

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO**

July 10, 2014

Held in the Police Training Room of the City of North Chicago,
1850 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, Illinois

1. Chairwoman Dicker called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

2. Roll call identified the following Commissioners present:

Chairwoman Velma Dicker
Commissioner Vanderbilt Blanchard
Secretary Shawna Huley

Other persons present included:

Attorney Joseph Miller, III of the law firm of Ottosen-Britz, Ltd.
Richard Wilson, Deputy Chief of Police
North Chicago Police Officer Carl Sturt, Treasurer, North Chicago F.O.P. Lodge 31

3. Chairwoman Dicker opened the meeting for Public Comment. No public comment was offered.

Officer Carl Sturt appeared at the meeting during public comments

4. Approval of minutes.

a. A motion was made by Chairwoman Dicker, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard, to approve and retain as confidential the closed session minutes from the May 2, 2014, meeting as presented. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion to approve the identified minutes carried.

b. A motion was made by Chairwoman Dicker, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard, to approve the open session minutes from the June 5, 2014, meeting as presented. There being no discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion to approve the identified minutes carried.

5. Old Business.

a. Discussion/possible action on invoices for Commission services.

A discussion was held on the receipt of invoices by the Commission. Specifically, a discussion was held on the invoices from the Attorney and a bill from Police Consultants, Inc. A motion was made by Chairwoman Dicker, seconded by Commissioner Blanchard, to approve the submission and payment of bills by the City in the amount of \$28,665.77. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken on the motion

with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0.
Motion to approve payment of bills carried.

b. Discussion on Board of Fire Commission files

A discussion was held on the keeping and organization of the Commission's records and files at the police sub-station located in North Chicago. Also, Chairperson Dicker notified the Commission that the City had received a request from the State Archivist for review of files. Commissioner Huley indicated that she would begin the process of organizing and gathering the files; Commissioners DICKOR AND VANDERBILT OFFERED TO ASSIST.

c. Discussion on Commission Rules

Attorney Miller informed the Board on legislation that will cause a need for the Commission to revise the rules. Also, it would be a good opportunity to review the Commission's rules.

6. New Business.

a. Discussion/Possible action on retainer for legal fees for the Commission

A discussion was held on establishing a retainer fee for the Commission for some of its legal fees. Attorney Miller informed the Commission that traditionally a retainer would cover communications with the Commission and attendance at one meeting per month. The Commissioner requested that a retainer also include communications with the City attorney and police and fire chiefs. Attorney Miller indicated that he would get a retainer proposal for either the August or September meeting.

b. Discussion/Possible action on request for Sergeant's examination

Attorney Miller discussed a conversation he had with the City Attorney regarding the Commission holding another sergeant's promotional exam. Chief Wilson noted the City has a lack of leadership in the sergeant rank and also is paying a lot of overtime for officers to act-up in the sergeant rank. The Commission expressed concern over whether the City would pay for another exam. Attorney Miller was directed to contact the City Attorney regarding receiving assurances from the City Council would pay for another sergeant's examination.

7. Closed Session. None needed

8. Action on items from closed session. Not applicable.

9. Adjournment. There being no further business for the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Chairwoman Dicker, to adjourn at 10:07 A.M. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results: Yes – 3, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Miller, III
One of the Commission's Attorneys

Approved by the Commission on August 7, 2014.

Velma Dicker
Velma Dicker, Chairwoman
City of North Chicago
Board of Fire and Police
Commissioners

ATTEST:

Vanderbilt Blanchard Jr.
VANDERBILT BIANCHARD JR
~~Shawna Huley, Secretary~~ Secretary Pro Tem
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