

JOURNAL OF POLICE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Commission Chambers
June 28th, 2024 - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

ROLL CALL/STAFF INTRODUCTIONS: Police Commission members present: Morgan Kasuske, John Hackwith, and Tim Shanks. Also present, Lt. Rich LaBard and Applicant(s) Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE June 28th, 2024 MEETING MINUTES.

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske, to accept the minutes from the March 20th, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

**1. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF COMMISSION APPLICANT(S):
Daniel Barnett, Richard (Rich) Hollis, and Morgan Kasuske.**

Lt. LaBard stated that the application(s) of **Daniel Barnett, Rich Hollis, and Morgan Kasuske** were before the Police Commission for their review and discussion. Pursuant to the City of Great Falls Resolution No. 10524, passed and adopted August 1st, 2023, applications must be open to the public even if a sitting member eligible for reappointment wishes to do so as outlined in Section 3 of the resolution.

Section 4 of this resolution allows for and encourages boards and commissions to review all applications and make a recommendation the City Commission regarding the appointment to vacant or open positions.

Commissioner Shanks pointed out the Mr. Barnett was already serving on a city board and felt that Commissioner Kasuske was in good standing and should be recommended to serve out his second term. Commissioner Hackwith agreed. After discussion and review of all applications, both expressed their support for reappointing Commissioner Kasuske.

Commissioner Shanks moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, that the Police Commission forward their recommendation to the City Commission for the reappointment of Morgan Kasuske for another three-year term on the Police Commission.

Lt. LaBard asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, Lt. LaBard asked if there was

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any further discussion among the Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Lt. LaBard called for a vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

2. POLICE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT(S): NOAH SCOTT, PETER LAWSON, DAVID HOLT, AND ADRIAN MARTINEZ FOR THE POLICE FORCE – GREAT FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Lt. LaBard stated that the application(s) of **Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez** had been referred to the Police Commission. Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §7-32-4154, this meeting is an examination of the applicant as to their age, legal, mental, moral, and physical qualifications and their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force.

Lt. LaBard read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-4151, that sets forth the role of the Police Commission; reviewed each item provided to the Commission members in their meeting packets; and, read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 7-32-303, qualifications of law enforcement officers. He explained that this meeting is for the Police Commission to review the documentation, conduct the examination of each applicant, and make a determination as to whether each applicant meets the qualifications of a law enforcement officer.

He read the provisions of Mont. Code Ann. § 2-3-203(3). He asked the applicant's position with regard to their right to privacy. **Applicant(s) Scott, Lawson, Holt, and Martinez asserted their rights to privacy.**

Lt. LaBard noted that there is substantial value in having the examination confidential to have a frank and open discussion with the applicants and to gain an accurate view of qualifications to determine their ability to fill the office as a member of the police force. Lt. LaBard determined that each applicant(s) individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure, and closed the meeting for the Commission to conduct each applicant(s) examination in executive session.

At **9:12 AM** members of the Commission and Lt. LaBard, met in closed executive session in the City Commission Chambers for the purpose of the Commission conducting the examination of applicant(s), **Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez.**

- -EXECUTIVE SESSION- -

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--END OF EXECUTIVE SESSION--

The meeting reconvened in an open meeting in the City Commission chambers at **10:48 AM**.

Lt. LaBard summarized the Commission's examination of the applicant(s) for the police force; that the Commission reviewed the background of the applicant(s); and, that **Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez**, meet the age, legal, mental, moral and physical qualifications and they are eligible to be members of the Great Falls Police Department.

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Commissioner Kasuske moved, seconded by Commissioner Hackwith, that the Police Commission approve of applicant(s), Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez, for hiring consideration as member(s) of the Great Falls Police Department.

Lt. LaBard asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, Lt. LaBard asked if there was any further discussion among the Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Lt. LaBard called for the vote.

Motion carried 3-0.

All three Commissioners signed the certificate(s) authorizing Noah Scott, Peter Lawson, David Holt, and Adrian Martinez to become a member(s) of the Great Falls Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Hackwith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kasuske, of June 28th, 2024 at 10:49 AM.**

Motion carried 3-0.



Lt. Rich LaBard, Acting Secretary

Minutes Approved: 09/20, 2024

