

City of Palos Heights



Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee was held on June 23, 2020 at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were Chairman McGovern, Alderman Clifford, Alderman Kramarski and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Chief Yott, Deputy Chief Czajkowski, Deputy Chief Delaney, Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez, and Kelly Murphy (resident).

Approval of Minutes

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 Public Safety meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief Yott reported as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Total calls for service May, 2020 - 600

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	0
Property Damage	9
Personal Injury	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	11

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS FOR MAY

- a) Police Department Budget Report
- b) SafeSpeed Report – 24 violations
- c) MSI Report –2 citations issued
- d) Training Report - 90 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 1 arrest

Questions/Comments from the Audience

Mrs. Kelly Murphy of 12326 S 75th Ave in Palos Heights addressed the committee and the Chief of Police and inquired as to why the police department has been called to her home multiple times over the years. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Murphy was advised by Chairman McGovern to hire an attorney as this has been an ongoing issue

Adjourn

Chairman McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Reconvene

Chairman McGovern called to reconvene the meeting at 6:47pm.

Old Business

Chief Yott mentioned that the surplus vehicle list presented previously was missing one vehicle, a Toyota 4-Runner. It will be added to the ordinance.

New Business

Chairman McGovern asked that Officer Joe Carlson attend a City Council Meeting in July to talk about the Crisis Intervention Team.

New Police exams will take place on July 26, 2020. The entire application and testing process will be online.

A Food Drive will take place on Saturday June 27 from 10-1pm at the Recreation Center. The food donated will go to the food pantry at the Palos United Methodist Church located on 122th Street and Harlem Avenue.

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- Several area residents are continuing to drop off baked goods to show their appreciation to the Palos Heights Police Department.
- PHPD has received many phone calls to thank us for leading many birthday parades in our area.
- Stacey Stercic, a resident of Mt. Greenwood, but works in Palos Heights, wrote a letter to PHPD, which led a birthday parade for 2 of her grandchildren that live in Palos Heights. She said seeing her grandkids jump and shriek with joy brought tears to her eyes and made that day one of the most memorable in her lifetime. She continued to say how impressed she is with the PHPD and that they are always visible and makes her feel very secure working in Palos Heights.
- On May 27th, Trinity Christian College and the Joliet Slammers Baseball team bought Chicago style hotdogs, chips, and water to thank the Police Department for their service to the community.
- Lisa Quick, area resident, sent an email to Chief Yott expressing her gratitude towards PHPO, Joe Carlson. Her nephew suffers from several mental health issues and was taken to Palos Community Hospital by her, but then fled the hospital and was back at his Aunt's home. Lisa called Dispatch and officers were sent to her house and she commended Joe on his outstanding efforts as well as his professionalism and kindness. She felt everyone involved in guiding her all had a genuine interest in helping her nephew. She is forever grateful.
- Jersey Mikes Subs delivered a variety of sub sandwiches to the entire PHPD in appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

Aldermen's Comments

Alderman McGovern extended his thanks and appreciation for the entire Police Department during this trying time with COVID-19 and helping organize 2 marches/protests in the city without any incident.

Alderman Clifford agreed and commended them on a job well done throughout COVID-19.

Chief Yott shared there has been an outpouring of support from the community and he and the entire department are thankful for the support.

Alderman Key added that he grew up supporting and respecting the Police and Fire Departments and still does today. He hopes that the members of the police force know that the city and members of the community are behind them and support them. He added that a proclamation from the Mayor for the Police Department, Fire Department and Hospital workers would be appropriate and well deserved.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Alderman McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary