



Des Peres Public Safety Department
1000 N. Ballas Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
May 6, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of May 2019 in the Public Safety Building for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner Chair.....Larry Beermann
Commissioner.....Robert Ashcraft
Commissioner.....Jerry Lund
Commissioner.....Caitie Zimmerman
Alderman.....Dean Fitzpatrick
Chief.....Eric Hall
Captain.....Dale Fiala
Support Lieutenant.....Robert Willoughby
Administrative Asst.....Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Captain.....Sean Quinn (absent with excuse)

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Administrative Assistant Llorián commenced with the roll call. There was a quorum with Captain Quinn absent.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019, meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Fitzpatrick stated that Better Together has redrawn their petition for a statewide vote regarding the city and county merger. He also stated that the City held a public forum last week at the Lodge regarding the proposed merger.

Alderman Fitzpatrick stated that the complaint filed against the City with the State of Missouri Secretary of State has been dismissed. He concluded that at the next Board Meeting the proposals for the Village Bar Distillery and the development on Ballas Rd would be considered for final vote.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated that the 2019 budget is on track and doing well. He stated he would be monitoring vehicle and building maintenance to see if adjustments will be needed mid-year in these two categories.

NEW BUSINESS

Nuisance Alarm Ordinance

Chief Hall presented the commission with the number of false alarm calls the department received in 2018. He presented the commission with ordinances from City of Clayton and St. Louis County on current ordinances and fee structure of nuisance alarms. He concluded that he will be presenting the commission more research regarding a recommendation at the June meeting.

Outer Vests Carriers

Chief Hall presented the commission with a health study on outer vest carriers versus the current duty belts. He stated that the outer vest transfer the weight from the lower back and waist to between the shoulders. Chief Hall stated this would be part of the uniform and would like to pair it with the current uniform shirt or polo shirt for a softer look. He concluded that in the June meeting he will have officers modeling the different looks and uniforms.

Public Safety Commission Photo

Chief Hall asked the commission when they would like to take a new Public Safety Commission photo. The commission suggested doing it following tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

CALEA (Commission on Law Enforcement International) Update

Lt. Willoughby stated that this past Saturday, May 4th, the department met with the CALEA commission at the annual CALEA Conference and the department was recommended and approved for accreditation.

Chief Hall recognized Lt. Willoughby for spearheading the project and for all his hard work the last two years to prepare the department and make the changes needed for accreditation.

New Hires

Chief Hall stated that on May 15th four (4) applicants will be interviewed for the Public Safety Officer hiring eligibly list. Chief Hall also stated the Sgt. Mainini announced his retirement in July of this year. He concluded that Acting Sgt. Van Mierlo has been permanently promoted to Sergeant at West County Center.

New Electronic Sign

Chief Hall asked to table the discussion on the new electronic sign. Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to table the discussion on the new electronic sign. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Chief Hall presented the commission with statistics reports on larceny, auto accidents and emergency medical responses. He further stated to the commission that he will present statistics each meeting to contact him if they would like anything specific.

Chief Hall presented the commission details on a two (2) hour visible deterrent detail conducted at West County Center on April 25th. This detail consisted of 11 officers focusing on visible foot patrol in the center at identified high call volume location. In addition, the department had two patrol units on the exterior of the center. During the detail, two subjects were arrested with outstanding warrants. Chief Hall added that he is planning to conduct future details at West County Center. In addition, the department has been incorporating plain-clothes officers at West County Center.

Chief Hall stated that the residential camera program will be brought up for discussion next June. He stated Capt. Quinn has more information to provide the commission.

Chief stated that the evidence room is in full service and will give the commission a tour following the meeting.

Commissioner Lund stated that he will be moving out of Des Peres in the near future and will notify commissioned of a possible resignation date. Chief Hall and the commission member thanked Commissioner Lund for his service to the city and department.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

ATTEST:

Mónica Llorián, Administrative Asst.