

Timeline on naming acting director of police department

May 13 -- Mayor Holloway names Linda Atterberry as acting director of police department. Mayor also says the acting director will not be a candidate for the director's position.

June 23 -- City announces that deadline is July 17 for applications.

July 2 -- After meeting with Mayor Holloway, Linda Atterberry submits application to be considered for director of police department.

July 28 -- Sun Herald publishes a story about status of search for new police chief. Story includes a sentence that says Linda Atterberry, the acting director, would not be a candidate for the position.

July 29 -- City announces that mayor decided before the July 17 deadline to allow the committee reviewing applications to consider an application from Linda Atterberry.

July 29 -- Sun Herald publishes a front-page correction, saying that Linda Atterberry would be a candidate for director of the Biloxi Police Department.

Aug. 4 -- City Council unanimously confirms Atterberry as acting director for 90-day period, with option to approve for another 90 days.

Aug. 6 -- Committee of law enforcement and community leaders meets for first time and reviews 39 applications.

Aug. 12 -- Committee conducts interviews of five candidates. Grades candidates and because of the lateness of the day, committee members submitted their individual score sheets to city Human Resources Manager Jill Middleton to tabulate.

Sept. 1 -- Mayor announces at 11 a.m. meeting that he will propose Atterberry as permanent chief at the meeting at 6 p.m. later that day. Mayor's recommendation is in line with recommendation of committee.

Sept. 1 -- City Council declines to add Atterberry appointment to agenda.

Sept. 8 -- City Council, on 6-1 vote, rejects Atterberry confirmation.