

Lyndhurst, Ohio
May 20, 2021

The Civil Service Commission of The City of Lyndhurst met in Special Session on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via the permitted Zoom platform.

Members Present: R. Schmidlin, Chair
S. Franks, R Sweeney

Others Present: J. Luskin, Director of Law
C. White, Secretary
P. Rhode, Chief of Police
Sgt Reese, Police Department
Sgt Scipione, Police Department

Approve scores and establish Eligibility List for Patrol Officer.

It was moved by Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Franks to approve the scores and establish the Eligibility List for Patrol Officer.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Motion carried.

Review the appeal of the Lieutenant Assessment Center per the April 19, 2021 correspondence from Sergeant Reese and Sergeant Eden.

Mr. Schmidlin stated he had received an email from Sergeant Reese last night requesting a continuance of the appeal, so that he and Sergeant Eden can review the public records requested.

Mr. Schmidlin presented a timeline of events:

April 7, 2021 – the Lieutenant Assessment was administered

April 13, 2021 – Test results were received

April 19, 2021 – letter requesting an appeal by Sgt. Reese and Sgt. Eden was received; the hearing for the appeal was set for the next meeting, scheduled to be May 13, 2021.

May 4, 2021 – a notice was submitted to the appellants asking them to submit all evidence to the Civil Service Commission on or before May 7, 2021.

May 5, 2021 – a public records request was submitted by the appellants, Sgt. Reese and Sgt. Eden. The Civil Service Commission granted a continuance for the appeal to be heard on May 20, 2021 due to one of the appellants being unable to attend the hearing.

May 18, 2021 – The Secretary responded to the portion of the public records request directed towards her at approximately 9:30 a.m. Chief Rhode responded to the public records request directed towards him at approximately 2:00 p.m.

May 19, 2021 – Mr. Schmidlin reviewed the public records request. He then forwarded the request to the other commissioners. At 5:30 p.m., he received a request for a continuance by Sgt. Reese and Sgt. Eden in order to allow them time to review those records.

Mr. Schmidlin stressed that he and the commission would like to be fair to all parties involved and requested feedback from the other commissioners.

Mr. Franks asked Sergeant Reese if he was able to get through the documents; stating that even though there were five hundred (500) pages, sometimes there are duplicates and/or blank pages. He then stated if he was not able to review the documents, he would in favor of a short continuance, and would like to resolve the issue sooner than later.

Sergeant Reese stated he is out of town, and requested that the documents be sent electronically, which they were not. He then stated that hard copies were placed on his desk, and therefore he has not read them yet.

Ms. Sweeney stated that one continuance has already been granted, but if Sergeant Reese has not yet reviewed the documents, it doesn't make sense to continue with the hearing today. She then stated she feels that it is important for the commissioners to also review the public records which were requested. She further stated she would be in favor of a short continuance, but that the date of the hearing be set for not more than one week. Mr. Schmidlin concurred.

It was moved by Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Schmidlin, to grant the requested continuance until Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., and that there be no further continuances regarding this appeal.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Franks that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Motion carried, meeting
adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Ray Schmidlin, Chair

Approved: _____

Attest: _____