



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Broadmoor Police Protection District

Minutes of August 22, 2020
SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM, by Commissioner Koh.

PRESENT:

Commissioners: Commissioner Hutchens, Commissioner James Kucharszky, Commissioner Koh, Chief Connolly, Officers, and members of the public are present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Officer Rory Logan- Made a statement on behalf of the full-time officers expressing to the Commission that they stand united 100% in support of Chief Connolly and his staff. Removing them would be detrimental and a huge step backwards for the department. Chief Connolly has been nothing but professional, supportive, and balanced during his time here.
- Officer Roger Rouse-Voiced concerns about the current allegations brought against Chief Connolly. He has thoroughly enjoyed working with the Chief and gave examples of proactive changes the Chief made to better the department.
- Jason Payne-A volunteer at the department who has worked on emergency management projects
 - Was hired by Chief Stellini as a fulltime officer
 - While at the Alameda Academy, he was told by Corporal Logan that he was going to be terminated per Interim Chief Parenti.
 - Sadly, he was never called by Chief Parenti about the reasons for his dismissal
 - In January 2020 Chief Connolly met with him to provide guidance on how to move forward with his career with a termination on his record. The Chief clarified that he was in fact not fired. Mr. Payne wanted to attend this special meeting to support and express gratitude towards Chief Connolly who took the time to mentor and guide him back to the department to serve as a volunteer.
- Captain Banta spoke as a private citizen today and wanted to make it clear that he is not being paid for attending this meeting.
 - He stated that he trusts the Commission will make the right choice when it comes to the allegations being brought against Chief Connolly being that they were the board who chose him to run the department a year ago
 - He expressed that the people who reside in Broadmoor are protected and safe by Chief Connolly serving as their Chief.

- He also let the Commission know that he feels they made the best decision in choosing Chief Connolly for this position and that they need to back their decision by standing by the Chief.
- Officer John Duncan-He feels that the department is going in the right direction finally and that the knowledge and resources that Chief Connolly has brought to our agency is extremely valuable
 - Had the Chief not implement the hiring of Per diem officers, the reserves would be called up on daily to fill shifts
 - Fulltime officers would have to work overtime as well as the command staff and it would be very costly
- Chief Connolly-Spoke about the situation at hand. He stated that this is a very emotional time because of the criminal accusations being brought against him
 - He was solicited for the position of Chief of Police by the same person who has brought allegations against him while sitting on the board as a commissioner
 - It is on record that Chief Connolly recused himself from the meeting where he was referred to the board for the Chief of Police opening
- He implored the Commissioners to do the right thing during the closed session

County Counsel (Joseph Charles) – After the closed session, the Commissioners will either go straight to adjournment or if any reportable action was taken during the closed session they will come back out to report.

CLOSED SESSION:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).
Four (4) cases.

BEGAN: 10:40 AM **ENDED:** 12:20 PM

No reportable action was taken by the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Kucharszky
Secretary