

**CITY OF NASHUA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kevin Burgess
Don Davidson
Paul Garant
Ken Marquis

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Anthony Patti

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Brian D. Rhodes
Assistant Chief George A. Walker

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Buxton
Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Kerrigan
Vice President of Local #789 – Michael O’Brien
Alderman Tencza
Corporate Council
Members of Nashua Fire Rescue

THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM

All stood as Fire Commissioner Burgess lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for all recent deaths and all those lost and all of the men and women in the service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

June 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

20 59

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept as presented the meeting minutes and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Burgess
Vote: passed 4-yes

Communications: Thank You(s) (1)

20 60

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to accept as presented the communications and place on file
Seconded by Commissioner Garant
Vote: passed 4-yes
07/08/2020 kmc

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept as presented the Departmental Detail Expenditures Report and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes

REGULAR AGENDA

Staff Reports

A. Chief Rhodes

20 62 A

Chief Rhodes thanked Pvt. John McAllister for his years of service as President of Local 789 and congratulated him on his new position with the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire. He also welcomed President Elect Wholey.

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept Chief Rhodes' report as presented and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes

B. Assistant Chief Walker

20 62 B

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to accept Assistant Chief Walker's report as presented and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 4-yes

Discussions

Local 789

20 63

Vice President O'Brien reported there was a recent election.

There is a slightly new board.

Pvt. John McAllister will no longer be the President of Local 789; he is taking on a new role as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Professional Firefighters of New Hampshire, the state union organization.

The new President of Local 789 is Lt. Tom Wholey from Engine Company 1.

President Elect Wholey was unable to attend the meeting but is looking forward to meeting with the board and working together.

Vice President O'Brien expressed that Local 789 is obviously disappointed with the way things went with contract at the Board of Alderman meeting but willing to get this done and ready to go back to work.

Commissioner Garant congratulated John McAllister on his new position and thanked him for his time as President of Local 789. He expressed that John McAllister represented Local 789 as he should.

OLD BUSINESS

Grievance discussed in Non-Public

20 54

Motion by Commissioner Garant to reconsider the actions taken on item 20 54 as passed at the June 1, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes

Motion by Commissioner Garant, based upon the memo from Corporate Council’s office, to rescind the action made on June 1, 2020 and deny the substance of the grievance concerned in item 20 54

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes – roll call

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

REMARKS

Alderman Tencza commented regarding the Local 789 contract that it would be best to keep the Board of Aldermen in the loop, as much as possible, in regards to what the Board of Fire Commission is working on. The Board of Alderman cannot make any final decisions until they see the final contract but it would be helpful to many of the members to know what is coming up.

REMARKS BY FIRE COMMISSION

Commissioner Garant expressed that a revision of the bylaws of the organization needs to be done. Commissioner Garant will take the lead on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

N/A

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Item

20 64 A

Motion by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes

Personnel Item (Non-Public)

20 64 B

Motion by Commissioner Garant to authorize the restructuring of the chiefs’ administrative staff

Seconded by Commissioner Burgess

Vote: passed 4-yes - by roll call

Personnel Item (Non-Public) **20 64 C**

Discussion in Non-Public

Personnel Item (Non-Public) **20 64 D**

Discussion in Non-Public

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Introduced at Meeting

N/A

NON-PUBLIC SESSION **20 65**

Motion by Commissioner Marquis at 17:55 PM to enter into non-public session in accordance pursuant to N.H. RSA 91-A:3, subsection 2C by roll call, which is required, to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, could adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this public body itself, unless that person requests an open meeting.

Vote: passed 4-yes – by roll call

Motion by Commissioner Marquis that the Board comes out of non-public session at 19:32 PM

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 4-yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN **20 66**

Motion by Commissioner Burgess to adjourn the meeting at 19:44 PM

Seconded by Commissioner Marquis

Vote: passed 4-yes

TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday, August 3, 2020, 5:30 pm
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

Dates and Locations of Other Events/Meetings: