

Town of Hamden
Fire Commission Special Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Meeting recording:

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A special meeting of the Hamden Fire Commission opened on February 2, 2023 via Zoom.

Commissioners in Attendance: Nancy Hill, Cherlyn Poindexter, Samod Rankins, Gary Tinney, Chair, and Victor Mitchell. Also in Attendance: Clerk for the Commission, Patrice LeMoine, and Fire Chief Jeffrey Naples.

Also in attendance were Mark Bascetta, Nelson Hwang, Brigitte Cogswell, Nadia Balassone, Erica Blue, including residents from the town.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Tinney called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. A roll call was taken, confirming a quorum was present. Ms. LeMoine announced those guests/residents who were present.

Mr. Tinney requested a motion to table item #5 from the agenda. Mr. Rankins motioned to table item #5-Executive session for the purpose of hiring one (1) Firefighter/Paramedic. Mr. Mitchell seconded. The chair called for a vote:

N. Hill	yea	S. Rankins	yea
V. Mitchell	yea	G. Tinney	yea
C. Poindexter	yea		

The vote passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions).

- 2. Public Comment on agenda items:** Mr. Tinney offered this time to the public and then offered time to Mr. Mark Bascetta, who was recently appointed the position of Entry-Level Firefighter/Paramedic last January 9, 2023, the opportunity to speak of the recent matter regarding his current employment. Mr. Bascetta thanked the Commissioners for their time to meeting with him and he then discussed the ruling of being on probation due to one of three reasons. A paramedic may return from military leave, an injury/medical leave, or due to an incident with a patient where the paramedic is to follow protocol and procedures (a common practice), which is probationary period while acclimating him/herself to the emergency workforce. It is also common for the probation

period to assist the paramedic while the appropriate assessment is being determined to assure the paramedic, and the healthcare organization, that he/she can competently return to full duty. He added that he has been a paramedic for ten plus years; his compassion for assisting others and saving lives has been a passion of his and he is very proud of being a paramedic, with the ultimate goal of becoming a firefighter like his father.

- 3. Executive Session:** Mr. Tinney requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment status of the new Entry-Level Firefighter/Paramedic candidate. At 5:17 p.m. Mr. Rankins motioned to go into executive session and was seconded by Ms. Hill. The chair then called for a vote.

N. Hill	yea	S. Rankins	yea
V. Mitchell	yea	G. Tinney	yea
C. Poindexter	yea		

The vote passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions).

At this time, the Commissioners, with Attorney Gruen, Ms. Cogswell, and Mr. Bascetta went into a private workroom.

End Executive Session: Mr. Tinney requested a motion to end the executive session. At 6:22 p.m. Mr. Mitchell motioned to end executive session and was seconded by Ms. Poindexter. The chair then called for a vote:

N. Hill	yea	S. Rankins	yea
V. Mitchell	yea	G. Tinney	yea
C. Poindexter	yea		

The vote passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions).

Motion: Mr. Tinney requested a motion. Mr. Rankins motioned to table agenda item 4-Discussion and vote on the employment status for a new Entry-Level Firefighter/Paramedic candidate. Ms. Poindexter seconded the motion. The chair then called for a vote:

N. Hill	yea	S. Rankins	yea
V. Mitchell	yea	G. Tinney	yea
C. Poindexter	yea		

The vote passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions).

Motion: Mr. Tinney requested a motion. Ms. Poindexter motioned to table agenda item 6-Discussion and vote regarding the appointment of one (1) new Firefighter/Paramedic position and to revisit this item at the regular meeting of the Fire Commission on

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Hill seconded the motion The chair then called for a vote:

N. Hill	yea	S. Rankins	yea
V. Mitchell	yea	G. Tinney	yea
C. Poindexter	yea		

The vote passed unanimously (5 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions).

- 4. Adjournment:** Mr. Tinney requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Poindexter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Mr. Mitchell seconded, and all were in favor.

Regular meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislative Council Auditorium at Hamden Memorial Town Hall

Submitted by:

s/Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Commission