



Brainerd City Council Agenda Request

Requested Meeting Date:

Title of Item:

<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> P&F COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> SPW COMMITTEE <input type="checkbox"/> MAIN AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of published hearing notice</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading
Submitted by:	Department:
Presenter (Name & Title):	Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue:	
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:	
Recommended Action/Motion:	
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping \$ _____ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Please Explain:</u>	

Mrs Bergman, Mayor Badeaux, and the Brainerd City Council,

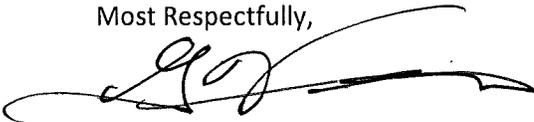
I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of your police chief hiring process. When I applied for the position two months ago, I had no realistic thought of placing high on the list let alone being offered the position. When I was in law enforcement skills training at Alex Tech in 2003, I never dreamt of being able to be a police chief in Brainerd. Honestly, I would have considered the opportunity a top 5 career aspiration.

Throughout this process I've learned a great deal about governmental process and I've learned a lot about myself. This has been one of the hardest decisions I've ever made in my life. Unfortunately, because of COVID, I didn't get the opportunity to sit across a table from each of you, look you in the eye, and tell you who I am; nor did I get the same opportunity to learn who you are. A decision of this magnitude is certainly life changing. And at age 40, I cannot afford (figuratively and literally) to get it wrong.

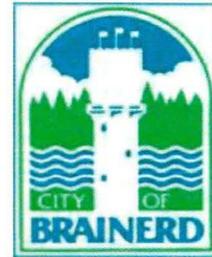
When Mr. Gary Weires from the hiring firm called to extend the offer, I was a little surprised on what/how that all came to be. Using insight from Mr. Weires, it has become clear to me an agreement on this isn't likely.

After a great deal of thought, multiple trips to Brainerd, many conversations with my wife, family and friends as well as praying to God; I've decided to very respectfully withdraw from the Brainerd Police Chief selection process. I feel bad about the inconvenience this causes you but I know you have other very skilled people on the list that will make a great Brainerd PD Chief. I wish you all the very best, Brainerd will always hold a special place in my heart.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Vinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H Vinson



December 14, 2020

Mr. Dave Badeaux, Mayor
City of Brainerd
501 Laurel Street
Brainerd, MN 56401

Dear Mayor Badeaux:

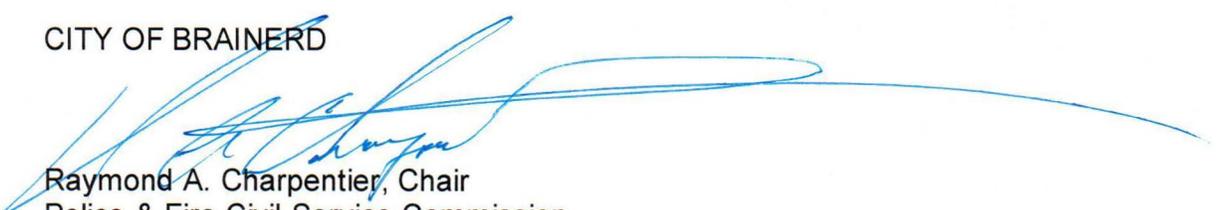
The Police & Fire Civil Service Commission is pleased to certify to you the first three names on the current Police Chief Eligibility List. They are as follows:

	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Score</u>
1.	George Vinson	86.90
2.	Brent Baloun	79.40
3.	Victor Siebeneck III	70.15

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

CITY OF BRAINERD


Raymond A. Charpentier, Chair
Police & Fire Civil Service Commission

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cc: City Administrator Bergman
Police Chief McQuiston