



Des Peres Public Safety Department  
1000 N. Ballas Road  
Des Peres, MO 63131

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**OF**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The Board of Public Safety Commission Meeting, conducted in the Public Safety Building, was called to order by Commission Chairman Beermann at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted with the following in attendance: Commissioner Larry Beermann, Commissioner Joanne Sullivan, Commissioner Robert Ashcraft, Commissioner Jerry Lund, Alderman Kathleen Gmelich, Chief Keith Krumm, Captain Sean Quinn, Captain Eric Hall and Lieutenant Robert Willoughby,

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any citizen comments, Commissioner Ashcraft advised of a recent observation. While driving on I-270, he saw a Creve Coeur police unit with a magnetic sign that read "Out of Service". Chief Krumm and Capt. Quinn explained some departments that utilize civilian personnel to transport police units utilized such signage.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS:**

To Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any agenda amendments and/or additions, the following was noted: Chief Krumm requested the subject matters of Apparatus Bay

Heater, Fire Service Executive Development Institute and Ambulance Fees be added to New Business. He also requested the subject matter of Ballas Estates Signage to be added to Old Business.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

With regards to the minutes of the January 4, 2016, Public Safety Commission Meeting, Commissioner Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft and unanimously carried with aye votes from Commissioners Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund, and Alderman Gmelich; Commissioner Beermann abstained.

### **ALDERMANIC REPORT:**

Alderman Gmelich offered the following Board of Alderman activity updates:

- The deer census was conducted between January 17th-20th by the White Buffalo Company. While eighty-eight (88) deer were spotted west of Interstate 270, none was spotted east of the highway. The deer density west of the highway was calculated at 39.9 deer per square mile and less than ten (10) per square mile east of the highway. (Town and Country's density rates are double that of Des Peres.) This census establishes a base line for which the City can gauge future change and consideration of possible action to be taken.
- Trash brochures have been mailed out, announcing any resident can acquire a new and larger container. 500 residents have registered such a request.
- The City is awaiting Trailnet to submit a revised proposal and anticipates the revised proposal will delete all neighborhood greenway paths.
- The Election Filing date has expired and no one has filed other than the current officials up for re-election.
- A new dump truck was recently purchased.
- The Regions Bank's proposal process is progressing. They will expand its traffic study to include traffic impact on Bopp Road (which will be the main access).

### **BUDGET:**

With regard to the 2015 fiscal budget, Chief Krumm advised the accounts of Part-Time Salaries, Professional Services, Vehicle Maintenance and Utilities of Electric and Sewer reflected over- expenditure totals. However, the General Fund accounts overall reflect a 2.89% return. With regards to the 2015 Capital Improvement Budget reflecting a 7.8 % return, Chief Krumm will be seeking for the Board of Aldermen to approve carrying over funds into the 2016 budget for the Fill Station and the Turnout gear. In combining both the General Fund and Capital Improvement, the department's 2015 budget will eventually reflect an adjusted approximate 3.23% return.

With regards to the 2016 fiscal budget, Chief Krumm advised certain accounts are reflecting higher average monthly expenditures and include Professional Services because many contracts are renewed at the beginning of the year; Training because some major training costs are due at the beginning of the year; Dues & Memberships with many due at the beginning of the year; and the General Liability account because the cost is paid in two segments.

#### **QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION ON WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TOPICS:**

Relative to Commissioner Beermann's inquiry of any questions or comments on the weekly activity reports, Commissioner Ashcraft advised he was pleased to see the department scheduling extra fire and police training that include Fire Mutual Aid sessions and Police Active Shooter.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Updates were as follows:

Chief Krumm advised he still has not been notified of the department's State Certification Evaluation status. In that, it usually takes three (3) months following the evaluation for notification, he will be contacting the evaluation board chairman in the near future.

On the matter of Supervisors' Manpower, Chief Krumm requested Lt. Willoughby to explain his recent assessment. Lt. Willoughby, in having reviewed the department's manpower situation, advised that, at this time, the department incurs less overtime by not utilizing acting supervisors. As the department approaches periods of more vacation leaves and the prospects of possible return to duty statuses are more clear, this may need to be re-reviewed.

Relative to project updates, Chief Krumm offered the following:

- The new carpet tiles have been installed.

- Interior painting will be the next project. The walls will be painted a light grey with a dark trim painting.
- The department is still waiting for the deliveries of the fill station and the turnout gear. To Commissioner Lund's inquiry, Chief Krumm advised that, in the past, the department has donated the old turnout gear to the State Fire Marshal's Office that can give out to other needy/volunteer departments.

On the matter of Ballas Estates Signage, Alderman Gmelich advised she was presented with a residents' petition, requesting a child safety sign, such as "Slow Children at Play", be installed at the subdivision's entrance. Following a discussion of the matter, Commissioner Ashcraft

*motioned the Public Safety Commission recommends the Board of Aldermen approve the installing of a child safety sign, such as "Slow Children at Play". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann, Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund; Alderman Gmelich abstained.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the apparatus bay heater ceased to function and was damaged beyond repair. After spending long hours in attempting to acquire a new unit, temporary kerosene heaters were placed in the bay and a new heater ordered. The new heater, costing \$27,000, was installed on Friday; however, there have been shutdown issues, with Trane service personnel returning to work on the heater. Close monitoring will continue until all issues are resolved. Chief Krumm further advised that the heater cost will be attached to the City's Trane Energy Project and, therefore, the funding will not come out of the department's fiscal budget.

Recently, Captain Hall was accepted into the 2016 Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI) and which offers a program developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and funded by a grant through the Motorola Solutions Foundation. In that, only twenty-two (22) applicants nation-wide and from Canada are accepted into the program, this is a prestigious honor and is fully funded except for the required attendance at the annual conference which will cost approximately \$2,200. During the year, the members will participate in three (3) on-site sessions, with the first to be conducted near Washington, D.C. Experts in the fire and emergency service, along with private sector representative, will cover topics that include: ethics; leadership in the new era; emerging concepts in organizational design and delivery; effective use of science and data; budgeting and spend management; labor management relations; successful recruiting and hiring processes. Members accepted in this year-long program will be awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the on-

site sessions. Again, the only cost to the department will be the conference expense which can be absorbed in the current budget.

Following a discussion of the topic, Commissioner Sullivan

*motioned the Public Safety Commission recommend the Board of Aldermen approve Captain Hall participating in the 2016 Fire Service Executive Development Institute training program which will require a department expense of approximately \$2,200 for attendance at the annual conference. The motioned was seconded by Commissioner Ashcraft and carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann, Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund; Alderman Gmelich abstained.*

Captain Hall advised the Commission he conducted a survey of nearby fire departments and fire districts with regards to Emergency Service Transport fees. Recently, and as of the beginning of 2016, a major insurance company will not process ambulance claims that do not reflect a mileage cost – a cost factor Des Peres has not included in its fee factors. While Des Peres, in this survey, reflects the least expensive cost factors, the Commission is requested to review and give consideration of requesting revised cost factors that would include a mileage fee. Following a discussion of the matter, Captain Hall will follow up with a supplemental memo to the Commission members that includes requested information regarding, other insurance companies, Medicare and window-allowance for refilling claims. In that this will require an ordinance amendment(s), Chief Krumm requests the Commission offer a possible motion at the next Public Safety Commission Meeting (the March meeting).

Following a discussion of newspaper articles relative to the Department of Justice proposed agreement with the City of Ferguson concerning its law enforcement procedures and operations and how it may affect other departments, Chief Krumm advised those elements/proposals are for the City of Ferguson and not other county municipalities. This process is still in a planning phase and that clarifications will be sought as the process progresses.

Having no other items of announcements/discussions, Commissioner Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lund and unanimously carried with aye votes from Commissioners Beermann, Sullivan, Ashcraft and Lund and Alderman Gmelich. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED BY: 

Bob Ashcraft, Commissioner

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