

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO CONTINUE

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

OFFICER DOUG WILKINSON, A MEMBER OF THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Appellant.

The City made an oral motion to continue the hearing. The Commission heard arguments on the motion from both parties on May 4, 2022. As to the motion, the Commission finds and orders as follows:


City's motion to continue

The City orally moved to continue the hearing on the basis that early this morning, the City's primary witness, Chief Wilson, was called away for a family emergency and would not be available on May 4 or 5, 2022. The Officer did not object to the continuance. The City acknowledged it did not have Chief Wilson under subpoena. The Commission recognizes that emergencies happen and cannot be anticipated. However, all five Commissioners previously made arrangements to be available to hear this matter on May 4 and 5, 2022. The Commission has also made it clear on previous occasions that it intends to hear matters in a timely manner. Attorneys for the parties indicated the earliest dates they could be available if the matter is continued are not until June. Although the Commission is disinclined to grant continuances, particularly where they are based on the unavailability of a witness who was not under subpoena, nonetheless in the interest of fundamental fairness and to give both parties an opportunity to be heard, the Commission grants the motion and continues the hearing to June 28 and 29, 2022. The City is directed to provide the Commission verification of the general emergency nature of Chief Wilson's emergency that rendered her unavailable, without disclosing private or privileged matters. No further continuances will be granted.

DONE THIS 4th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

AURORA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____


Harold Johnson, Chair