

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS HELD IN THE COMMISSIONS ROOM ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Commissioner Dean Walsh called the meeting to order at 3:03p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review and approve past meeting minutes, presentation from both the Fire & Police Chief of department highlights and updates, vote of the next chairperson for the Board of Fire & Police Commission, and discuss eligibility of a specific police officer candidate.

Roll call of members: Dean Walsh, Chairperson  
Luis Ramirez-Alonso, Commissioner  
Lynn Szabo, Commissioner

Also present were: Kelly Livingston, Fire & Police Commission Liaison  
Nick Pecora, Police Chief  
Lance Harris, Fire Chief  
Curt Hanselman, Deputy Fire Chief

Citizens to be heard: No one in attendance

Fire Chief Lance Harris and Deputy Fire Chief Curt Hanselman updated the Commission on the department's 2024 accomplishments, future plans for equipment and vehicles for the upcoming years and shared recruitment efforts and updates on current vacancies.

Police Chief Pecora discussed the overview of 2024, shared the 2024 department goals and objectives and provided information on anticipated vacancies and recruitment efforts along with an update on department training achievements, applied and received grants and recent awards received by the department and Officers.

Police Chief Nick Pecora, Fire Chief Lance Harris, and Deputy Fire Chief Curt Hanselman left the meeting.

Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to elect Dean Walsh as Chairperson.  
All Commissioners agreed.

Roll call: Ayes: Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso Pass: Walsh Nays: None

At 4:06p.m. Commissioner Luis Ramirez-Alonso moved to go into Closed Session per 5ILCS120/2(c) (1): appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel.

Motion was seconded by Lynn Szabo.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso Nays: None

At 4:15p.m. Commissioner Lynn Szabo moved to end Closed Session and go to Open Session.  
Motion was seconded by Luis Ramirez-Alonso.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso Nays: None

Commissioner Luis Ramirez-Alonso moved to review and approve the Open Session minutes of November 6, 2024.

Motion was seconded by Lynn Szabo.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso    Nays: None

Commissioner Luis Ramirez-Alonso moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of November 6 2024.

Motion was seconded by Lynn Szabo.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso    Nays: None

Commissioner Luis Ramirez-Alonso moved to disqualify applicant, candidate #B13, from further consideration of employment with the Police Department pursuant to the Board of Fire and Police Commission Rule, Section 2.4 Disqualifications.

Motion was seconded by Lynn Szabo.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso    Nays: None

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Luis Ramirez-Alonso made a motion to adjourn Open Session at 4:17p.m.

Motion was seconded by Lynn Szabo.

Motion approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Walsh, Szabo, Ramirez-Alonso    Nays: None