



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: March 21, 2022
PREPARED BY: Human Resources
AGENDA ITEM: Appointment of police officer

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

Motion to authorize staff to begin the recruitment process for the position of police officer in the police department due to the resignation of Derek Gjestson effective October 15, 2021.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve the appointment of Benjamin Buchin to the position of police officer in the police department at an annual salary of \$87,877.92 based off of the 2022 pay schedule of the police union contract, effective April 5, 2022 subject to a twelve-month probationary period. All required screenings and background checks have been successfully completed.

COMMENTS:

Interviews were conducted in February of 2022 with an interview panel consisting of the police leadership team and human resources. Benjamin has an associate's degree in law enforcement from Vermilion Community College, and currently serves in the Minnesota Army National Guard. He has eight years serving as a gang unit officer for the City of St. Paul. We are excited to have Benjamin join the Maple Grove Police Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

None