

KENOSHA JOINT SERVICES BOARD

August 24, 2021

The Kenosha Joint Services Board meeting was **Called to Order** at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeffrey Gentz in Joint Services Training Room located in the Kenosha County Public Safety Building.

The **Members in Attendance** were Chairman Jeffrey Gentz, City Administrator John Morrissey, Police Chief Eric Larsen, County Supervisor Monica Yuhas, City Alderperson Shayna Griffin, Board Member Joshua Barker and Youth in Governance members Srisupraja Kandrakota.

The **Member not in Attendance**, County Chief of Staff Jennie Tunkieicz was excused and Youth in Governance Trinity Williams was absent

Under, **Citizen Comments**, Christopher Holtz of the Communications Department spoke regarding wages. Chairman Gentz asked that all citizen comments in reference to the mask mandate be held until that agenda item is called.

Under, **Approval of Minutes of Open Sessions Held on July 27, 2021**, Ms. Yuhas made a motion to approve and Mr. Morrissey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Under, **Director's Report**, there were no questions.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, **ERP Replacement Project**, Assistant Director Josh Nielsen presented a status update of the ERP project and discussed anticipated cost estimates of the project.

Chairman Gentz requested an update of on-premise vs. cloud costs over a 5 year period be placed on the next agenda.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, **Covid-19**, Chairman Gentz opened the discussion up to employee comments regarding the current mask mandate. Sheila Becker, Christopher Holtz and Jeanette Hessefort of the Communications Department and Marianne Kane of the Records Department all spoke.

The Chairman directed Director Genthner to remove the mask mandate and allow masks to be optional as per the Board instructed.

Under, **Contract for Temporary Employee**, Director Genthner presented the temporary employee contract for himself to assist in the transition of a new Director for Kenosha Joint Services.

Mr. Morrissey made a motion to approve the contract with the amendments to the rate of pay being \$60 per hour, the hours per week be changed to no more than 20 hours in any one week and that "or guaranteed" be inserted after "There are no minimum hours required...". Ms. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, **Director's Position**, Chairman Gentz reported that per the IGA there is a process that needs to be followed in order to fill the Director's position. Chairman Gentz requested that the City and the County HR departments start an application process for the Director's position for one month and bring the candidates to the Board. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Gentz requested that discussion and possible action for making Assistant Director Nielsen the Interim Director and discussion of his salary be added to the next agenda. He would like the item to be held in closed session if possible.

Chairman Gentz made a motion to rescind the decision the Board made previously about the Director's position and open it up to a hiring process. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 with a Nay from Mr. Morrissey.

Under, **2022 Budget**, Chairman Gentz reported that they really cannot take action at this time as there is still discussion taking place with the City and the County regarding the budget

Tim Bever of Johnson Financial Group spoke and presented information regarding health insurance for Kenosha Joint Services.

Chairman Gentz indicated that the Board will need to meet on Monday, September 13th at 4:30pm to finalize the budget before the IGA deadline of September 15th.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, **Possible Motion to Go Into Closed Session Pursuant to the Following: Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(f) Considering disciplinary data on a specific person and the investigation of charges against that person which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of the person referred to in such data, or involved in such investigation.**

At 5:45 p.m., Mr. Morrissey made a motion for to go into **Closed Session**. Ms. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Morrissey made a motion to **Return to Open Session**. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, **Board Comments**,

Mr. Morrissey understands why the Director and the County implemented their mask mandates and wants to be on the record that he believes that the Director did not have any ill intent in implementing a mask mandate.

Mr. Morrissey also stated that he appreciates Mr. Obieze's request, but agrees with the Director and believes there needs to be a combination of training and experience in the Director's job qualifications.

At 6:03 p.m., Ms. Yuhas made a motion to **Adjourn the Meeting** and Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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Members convened to **Closed Session** at 5:47 pm. Those in attendance were Chairman Jeffrey Gentz, City Administrator John Morrissey, Police Chief Eric Larsen, County Supervisor Monica Yuhas, City Alderperson Shayna Griffin, Board Member Joshua Barker, Youth in Governance member Srisupraja Kandrakota, Director Tom Genthner, Assistant Director Joshua Nielsen, Communications Manager Nicole Beranis and recording secretary Francine Hooper.

The Board discussed **Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(f) Considering disciplinary data of a specific person and the investigation of charges against that person which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of the person referred to in such data, or involved in such investigation.**

At 6:00 p.m., Mr. Morrissey made a motion to **Return to Open Session** and Ms. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.