

Town of Hamden
Fire Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Town Hall at 2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden

A special meeting of the Hamden Fire Commission opened on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at the Hamden Memorial Town Hall, located at 2372 Whitney Avenue, in the Legislative Council Auditorium.

Commissioners in Attendance: Oswald Brown, Henry Candido, Eric Curtis, and James O'Brien. Also in Attendance: Fire Chief Gary Merwede; and Clerk for the Commission, Patrice LeMoine.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Candido called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. For the record, a quorum was present.
2. **Executive Session:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the hiring of one (1) Assistant Superintendent of Fire Apparatus position. At 6:03 p.m., Mr. Curtis motioned and was seconded by Mr. Brown. All were in favor. Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 7:06 p.m., Ms. LeMoine entered the meeting. Mr. Candido then requested a motion to end the executive session. Mr. O'Brien motioned to come out of executive session and Mr. Curtis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, the Fire Commissioners presented the outcome of their vote from executive session where the vote was unanimous to appoint Mr. John Pucillo, Jr. to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Fire Apparatus. This will require confirmation, but Fire Chief Merwede anticipates Mr. Pucillo's official start date will be November 22, 2021.

Fire Chief Merwede invited the Commissioners to attend the upcoming retirement celebration on November 29th at 10:00 a.m. The reception will be held in the legislative council auditorium. The fire department received approximately five to seven notices from employees who will be retiring at the end of November.

Fire Chief Merwede added that he will look to fill those vacancies as soon as he receives approval. With Assistant Fire Chief Lubowicki's departure, he will ask for the upcoming new mayor to appoint his replacement. And, he noted that the Commission will need to interview a number of candidates to fill these vacancies, hopefully over the next two months.

3. **Next meeting:** No meeting will be held November 10th and the next regular meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Commission Regular Meeting

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The Fire Chief and the Clerk for the Commission prepared a meeting schedule for 2022 and noted a change, where the regular meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The new schedule will be distributed once we have secured a meeting space.

4. **Adjournment:** Mr. Candido requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Mr. Curtis seconded, and all were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Commission