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*BY EMAIL*

April 20, 2017

Wes Sparkman, Chair, Police and Fire Commission  
Scott Herrick, Secretary, Madison Police and Fire Commission

**RE: PFC Decision on Chief Koval**

Dear Mr. Sparkman and Mr. Herrick:

The Police and Fire Commission (PFC) issued its decision in this matter on March 14, 2017. In that decision, the PFC found that Chief Koval did not violate any standards of conduct with respect to two instances of behavior cited in the complaints. The PFC also found that Chief Koval did violate several standards of conduct in another instance in the complaints. Then, after making those findings of violations, the PFC proceeded not to impose any discipline and to dismiss all of the charges, with prejudice.

Since the City received the decision, our elected officials have been struggling to determine if the Chief prevailed in the proceeding. This is critical to assess the City's obligation to reimburse the Chief's legal fees.

On behalf of the Common Council of the City of Madison, I request that the PFC clarify its ruling. Does the PFC consider the Chief to have prevailed? If so, did he prevail on all matters? Or only on some matters? It would have been very helpful for the PFC to have made clear rulings on each of the counts presented, including whether or not the Chief prevailed.

The Council also requests that the PFC respond to our inquiry by Friday, April 28, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Rummel".

Marsha Rummel  
Aldersperson, District 6  
President, Madison Common Council

cc: Council Members  
Mayor Paul Soglin  
Chief Michael Koval  
City Attorney Michael P. May  
Members of the Madison PFC