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Citizen Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) Meeting December 8, 2010 City Council Chambers, Ninth Floor, City Hall Minutes



Members Present:

Chairperson Adrianne Sears Commissioner David P. Stewart Commissioner Joy Brown-Price Commissioner Wayne Spencer Commissioner Judy Bowles Commissioner Gilbert Mathieu Commissioner Rita Hall

Members Absent:

Vice Chairperson Alan Kaplan (excused) Commissioner Kofi Nartey (excused) Commissioner Donald Nicholson (excused)

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael D. Falkow, Deputy City Administrator/CIO Mrs. Kathy Ares, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mathieu.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Brown-Price that the minutes of the October 13, 2010, meeting be approved. The motion carried.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORTS

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that there has been approximately seventy-two negotiation sessions with the city's six bargaining groups. The intent of the negotiations was to obtain 10% concessions from all bargaining groups. The city has ratified with three bargaining groups. The agreements involve a 10% pay cut in the form of a furlough for two years. The intent is to close city hall every Friday effective January 7, 2011.

Mr. Falkow further advised the CPOC that the city has been meeting consistently with the other bargaining groups and believes that there is a tentative agreement with two of the bargaining

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groups. The city is working with the other bargaining group on one outstanding issue, and hopefully ratification will take place next week.

Mr. Falkow pointed out that all six bargaining groups have stipulated that they would not provide any concessions unless all elected officials did the same thing. The Mayor and Council, City Treasurer, and City Clerk, have agreed to a 10% concession. Mr. Falkow stated that the furlough will generate a substantial amount of savings for the city; however, the city has lost an entire quarter of the fiscal year, approximately 25% of the savings.

Mr. Falkow stated that in October 2010, the City Council approved a workforce reduction plan. The amount of savings projected was \$7 million, however, the number is a little lower than was projected.

Mr. Falkow further stated that the City Council voted to close the fire station in District 2. The fire station will be closed effective the end of the month. The paramedic squad will be retained and moved to fire station # 171. It will yield a savings of \$1.8 million this fiscal year and subsequent years at \$2.4 million.

Mr. Falkow advised the CPOC that the City Council voted to reduce library hours and the closure of the Morningside Branch Library.

Mr. Falkow announced that the elections for the office of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will take place at the January 12, 2011, meeting. If any commissioners are interested in running for Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, they should contact Mrs. Ares no later than Tuesday, December 28, 2010, so that candidate names may be printed on the ballot.

He stated that commissioners may nominate themselves or another commissioner the day of the election. Mr. Falkow reminded the commissioners that no proxy voting is allowed. He further stated that candidates should be prepared to give a brief statement at the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Citizen Police Oversight Commission recessed for closed session at 7:18 p.m., and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Hall left at 8:39 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT

Mr. Falkow reported that closed session was held and direction was given to staff.

STAFF REMARKS

Mr. Falkow wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REMARKS

Commissioner Spencer wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Stewart wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Commissioner Bowles thanked Chief Seabrooks and Lt. DiBernardo for their presence. Commissioner Bowles wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Mathieu suggested that the CPOC take a proactive role in the City. He stated that the CPOC should discuss what role it will play in terms of perception with residents in relationship to the police department. Mr. Mathieu wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Brown-Price commented that she is concerned about how the CPOC will be comprised. She suggested that the CPOC consider postponing the elections. Commissioner Brown-Price also commented that she is concerned about the Chief's concerns about the appearance of improprieties in regards to the CPOC inquiries. Commissioner Brown-Price stated that she does not agree and feels that it was taken out of context. Commissioner Brown-Price wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Chairperson Sears thanked Chief Seabrooks and Lt. DiBernardo for their attendance. Chairperson Sears stated that she wanted Chief Seabrooks and Lt. DiBernardo to review the format of the cases so that the CPOC could ask questions, however, that did not occur.

Chairperson Sears commented that the CPOC could not review cases in a two-hour period. She stated that she would go on record to say that she believes "this is a set up for failure." She stated that perhaps things will change since we will have a new mayor and council member.

Chairperson Sears thanked the commissioners for their service. Chairperson Sears stated that she is in favor of postponing the elections.

Commissioner Brown-Price requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Commissioner Hall's mother.

Chairperson Sears thanked Mr. Falkow and Mrs. Ares for their time and efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in loving memory of Muzet H. Hall at 8:50 p.m.