

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held on February 23, 2021 at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman McGovern, Alderman Clifford, Alderman Key, and Alderman Kramarski. Also in attendance were Chief Yott, Deputy Chief Yott, Officer Wodka, and City Administrator Dan Nisavic. IT Coordinator Chuck Hankus and Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021, Public Safety meeting, moved by Alderman Clifford and seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Yott reported as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

636 total calls for service January 2021

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

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| Hit & Run | 5 |
| Property Damage | 23 |
| Personal Injury | 4 |
| TOTAL | 32 |

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS FOR JANUARY

- a) Police Department Budget Report - see attached
- b) SafeSpeed Report –66 violations
- c) MSI Report –1 citation issued
- d) Training Report - 179.5 hours
- e) CIT Program for 2020 - 123 individual cases , 11 were Suicidal Subjects
- f) DUI Summary - 0 arrests

Old Business

None

New Business

Changes to Ordinance - Section 71.070 Driver and Passenger Required to Use Safety Belts:

Chairman McGovern made a motion to accept the ordinance as follows, seconded by Alderman Clifford.

- (1) Each driver and passenger of a motor vehicle operated on a roadway in this city shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt; except that a child less than 8 years of age shall be protected as required pursuant to the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act (ILCS Ch. 625, Act

25, 1 et sequ.). Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child 8 years of age or more, but less than 16 years of age in a motor vehicle shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- Orland Park Bakery dropped off some sweets to show their appreciation to all that PHPD does for the community.
- Palos Heights Library started the Kindness Corner project, where they asked the residents to join the library in sharing random acts of kindness in our community. Throughout January, they collected donations of \$5 gift cards to local coffee shops and eateries. They distributed those to the Palos Heights Police and Fire Departments to show their appreciation for all they do to keep our community safe.
- Boy Scouts of America dropped off several canisters of popcorn to show their appreciation to the PHPD force.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

None

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman Clifford asked if the hit and run reports were in parking lots or on the road. Chief Yott explained they mostly are incidents in parking lots.

Chairman McGovern asked if there was an update about the Dunkin Donut's robbery that occurred last month. Deputy Chief Yott responded that one of the suspects has been identified and is in custody in Chicago on a different charge.

Alderman Clifford asked if there had been an update on the shooting that took place on approximately Harlem and 120th Street. Deputy Chief Yott responded that this was not a random act or road rage. They believe they have the shooter indentified at this time, but is still under investigation.

Officer Wodka gave an update on a case that is 10 years old. In a home robbery 10 years ago, a gun from a retired police officer was stolen. That gun was just recovered in Ohio this past week.

Alderman Clifford asked Chief Yott for the speed sign to be placed on 122nd and 70th Avenue after the snow melts.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Clifford. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary