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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (ACT 78)

Minutes of Meeting - September 16, 1969

A meeting of the Civil Service Commission was called to order by President John L. Smith at 8:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: John L. Smith, Gerald R. Thorley and Jerald A. Bock

Absent: None

MINUTES

Moved by: Thorley

Supported by: Smith

That the minutes of the last meeting of August 11, 1969 are hereby approved as printed.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLES

The Commission reviewed applications, test scores, background examinations, and other materials of those applicants being submitted for certification. Several driving record checks had apparently not been made prior to submission of the applications for certification.

Moved by: Thorley

Supported: Bock

Resolved that certification of eligibles be tabled for one week pending a more extensive background check on the applicant Navarre, and submission of driving record on Quaiatto, Westervelt, and Tuck.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

2. REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY'S OPINION

Moved by: Bock

Supported by: Thorley

Resolved that the City Attorney is hereby requested to submit an opinion regarding interpretation of the requirement that an application be twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of submitting an application.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Moved by: Thorley

Supported by: Smith

The present Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission, drafted pursuant to Act 78 of 1935, presently require that all new Patrolmen move into the City within one year after their certification as a regular employee of the City (18 months from this date of hire). A discussion was held by the Commission with regard to the subject.

The T.P.O.A. has requested that the Commission consider changing the residency requirement to an area extending five miles beyond the perimeter mile roads of the City. The request is made on the basis that moderate priced housing is not available within the City limits at the present time. They would also like more variety in the neighborhoods and types of environment available to them. The administration recognizes the problem and recommends to the Commission that the residency requirement be extended the distance of three miles from the Cities boundaries. The City boundaries include 34 square miles. A three mile extension would expand the area to 144 square miles. A five mile extension would expand the area to 256 square miles.

Moved by: Smith

Supported by: Bock

Resolved that the question of residency requirement be tabled for a period of one week, and that a representative of the T.P.O.A. be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter with the Commission and give the views of the T.P.O.A.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Bock

Supported by: Thorley

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned (11:10 P. M.).