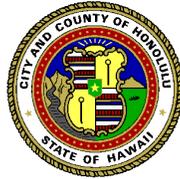


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Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
Honolulu Fire Department Headquarters
Honolulu Fire Department Auditorium
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nagamine called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Nagamine, Charlotte Nekota, Dennis Morton, William Hong, and Stefanie Lee.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: James Wataru and Max Hannemann.

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Fire Chief Lionel Camara, Jr. (HFD), Assistant Fire Chief Ron Rico (HFD), Assistant Fire Chief Scott Lawton (HFD), Assistant Fire Chief Socrates Bratakos (HFD), Battalion Chief Joseph Kostiha (HFD), Battalion Chief Keith Yasui (HFD), Battalion Chief Robert Thurston (HFD), Battalion Chief John Pacheco (HFD), Battalion Chief Carlton Yamada (HFD), Battalion Chief Sheldon Hao (HFD), Captain Robert Imai (HFD), Daisy Canite-Miyashiro (HFFA), Kathleen Kelly (Corporation Counsel), and Nadine Murata.

II. PUBLIC TESTIMONY. Chair Nagamine asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to give public testimony. There was none.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2020. Chair Nagamine called for any comments or corrections to the minutes of the regular public meeting of January 15, 2020. Commissioner Nekota moved and Commissioner Morton seconded. There being no further

comments or corrections and with a unanimous vote in favor, the Commission approved the minutes.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2020. Chair Nagamine called for any comments or corrections to the minutes of the executive session meeting of January 15, 2020. Commissioner Nekota moved and Commissioner Morton seconded. There being no further comments or corrections and with a unanimous vote in favor, the Commission approved the executive session minutes.

V. REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF. Deputy Fire Chief Camara mentioned that Fire Chief Neves is out of town and he'll be reporting as Acting Fire Chief. Acting Fire Chief Camara passed out copies of Fire Chief Neve's monthly report and highlighted the following:

A. Major Incidents.

1. Fires. Acting Fire Chief Camara asked the Commission to review and if there were any concerns on the fire incident.

Commissioner Morton asked about the Hibiscus Drive incident.

Acting Fire Chief Camara went over the January 19, 2020 incident regarding a structural fire at 3015 Hibiscus Drive.

Acting Fire Chief Camara mentioned that the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) was already on scene and the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) were not allowed to commence fire operations until the scene was secured.

Acting Fire Chief Camara mentioned that HFD had breathing apparatuses and HPD did not.

Acting Fire Chief Camara mentioned the department had deployed an Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle (UAV) which is an aerial observer, also known as a drone.

Acting Fire Chief Camara explained the benefits of using the drone.

Acting Fire Chief Camara introduced its program manager for the UAV, Battalion Chief Pacheco and Captain Imai.

Battalion Chief Pacheco discussed the fire incident on Hibiscus Drive and mentioned that the incident commander had requested the assistance of the unmanned aircraft system (UAS) which assisted the department in situational awareness.

Battalion Chief Pacheco mentioned the department is the premier drone unit in the state as far as public safety.

Battalion Chief Pacheco mentioned that HFD is one of the first agencies to obtain a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certificate.

Captain Imai mentioned while using the drone the department was on the lookout to save lives.

Commissioner Morton asked what the time frame was when HPD had secured the area and the department was able to enter the fire scene.

Captain Imai answered an hour later. At that point the drone was utilized to find hot spots.

Acting Fire Chief Camara mentioned that the department is currently looking into a robot system that could deploy to fight fires via remote control.

Commissioner Nekota asked about the missing child in Mililani.

Acting Fire Chief Camara mentioned that the area is a homeless encampment and the UAV was deployed to find the child but the child was never found.

Battalion Chief Robert Thurston described the area and indicated that yelling was heard coming from the gulch which sounded like a child calling for help.

Acting Fire Chief Camara asked if there any questions. There were none.

2. Hazardous Conditions.

The HFD responded to the following 74 weather-related emergencies during January.

- 10 Blown roofs
- 12 Water evacuations
- 12 Arcing wires
- 15 Downed power lines
- 25 Downed trees

B. Equipment Status.

Seven frontline apparatuses were out of service.

C. Vacancies. Acting Fire Chief Camara went over vacancies with the Commission. Details can be found in the monthly report.

D. Injuries- report of Industrial Injury or Illness (ISWC). Acting Fire Chief Camara briefly went over injuries with the Commission. Details can be found in the monthly report.

E. Grievance. Acting Fire Chief Camara went over grievance with the Commission. Details can be found in the monthly report.

The Acting Fire Chief also reported on the following:

1. During the month of January, HFD received 1 complimentary correspondence and 1 complaint. Details are in the monthly report.
2. Acting Fire Chief Camara had each member of the executive staff give a brief description of their sections' recent activities.

(Acting Fire Chief) Deputy Fire Chief Lionel Camara, Jr.- Chief Camara briefly went over Senate Bill 3091 with the Commission.

Chief Camara mentioned that the department, the State ARC (Airport Rescue) and lifeguards all have national registry EMT certificates but no State license to operate.

Commissioner Nekota asked if the Commission could give testimony.

Counsel Kelly mentioned before the Commission can give testimony it needs to be approved by the Commission.

Program manager Battalion Chief Robert Thurston explained that in most states one would complete a state approve program and the national certification is received.

Chief Thurston mentioned this certificate will also allow you to practice medicine in your state.

Chief Thurston mentioned there are additional standards and administrative rules in Hawaii that need to be complied with.

Chief Thurston explained that this bill will help in getting licensed without liability to the tax payers.

Chief Camara asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Assistant Fire Chief Ron Rico- Fire Operation. Chief Rico mentioned in the past, stations have had its doors open until recently as stations have been encountering people with aggressive behavior and for safety reasons have closed its doors.

Chief Rico explained as a department providing public service it cannot get a restraining order.

Chief Rico explained the department will try to help them and often call HPD for assistance.

Chief Rico explained a locked door also means that online review or training classes are being conducted.

Chief Rico mentioned if one needs assistance there is a red button for help.

Commissioner Morton asked if there were any complaints.

Chief Rico went over an incident that took place at Station 30.

Commissioner Morton asked should an altercation occur, are they protected.

Chief Bratakos mentioned assaulting a fire fighter is a felony.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Lawton- Administrative Services.

Chief Lawton went over rehab process with the Commissioners and explained how the process works.

Chief Lawton mentioned vital signs are checked and hydration is provided before heading back into the field.

Chief Lawton mentioned the department recently received funds to purchase equipment such as carts, trailers, and SOGS.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Masuda- Support Services. Chief Masuda update on the Commission on the life safety evaluation for the sprinkler retrofit for high rise buildings.

Chief Masuda mentioned 102 buildings have completed the life safety evaluations and 40 buildings still need to comply.

Chief Masuda mentioned that 3 buildings have decided to retrofit and one of them is the Marco Polo.

Chief Masuda asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Assistant Fire Chief Socrates Bratakos- Planning and Development. Chief Bratakos informed the Commission that the department is participating in Pookela Internships.

Chief Bratakos mentioned that it's a program where University of Hawaii students have the opportunity to work part time with city agencies.

Chief Bratakos mentioned that the department has 3 from the information and technology program and currently they are working on data base, geography, and code programs.

Chief Bratakos mentioned that they work 10 -15 hours a week.

VI. ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

VII. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL CHANGES OF RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE FIRE COMMISSION.

Commissioner Nekota moved and Commissioner Morton seconded that the Commission go into executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the Fire Chief and to discuss potential changes of rules, polices and procedures of the Fire Commission, pursuant to HRS Sec. 92-5(a)(2) and Sec. 92-5(a)(4). By unanimous vote, the Commission went into executive session at 2:35 p.m. and the regular public meeting reconvened at 2:53 p.m.

VIII. DISCUSSION ON SECRETARY'S OFFICE SPACE.

Commissioner Nekota informed the Commission that the floor in which their secretary is occupying will be refurbished.

Commissioner Nekota mentioned that their secretary has been relocated to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) and upon viewing its new location she informed the Commission that it was unacceptable as she would have to share it with BFS employees and nursing mothers.

Commissioner Nekota mentioned a possible relocation to HFD's Young Street site.

Commissioner Nekota mentioned she didn't see a problem at the Young Street site as the Police Commission's secretary office is occupied within HPD Headquarters. The Commission agreed.

Chair Nagamine asked if there were any questions. There were none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT: The next Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. in the Honolulu Fire Department Auditorium.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Morton moved and Commissioner Nekota seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Nadine Murata, Secretary.

APPROVED:

CRAIG NAGAMINE, Chair