James Conner, Citizen Board Member - Present
Severin Hall, Police Department – Excused absence
Ian Murton, Police Department – Present

In attendance: Paige Gearhart, Human Resources Manager
Cynthia Kelley, Board Attorney
Michelle Reardon, Sr. HR Specialist
Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed

D. Current Events Reports - None

E. Staff Reports – Chair introduced Michelle Reardon, Sr. HR Specialist, hired by the City of Surprise effective January 11, 2021 who will be assisting with matters of the Public Safety Retirement Commissions.

F. Call to the Public – None

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the December 9, 2020 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Executive Session Meeting Minutes– APPROVED**

Motion to Approve: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None



2. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the December 9, 2020 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

Motion to Approve: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

3. Review and discussion of FY 2020-2021 legal counsel fees – INFORMATION ONLY

Ariana Reyna mentioned that total cost in legal fees for FY21 is \$7,014.35 and that the Police Board had incurred \$4,890.50 of that total cost. No questions or comments from Members.

4. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the acknowledgement of the end of the DROP period for Police Officer Jason M. Kulfan who separated employment effective January 3, 2021 and will start collecting retirement pension benefit – APPROVED

Ariana Reyna provided the following background information: The PSPRS Local Police Board met and approved Officer Kulfan's DROP application on 07/15/2020 with an effective date of 08/28/2020.

Motion to Approve: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None

5. Considerations and possible action to enter Executive Session and make a determination on return to work eligibility for former Police Officer Anna Anderson in compliance with A.R.S. § 38-844 (E) – TABLED

Motion to ENTER Executive Session: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None



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DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 9:36 A.M. – 10:03 A.M.

Motion: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None

Ian Murton made a motion stating that there was sufficient medical evidence presented to the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police to move forward with Mrs. Anderson’s request to return to work, pending additional medical evidence.

Chair confirmed that Ariana Reyna would follow up with Mrs. Anderson to inform her of the additional medical evidence requested by the Board.

6. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session and review medical records exempt from public inspection regarding the disability application for Police Officer Edyta Tabor-Dakowicz – TABLED

Motion to ENTER Executive Session: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 10:05 A.M. – 10:36 A.M.

Motion: Ian Murton
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None

Ian Murton made a motion to continue the request as The Board determined there was not sufficient medical evidence presented but were willing to grant additional time for applicant to gather requested information. Chair asked if Members wanted to have discussion regarding this. Ian Murton acknowledged Officer Edyta Tabor-Dakowicz in the audience and stated that the Board requested legible (preferably typed) notes, specifically for Dr. Beth Sikora for her evaluation. Ian Murton also mentioned tests performed and results as records indicate that there was testing performed but The Board was not privy to any of those tests and results to support applicant’s request. James Conner requested for specifics on recommended treatment as there was conflicting information alluding to Officer Tabor-Dakowicz being treated for separate conditions.

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None

H. Executive Session – None



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I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 a.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Ian Murton

Second: Chandler Brown

Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

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Skip Hall, Chair

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CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and Sr. Human Resources Analyst – ADA & Leaves for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are true and correct minutes of the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting of **Wednesday, January 20, 2021**.

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary

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