



CITY OF BELLE ISLE
1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 11, 2024 - 3:00 pm

Present was:

Wood Johnson, Chairman
Dale Dennis
Andy Dunigan
Bruce Lincoln

Absent was:

Charlotte Hobbs, Secretary
Ted Spruill
Allen Haskins

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm, and the Clerk confirmed the quorum. Also present were Chief Grimm., Deputy Chief Millis, and Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk.

He announced that Board members Hobbs, Spruill, and Haskins said they could not attend.

2. Meet the City Manager, Rick Rudometkin

Chief Grimm introduced and welcomed Rick Rudometkin. Mr. Rudometkin thanked the Board for their service to the community.

3. Meet the Cop

DC Millis announced that the officers could not attend the meeting due to incoming calls for service.

4. Approval of the meeting minutes

Chairman Johnson provided copies of the meeting minutes for approval - Jan 4, Feb 1, and June 21.

Board member Dennis moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Lincoln seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1. New Business

a. Annual Awards

DC Millis stated that the Agency received eight (8) submissions for the 2023 Annual Awards for one of the following categories: Patrol Officer of the Year, Distinguished Officer of the Year, and Supervisor of the Year. He provided sealed envelopes to the Board for review and consideration. He gave an overview of the qualifications/criteria for the categories and noted that the staff had not reviewed any of the submittals in the interests of fairness. He would like the Board to consider scheduling a special meeting to announce the winners at one of the February City Council meetings.

The Board discussed the process and noted they would like all submittals completed separately. They noticed a request to consider a new category and said they would discuss adding new categories later. Chairman Johnson said allowing residents to submit nominations and place the forms on the city's website might also be impactful.

b. Leasing vs. purchase analysis for vehicles

DC Millis noted that the overall cost of leased vehicles continues to increase. At the current time, the city is not having any issues with the leasing program; however, he would like the Board to look at a 3-year forecast to determine if we should continue to lease or purchase the vehicles. The board consensus was to schedule an agenda item to analyze the benefits or leasing vs purchasing in a 3-5 forecast.

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c. Discussion on how often to have board meetings

The board discussed moving to a 1/4ly meeting schedule with special called meetings as necessary and agreed to schedule a meeting at the end of January for the selection of award recipients.

Board member Dennis moved to hold a special session on January 30th for the purposes of (1) selecting the award recipient and (2) establishing a quarterly calendar for meetings and nomination of Chairman and Secretary for 2024.

Board member Dunigan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

Chairman Johnson provided copies of Resolutions 19-04 and 21-13 as a refresher on policy and procedures for holding meetings, processes, and operations. Chairman Johnson noted that he would like to revisit the duties portion of Resolution 19-04.

The City Clerk reminded the Board that there is a clause for members who miss three consecutive meetings, no-call, no-show. It is very important that a quorum is present at all scheduled meetings, and if excess absences are an issue, the Board can consider replacement.

3. Board Updates - NA

4. Other Updates - NA

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Johnson called for a motion to adjourn. Board member Lincoln moved to adjourn, and Board member Dennis responded, which passed unanimously at 4:10 pm.