

**March 24, 2020**

**Public Statement of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners  
of the City of Madison**

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners (Board) is continuing the important task of searching for a new Chief of Police for the City of Madison. To date, the Board has held multiple working sessions to focus on various aspects of the appointment process.

The Board previously scheduled four (4) public listening sessions to take place in March and April. Due to COVID-19 concerns and related orders, the Board is unable to conduct the public listening sessions as originally planned. However, the Board will continue to use electronic methods for obtaining input from the community and various stakeholders regarding what the Board should be looking for in the next Chief of Police.

Written comments may be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: [PoliceChiefSearch@cityofmadison.com](mailto:PoliceChiefSearch@cityofmadison.com). The Board also anticipates that it will seek direct input from current employees of the City, members of City Government, and various organizations through electronic means.

Further, the Board anticipates that it will hire an outside search firm to supplement the work of the Board and the resources provided by the City. The Board recently interviewed two finalists and is currently examining which firm is best qualified to assist the Board within the budget provided by the City.

The Board continues to welcome community input as we carry out this very important task. Although recent circumstances have forced the Board to modify its plans, the Board wants to ensure the public that it is continuing to work towards finding a candidate who meets the needs of the City of Madison. In the interim, Acting Chief Victor Wahl continues to lead the Madison Police Department.

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