

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held on April 27, 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, and Alderman Key. Alderman Kramarski was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Yott and Deputy Chief Yott. 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 March 23, 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

622 total calls for service March 2021

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	7
Property Damage	19
Personal Injury	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	29

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- a) Police Department Budget Report - see attached
- b) SafeSpeed Report – 199 violations
- c) MSI Report 40 citation issued
- d) Training Report - 278 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 1 arrest

Chairman McGovern inquired about training hours and if any of the officers were trained or licensed forensic science investigators. Chief Yott responded that most, if not all, officers are trained in forensic science. Deputy Chief Yott explained further that there are varying degrees/roles of forensic science investigating including a forensic scientist which would be someone working in a lab. Many Palos Heights officers have taken forensic training courses.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- The Bridgeview Police Department sent a letter to Chief Yott expressing their sincere thanks and appreciation to Sergeant John Parnitzke, Detective Todd Hutchinson, responding and assisting with the investigation and apprehension of a man that was shot and killed outside the Secretary State facility in Bridgeview.
- Chief of Police Ricardo Mancha, from Bridgeview Police Department forwarded the PHPD a letter from an area resident who had witnessed, with her son, the shooting at the Bridgeview DMV on March 24th 2021. She wanted to express her appreciation to the service workers who masterfully responded to that tragic event. She went on to say that they all did an excellent job, and did so with such determination and care and wished that this would have been portrayed in the news.
- Mr. Ritchie, a resident, came into the station and spoke with Deputy Chief Bill Czajkowski and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Officer Joe Carlson for his proficiency while investigating a traffic crash he was involved in.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

None

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman Clifford clarified with the Chief about a speed report near Trinity College as requested by a resident.

Alderman Key thanked Alderman McGovern his leadership and for being the chairperson for this committee for the last years. He will be stepping down from the chairman position.

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