

Lyndhurst, Ohio
August 12, 2021

The Civil Service Commission of The City of Lyndhurst met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Lyndhurst Municipal Center, 5301 Mayfield Road.

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

Others Present: C. J. White, Secretary
Chief Rhode, Police Department
Chief Carroll, Fire Department

It was moved by Mr. Schmidlin, seconded by Ms. Sweeney that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8, 2021, copies of which were mailed to all members, be dispensed with, and said minutes stand approved as circulated.

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

Motion carried.

Certify names from the Eligibility List established May 20, 2021, in the Lyndhurst Police Department.

It was moved by Mr. Schmidlin, seconded by Ms. Sweeney that the following fourteen (14) names be certified to the mayor, from the Eligibility List for original appointment in the Lyndhurst Police Department, established May 20, 2021:

Anthony Tatum	2
Christopher Poznako	4
Daniel McFaul	5
Victor Lewis	6
Mark Dingenary	7
Amy Marsh	8
Mavis Delaine	9
David Duffy	10
Antonio Massingill	11
Ryan Krizmanic	12
Hassan Ali	13
James Fiore	14
Amber Sonnie	18
Kenan Senel	20

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

Motion carried.

Correspondence from Mayor Ward

Mr. Schmidlin read aloud the following correspondence from Mayor Ward:

“August 5, 2021

Lyndhurst Civil Service Commission
5301 Mayfield Road
Lyndhurst OH 44124

Commissioners:

This is to advise that the Lyndhurst Police Department will have positions available for Sergeant and Lieutenant.

Therefore, I am hereby notifying you of the position to be filled and requesting that you certify to me the names from the current Eligibility List from the Lyndhurst Police Department.

I would appreciate receiving the requested list as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Patrick A. Ward
Mayor

PAW:cjw

c: Chief Rhode”

It was moved by Mr. Schmidlin, seconded by Ms. Sweeney that the following names be certified to the mayor from the Eligibility List for promotions in the Police Department, established June 10, 2021:

Joseph Romano – Sergeant
Michael Scipione – Lieutenant

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

Motion carried.

“August 9, 2021

Lyndhurst Civil Service Commission
5301 Mayfield Road
Lyndhurst OH 44124

Commissioners:

This is to advise that the Lyndhurst Police Department will have a position available for one Patrol Officer.

Therefore, I am hereby notifying you of the position to be filled and requesting that you certify to me the names and addresses of individuals from the Eligibility List for the Lyndhurst Police Department.

The position to be filled is for Patrol Officer and is a permanent position.

I would appreciate receiving the requested list as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Patrick A. Ward
Mayor

PAW:cjw

c: Chief Rhode”

Chief Rhode explained that there are now a total of four vacancies to be filled in the police department, and the fourteen names certified at this meeting will meet the requirements of Rule VI, Section 2, the minimum number needed to hire four patrol officers.

Discuss Joint Police Test

Chief Rhode explained that the number of police applicants have dwindled dramatically in recent years, and not only in Lyndhurst, but in Northeast Ohio, if not nationally. He has been approached by other cities in the area to conduct a joint test. He stated that he has spoken to Chief Carroll and was told that the joint tests that have been given for the fire department have been successful. He stated he would like to start out with a fewer number of cities involved.

Chief Carroll stated that the joint entrance exams have been successful, with minor issues. He further stated a joint police test would be beneficial, and the fire department joint test is a great model. He stated that the last Joint Fire Test, given in October of 2020, there were one hundred eighty-two (182) candidates; individual cities giving entrance exams were getting far fewer applicants.

In answer to Mr. Schmidlin's question regarding a regional Civil Service Commission, Chief Carroll stated that there is not a formal regional commission, however, there is one representative from each commission at the Regional Fire Test meetings. He further stated that he is the representative for the participating cities' fire chiefs, and Ms. Veronica Gallo takes the lead for the Civil Service Commissioners.

Mr. Schmidlin commended the joint testing procedure in the area fire departments and is sure it will be beneficial to the area police departments as well.

Chief Rhode stated he would like to start the conversation with the existing SPAN communities and The City of South Euclid to gauge their interest and ask for input.

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

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

Motion carried, meeting
adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Ray Schmidlin, Chair

Approved: _____

Attest: _____