

City of Palos Heights



Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee was held on August 25, 2020 at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. In attendance were Chairman McGovern, Alderman Clifford, Alderman Kramarski and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Chief Yott, Deputy Chief Czajkowski, Deputy Chief Yott, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez, and a resident of the community.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman McGovern moved to approve the minutes of the June 23rd 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 July, 2020 - 716

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	4
Property Damage	28
Personal Injury	3
TOTAL	35

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS FOR MAY

- a) Police Department Budget Report
- b) SafeSpeed Report – 23 violations
- c) MSI Report –33 citations issued
- d) Training Report - 176 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 4 arrests

Chairman McGovern commended the Police Department on the amount of training hours they complete.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

Mr. Clyde Behrens residing at 11933 S. Harold Ave, addressed the committee and stated he had concerns about the communication between the City Council and the members of the community. He is hoping there can be a better way to communicate with the Chairman if and when technology is an issue. He stated perhaps updating the City website with updated email addresses. Mr. Behrens also addressed his concerns regarding the two protest marches that took place earlier in the summer. Chief Yott explained that they were notified two days before the marches. Deputy Chief Czajkowski further explained they were able to talk to the people who organized the marches and they were going to march whether they had permits or not. The police department provided a safe environment for them

to march. Mr. Behrens wanted to know if the Police Department had a plan to stop further protests or marches to which both Chief Yott and Deputy Chief Czajkowski stated they would not try to stop protests, but rather make sure that they happen peacefully. Discussion ensued.

Old Business

None

New Business

Chairman McGovern addressed an occurrence that happened over the weekend where a dog was attacked and killed by another dog at Community Park. Deputy Chief Czajkowski stated that they had met with Cook County Animal Control and that the dog that was the aggressor would be euthanized.

Alderman Kramarski would like to welcome Deputy Chief Yott to the committee meeting.

Alderman Clifford addressed the ongoing issue of cars parked on the street on 120th Street . Visibility is minimal when cars are parked on the street and is a safety concern. The committee discussed that "No Parking" signs should be posted on this stretch of road.

Alderman Clifford made a motion to install No Parking signs on 120th & Harlem, seconded by Alderman McGovern. **All in favor, motion carried**

Chairman McGovern made a motion to declare two vehicles as surplus, seconded by Alderman Key.

All in favor, motion carried. **AGENDA**

2007 Chevy Impala	Vin #2G1WT58K679398862
2018 Volkswagen Atlas	Vin#1V2GR2CA9JC519339

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- Several area residents are continuing to drop off baked goods to show their appreciation to the Palos Heights Police Department.
- PHPD is still receiving numerous phone calls to thank us for leading many birthday parades.
- Mary Box, a Palos Heights resident, sent a thank you note expressing her gratitude to the PHPD for keeping all the residents safe during these times. She also enclosed a \$75 gift certificate from Prime Choice to treat the staff to lunch.

Aldermen's Comments

None at this time.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary