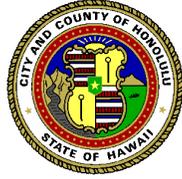


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Minutes of Public Hearing  
Honolulu Fire Commission Rules  
Honolulu Fire Department Headquarters  
Honolulu Fire Department Auditorium  
Wednesday, December 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Wong and Hearing Officer Arnold Wong called the public hearing to order at 3:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Fire Chief Manuel Neves (HFD), Amanda Furman (Corporation Counsel), Randall Ishikawa (Corporation Counsel), and Nadine Murata.

HONOLULU FIRE COMMISSION RULES:

Vice Chair Wong explained that the process being followed by the Commission with regard to the draft rules, the notices provided, and availability of the draft rules. The Commission will consider all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed rules and that at the conclusion of the public hearing, a recommendation will be made to the Commission, after which the Commission will take action on the draft rules at a public meeting.

Vice Chair Wong noted that the union has submitted written testimony.

Chief Neves mentioned several concerns relating to the rules, the first one being inquires as the Commission does not have regular hours. Second, the propriety of the Commission receiving and acting on anonymous complaints. Third, the Chief had a concern as to the Commission's authority and ability to conduct investigations.

Both Vice Chair Wong and Counsel Ishikawa noted that depending on the nature of the complaint, due process will be provided.

Counsel Furman asked if public complaints that involve personnel related actions, would be referred to the department as it has the duty to investigate.

Vice Chair Wong noted that past practice will be used.

Counsel Ishikawa noted that the Commission can only impose discipline on the Fire Chief under the Charter.

Counsel Furman voiced her concern regarding investigations and asked if more research can be conducted before adoption of the rules.

Vice Chair Wong stated that the Commission needs to have rules in place and rules can be amended.

Vice Chair Wong asked for language suggestions pertaining to the investigations. Counsel Furman noted that she will provide such before the January 2018 meeting.

Fire Chief Neves recommended that the Commission should stick to the Charter instead of adding more responsibilities.

Fire Chief Neves asked if there will be another public hearing.

Vice Chair Wong explained the rule drafting process and announced the public hearing will be recessed and reconvened on January 16, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the HFD auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by: Nadine Murata, Secretary.

APPROVED:

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ARNOLD WONG, Vice Chair