

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS SESSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri was held on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at Police Headquarters Building, 6th Floor Board Room, 1125 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Lisa T. Pelofsky, President
Commissioner Alvin L. Brooks, Vice President
Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt, Treasurer
Commissioner Patrick A. McInerney, Member
Mayor Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr., Member (via teleconference)
Darryl Forté, Chief of Police
Mr. David V. Kenner, Secretary/Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Commissioner Pelofsky.

1. Scheduled Meetings:

Regular Board Meetings:

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012
9:00 a.m., 6th floor, Board room**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012
9:00 a.m., South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive, Multi-purpose building**

Board Retreat:

**Friday, November 9, 2012
9:00 a.m. to noon, Gem Theater, 1601 E. 18th Street, upper room.**

Commissioner Pelofsky recognized everyone who worked on the badge placement study that will increase officer safety. She is pleased with the response to this study.

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2. Executive Services Bureau.

a. East Campus 1% for art. Deputy Chief Gallagher submitted a memorandum dated September 5, 2012, recommending approval for the art project at the East Patrol Campus. The artist is Mr. David Dahlquist from Des Moines, Iowa. The estimated cost for this project is \$475,000. Major Laningham discussed how the artist is chosen. She said the selection process can be cumbersome and costly for artists. Only one of 61 submissions was from a local artist for this project. Commissioner McInerney said he appreciated the fact that Major Laningham and Mr. Porter Arneill met with him to discuss the selection process, and discussed the lack of participation by the local art community. Commissioner McInerney encouraged more outreach to local artists to consider these public art projects.

Major Laningham said some of the criteria for the art project is that the artwork it must be low maintenance and durable. Major Laningham further noted that there were three local artists on the panel which considered the proposals.

Mayor James said he understands that there are some barriers to the process, however, the City Council is encouraging the concept of buying local in all areas. He said this will continue with the threat of business migration to Kansas. Mayor James suggested that someone conduct a survey of local artists to determine why they are not submitting proposals for these art projects. He said there should be a thorough explanation of why we are not finding local artists to contribute more to the local public arts. Commissioner Pelofsky agreed with Mayor James and noted that Deputy Chief Gallagher literally drove around

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the Crossroads District trying to get local artists involved and to submit proposals.

The Mayor said he appointed an Arts Task Force and there is an Arts Strategic Planning Committee and he will ask these groups to make contact with local artists.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brooks, with a second by Commissioner McInerney approving the use of public safety sales tax in the amount of \$475,000 for the East Patrol Campus art project created by David Dahlquist. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

b. Budget discussion. Mr. Paul Kies presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14. He said the total requested budget is \$222,525,260 and \$194,462,240 is for the general fund and 92 percent of this amount is for personnel costs. He said at the conclusion of this meeting the Budget Unit will make some wording changes and recommended that the Board allow the Budget Unit to send the proposed budget to the City for inclusion in preparation of their fiscal year 2013-14 budget.

Commissioner McInerney asked Mr. Kies to explain the law enforcement vacancy schedule. He said during FY 2014 budget he anticipates that if the grant is funded, the Department should be able to fully staff all law enforcement positions and will still have 60 civilian vacancies. In the current budget there are 39 vacant law enforcement positions and the grant will allow the hiring of 10 officers leaving 29 vacancies. Each new law enforcement position costs about \$50,000 so \$1.5 million dollars is needed to fund the 29 vacancies. He said the

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Department experiences a turnover of about one position per week, approximately 40 per year. The difference between an existing filled position and a new position is a little over \$40,000. He said when these 40 positions are filled with someone getting paid a starting salary the Department will save nearly \$1.6 million. Mr. Kies said there are over 90 vacant non-sworn positions, however, many of these are scheduled to be filled.

Commissioner Brooks said he has concerns that the new crime lab will be short staffed. Commissioner McInerney noted that the FY 2015 budget would be the one to fill all of the crime lab positions, and suggested that Director Netzel make a presentation to the Board. Chief Forté said that the Department could fill all of the crime lab positions, but that the Department will not be able to hire more officers. Commissioner Wasson-Hunt asked Chief Forté where the impact would fall. He replied that it would hurt patrol, fleet and communications.

Commissioner Pelofsky asked about the process of allowing citizens to make police reports on-line and asked if that would relieve some of the burden on station clerks. Chief Forté said the Department is not close to having this capability yet.

He said the Department is trying to keep the staffing as balanced as possible with the shortage in personnel. Commissioner Pelofsky asked at what point do the vacancies become a public safety issue. Chief Forté said he believes it does now using the example of street officers having to bring detainees to headquarters for processing, due to the detention facility officer shortage at the division stations.

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Chief Forté said it will be a gradual process to correct the staffing issues. He said if money is spent to fill positions in one area, then another areas will suffer.

Mayor James signed off from his conference call connection to the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Commissioner Wasson-Hunt asked Mr. Kies his opinion about how much the City will cut the proposed budget. Mr. Kies said with regard to raises he understands there is movement on an agreement toward that; and most of the grant will be funded.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, with a second by Commissioner Brooks approving the proposed FY 2013-14 budget subject to final review with amendments previously discussed with Budget Unit personnel.

3. Commissioner Alvin Brooks. Commissioner Brooks inquired about the utilization of attorneys who responded to the RFP for legal services. He said he wants strong consideration to be given to the minority attorneys on the list. Ms. Murray agreed.

4. Commissioner Lisa Pelofsky. Commissioner Pelofsky encouraged everyone to attend the ribbon cutting at the new SPD/SOD scheduled for November 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. She thanked everyone involved.

A motion was made by Commissioner McInerney, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and by vote indicated below, to adjourn its open meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvene in closed session at 10:08 a.m. as provided in the following resolution. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, notice of the board meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was given on October 24, 2012, and

WHEREAS, said notice indicated that the Board of Police Commissioners might go into closed session during said meeting, and

WHEREAS, notice of the closed meeting follows the guidelines of Section 610.020 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Police Commissioners go into closed session during the meeting being held on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at Police Headquarters Building, 6th Floor Board Room, 1125 Locust, for the purpose of discussing legal matters and employment matters.

The following Commissioners were present and voted to go into closed session as follows:

Commissioner Patrick McInerney	-	Aye
Commissioner Lisa T. Pelofsky	-	Aye
Commissioner Angela Wasson-Hunt	-	Aye
Commissioner Alvin Brooks	-	Aye

There being a quorum present and the question of holding a closed session having received an affirmative public vote of at least three (3) members, a closed meeting was held as set forth above.

1) Following a motion by Commissioner McInerney and a second by Commissioner Brooks, the Board voted to go into closed session to discuss legal matters and employment matters. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Following polling, Commissioner Pelofsky voted aye, Commissioner Brooks voted aye, Commissioner McInerney voted aye, and Commissioner Wasson-Hunt voted aye.

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2) Following a motion by Commissioner McInerney and second by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt, the Board voted to approve the Piggyback Contract for Services with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. and the City of Kansas City, Missouri relating to the provisions of detainee medical care at the detention facility. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

3) Following a motion by Commissioner Wasson-Hunt and second by Commissioner Brooks, the Board voted to go out of closed session and adjourn. The vote was 4-0 in favor. Following polling, Commissioner Pelofsky voted aye, Commissioner McInerney voted aye, Commissioner Brooks voted aye and Commissioner Wasson-Hunt voted aye.

President

Secretary/Attorney