

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF BROOKLYN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 5:00**

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Joe Magrey, Commissioner Sonia Brown and Commissioner Michelle Rivera.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Chairman Magrey welcomed Michelle to the Commission and asked her to introduce herself. Michelle is a retired Cleveland Police Detective. She also served as a Steward for the Union. She is currently in her fifth and final year as Brooklyn Athletic Booster President. Michelle currently works as an investigator for an insurance company. She is a mother of three and also a softball coach. She is looking forward to her time on the Commission.

MOTION by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Rivera to nominate Joe Magrey as Chairman of the Commission.

VOTE RESULTED: Yeas – Brown and Rivera. Abstain – Magrey. Nays – None.

MOTION by Chairman Magrey, second by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday, January 13, 2016 as amended.

VOTE RESULTED: Yeas – Magrey and Brown. Abstain – Rivera. Nays – None.

Chairman Magrey brought up discussion regarding the Civil Service Rule changes addressed in Human Resource Consultant Kevin Shebesta's correspondence. Chairman Magrey would like to know what or who initiated the request. He also informed the Commission that they are an entity unto their own. Chairman Magrey stated that he has gone through the current Rules and that there is some ambiguity which is where the Civil Service Commission's power is. He would personally like to speak with Mr. Shebesta to determine why he suggests these changes and to get additional details to the changes.

Mayor Gallagher addressed the Commission and informed them that the changes were due for the most part for part-time and seasonal employees. Costs for posting an on-line ad is roughly \$150 while a print ad can run around \$2,000. Notices are also posted on the City web-site, schools and various other interested organizations. Mayor Gallagher wants nothing more than to keep the Civil Service Commission in the loop but as a Mayor, she needs to be able to effectively and efficiently run the City.

Chairman Magrey expressed concern that some of the changes are taking away the responsibilities of the Commission and would like to speak directly with Mr. Shebesta before the Commission moves forward. After speaking with Mr. Shebesta, Chairman Magrey will relay the information he receives to Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Rivera.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, **MOTION** by Chairman Magrey, second by Commissioner Brown to adjourn.

VOTE RESULTED: Yeas – Magrey and Brown. Nays – None.