



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
January 17, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th day of January 2023 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner ChairLarry Beermann
CommissionerRobert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman
Commissioner.....Matt McGrath
Alderman.....Sean Concagh
Chief.....Eric Hall
Captain.....Dale Fiala
Captain.....Vicki Severs
Administrative Assistant.....Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Support Lieutenant.....John Appelbaum

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beerman opened the meeting. Administrative Asst. Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Support Lt. Appelbaum absent with excuse.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Zimmermann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh stated that next week there will be a public hearing at the next Board of Alderman meeting to discuss the proposed planned mixed use development zoning change.

Alderman Concagh stated that the sharp shooting deer management program will begin on Wednesday of this week and will be going on for the next two weeks. He stated that the city hopes to harvest fifty (50) deer during these two weeks to reduce the overall deer density in the city. Chief Hall added that there have been several calls regarding the program since the signs were installed advising residents. He stated also that Fox 2 News interviewed City Administrator Harms this afternoon regarding the program and residents' concerns and questions.

Chief Hall stated the Shake Shack restaurant is going back to the planning and zoning board in reference to some changes in the restaurant.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated that at this point the department is returning 8% of the total budget to the city, 6% for the operating budget and 2% in relation to the capital budget. Chief Hall added that the department did receive a supplemental budget increase in December due to costs associated with overtime, gas & oil, EMS supplies, and vehicles maintenance.

Chief Hall also provided an overview of the 2023 Budget expenditures and advised that even though it is early in the year we have had more overtime expenses due to one (1) vacancy and four (4) employees out related to on duty injury and/or medical leave. In addition, a majority of the annual contracts are paid early in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Hall presented the commission with ambulance transport fees of five (5) cities in comparison to Des Peres. He stated that one trend is that ambulance providers are charging for disposable supplies and also for treatment on the scene (even when patients are not transported).

Chief Hall concluded that he would like to gather more information and have a recommendation for the commission at the next meeting. Commissioner Ashcraft advised that he would rather see an overall increase in transport fees versus charging for disposable supplies for ease for our ambulance crews and billing provider.

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring Process Update

Chief Hall stated that the department is accepting applications and will be looking at starting the hiring process in the near future. At this point the department does have one vacancy on C-Shift.

DISCUSSION

Chief Hall stated that he has requested some changes to the building plans that will expand overall space and allow for future expansion of the building if needed. These changes will be presented to the architect at the next meeting. Chief Hall invited the commission to review those changes after the meeting.

Chief Hall stated that currently the department has one (1) vacancy and four (4) employees out due to various medical conditions. He added that Office Rourke returned from Military Leave on January 9th, 2023.

Chief Hall stated that the delivery of the new ambulance will be delayed by 1-2 weeks. He stated he anticipate the new ambulance will now be delivered sometime in early February.

Chief Hall added that he is drafting a crime summary to present to the commission at the next meeting.

Capt. Severs presented a FLOCK License Plate Reader (LPR) alert summary for West County Center. She stated that most of the alerts are for stolen vehicles.

Chief Hall stated another saturation patrol involving some of the west and mid-countries will be occurring soon. The saturation details are aimed at vehicle related crime and consist of multiple agencies in the county.

Capt. Severs stated that she will be attending Northwest Police Command School in Maryland Heights starting next week. She stated the school is a 10-week program with a one-week break in the middle. She stated that while she is out Lt. Appelbaum will be sending the desk book.

Capt. Severs stated that next Citizen Police Academy will begin March 1. She stated the Des Peres will be hosting the week three session at the Lodge. She concluded the Advance Citizen Police Academy will take place in the fall.

In response to Commissions McGrath's question regarding the activity of our K-9 unit, Obe, Chief Hall stated that he will be meeting with PSO Elzinga to develop a more in depth monthly report of their activity. In addition to firearms detection, the department also aims to track both deterrence and the de-escalation effect. Chief Hall added that Obe was requested by St. Charles City Police to search the crime scene and the shooting of an employee at Cracker Barrel which occurred a week ago. The suspects were positively identified but a firearm was not found after they fled the scene.

Chief Hall informed the commission that the February Public Safety Commission meeting would be on a federal holiday and asked if the commission would like to cancel February's meeting or move it to Tuesday February 21, 2023. Commissioner McGrath made a motion to move February's meeting to Tuesday February 21, 2023. Commissioner Zimmermann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

ATTEST:

Mónica Llorián, Administrative Asst.

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