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## POLICE COMMITTEE April 7, 2025 Rescheduled Meeting Minutes Police Department Training Room 1710 Plainfield Road

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in attendance were Aldermen Ralph Stompanato and Eric Gustafson and Police Chief Greg Thomas. Alderman Kenney was absent.

## 2. Public Comment and Communications

There was no public comment or communication.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 18, 2025 Meeting.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The minutes were approved.

#### 4. An ordinance to amend the Fire and Police Commission's Rules.

Chief Thomas explained to the committee that the commission operates under the authority of the Fire and Police Commission and must operate under the statutory requirements of the Fire and Police Commission. The City of Darien is Home Rule.

The Fire and Police Commission (FPC) is asking that City Council change the rules and regulations. One requested change involves hiring of police officers. The FPC rules state that you have to hire in order of the eligibility list. The FPC is asking to change to the Rule of Three for hiring which will speed up the hiring process. Chief briefed the committee on the steps to establish the police officer eligibility list. He also explained the hiring process.

Alderman Gustafson motioned to approve seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The motion was approved.

#### 5. Darien Police Annual Report

Chief Thomas will present the 2024 Annual Report at the City Council meeting tonight. The committee agreed to wait until the City Council meeting to hear his report. The committee discussed some of the highlights and concerns in the report.

#### 6. Next Meeting Date – April 21, 2025

# 7. Adjournment

Alderman Gustafson motioned to adjourn seconded by Alderman Stompanato. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Eric Gustafson

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Kenny

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ralph Stompanato