

City of Palos Heights



Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Public Safety Committee was held on September 22, 2020 at the Palos Heights City Hall. Chairman McGovern called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, and Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25th, 2020 Public Safety meeting, moved by Alderman Kramarski, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Police Chief Yott reported as follows:

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Total calls for service August, 2020 - 686

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Hit & Run	2
Property Damage	24
Personal Injury	7
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>33</u>

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS FOR MAY

- a) Police Department Budget Report - see attached
- b) SafeSpeed Report – 121 violations
- c) MSI Report –2 citations issued
- d) Training Report - 222 hours
- e) DUI Summary - 3 arrests

Old Business

Alderman Kramarski asked if there was an update on the dog that was brought up during the August Public Safety Committee meeting. Chief Yott and Chairman McGovern confirmed that the dog that attacked and killed another dog was euthanized.

Alderman Clifford suggested that the committee review the electric fence ordinance and see if it needs to be updated. Chairman McGovern stated the committee would look at the ordinance at next month's meeting.

New Business

Consideration to update the City Code to include no parking signs at 120th Street. The Code is 77: Parking Schedules.

Alderman Clifford confirmed that the signs would be going west towards Harlem on the north side of the street.

Motion: Chairman McGovern made a motion to update the City Code to include no parking signs at 120th Street, seconded by Alderman Kramarski. **All in favor, motion carried** **AGENDA**

Consider an ordinance allowing golf carts to operate on city streets.

Chief Yott explained that the state allows municipalities to decide if this type of thing is safe, so if the city were to approve something like this, the city would be saying it was safe. He suggested that before anything, the committee should consult an engineer to get an expert opinion on a matter like this.

Alderman Key stated that he talked to two residents who would like to see golf carts allowed on the streets. He suggested that the residents talk to the Police Department directly to understand any safety issues.

Chairman McGovern is concerned on how golf carts could be filled with gas without having to cross major streets or intersections. He is concerned about the safety of golf carts on major streets or trying to cross at intersections that are busy just because they have a light.

Alderman Kramarski is concerned because there are already issues with children riding motorized scooters on 76th Avenue.

Alderman Key suggested the residents do the research so they can talk with the Police Department directly and the PD can answer any questions that the residents may have.

Discussion ensued.

Chief Yott reiterated that the committee should really start with the engineer on this matter. The Police would be happy to answer any questions they have, but the engineers should determine whether this is possible. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Chairman McGovern made a motion to postpone voting on golf carts to operate on city streets until next month's meeting until engineering can be consulted and the committee can look into this matter further, seconded by Alderman Clifford. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Chairman McGovern inquired about Police testing and how many applicants there were. Deputy Chief Yott said there were 164 applicants, 130 took the test, and 116 passed. This was a large amount of applicants. Chairman McGovern asked how many openings there would be over the next couple of years. Deputy Chief Yott responded that there would be possibly be 2-3 spots available. Deputy Chief Yott went over the process for hiring.

Correspondence/Employee Recognition

- A local resident provided pizza to the PHPD to show their appreciation for all they do for the community.
- PHPD is still active and participating in birthday parades as well as deployment

- parades for the area residents.
- Two families from Palos Heights baked and dropped off a variety of cookies/sweet trays to show their appreciation to the PHPD.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

None

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 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary