



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

TO: Ald. Bob Donovan, Chair
Ald. Mark Borkowski, Vice Chair
Ald. Chantia Lewis
Ald. Jose G. Perez
Ald. Nikiya Dodd

FROM: Paul Vornholt, Chief of Staff

RE: File No. 190473 Communication from various agencies relating to organizational issues within the Fire and Police Commission and Office of Homeland Security

DATE: June 26, 2019

Alderman Donovan and members of the Public Safety and Health Committee, I noted the communication file scheduled to be heard at tomorrow's committee meeting and wanted to provide information related to the topic. As you know, the Office of Homeland Security has been reorganized into the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. This change was presented as part of the 2019 budget and was approved. Thus, we no longer have an Office of Homeland Security. Additionally, you may recall that when the reorganization was proposed there was an internal candidate who the Mayor intended to nominate to the position of Emergency Management and Communications Director after the budget took effect. That individual took a position with the state before being formally nominated and the position was posted as a result. The position for the Emergency Management and Communications Director was posted for several weeks and we received applications from internal and external candidates. After interviews before a panel, an offer was made to the top candidate in early June. We were engaged in negotiations on the terms of employment when the candidate notified us on Tuesday that he was accepting another job offer. The Mayor is now evaluating the qualifications of the remaining candidates.

With regards to the status of a new Executive Director, we have received applications from a posted process and have reviewed several candidates. The Mayor is finalizing his choice and will be prepared to name a candidate to replace La Keisha Butler upon her departure.

cc: La Keisha W. Butler
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