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## MINUTES

### **MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR** **MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 2021** **5:30 P.M. – Virtual Attendance**

**Members Present:** Chair Deanna Reder, Deonne Nelson, Natasha Lancour, Jenny Van Sickle, and Kat Werchouski  
**Others Present:** Police Chief Alexander, Officer Bradley Jago, Shelley Nelson, Mayor Jim Paine, Nick Raverty, Cheyenne Otto-Defoe, and Jade Livingston

The February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Communities of Color was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

#### **AGENDA:**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of January 11 minutes**  
Motion by Commissioner Werchouski, second by Councilor Van Sickle, and approved unanimously.
- 3. Discussion with Community Policing Officer Bradley Jago on Outreach Specialist position**  
Officer Jago gave a short presentation on a new position being pursued within the Superior Police Department. Although the name has not been finalized, it is currently referred to as an Outreach Specialist. The purpose of this position will be to act as a liaison and community advocate within Superior. This position will work closely in the community to build relationships and provide resources. They will work with a variety of committees, commissions, and task forces within the Twin Ports. This position will be built from the ground up. Officer Jago has consulted a variety of experts across social work, criminal justice, and community positions to help generate a purpose for this position. There are many details of this position being worked out internally, but the Commission will be informed as it progresses.  
It will next go to Public Safety for a presentation, then the official job description will go through the Human Resources Committee.  
Motion by Councilor Van Sickle, seconded by Commissioner Reder, to support the creation and progress of the community response position within the Superior Police Department, approved unanimously.

**4. Discuss draft RFP for city staff training**

Mayor Paine introduced a draft request for proposals (RFP) for staff training and the multiple routes this could take including: an RFP, could consider a direct proposal from Commissioner Werchowski to conduct the training, or utilize the free trainings offered by CVMIC (the insurance company for the city).

Motion by Councilor Van Sickle to hold in committee until March 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Reder, and approved unanimously.

**5. Any other business**

Mayor Paine informed the commission that a small press conference would be held February 9<sup>th</sup> to proclaim Black Owned Business Week in Superior. The event will be at 9am and all are welcome.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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