



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

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of October 2023 in the Aldermanic Chambers for the transaction of such business that may come before the Commission.

Present: Commissioner Chair Larry Beermann
Commissioner..... Robert Ashcraft
Commissioner..... Caitie Zimmerman
Alderman..... Sean Concagh
Chief..... Eric Hall
Captain..... Dale Fiala
Captain..... Vicki Severs
Administrative Assistant..... Mónica Llorián

Not Present: Commissioner..... Matt McGrath
Support Lieutenant..... John Appelbaum

ROLL CALL

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

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

None

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh stated that Route 66 received their conditional use permit for the dispensary. He stated a new sandwich shop called Tiger T's was also approved and that Jimmy John's will be moving to the old JP Field's location on Manchester Road.

Alderman Concagh stated that the city has hired a new Assistant City Administrator and they will start late November/early December. He concluded that the City Hall renovation project is out to bid and the board is still working on the capital and operating budgets.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated the 2023 operating budget is trending near normal at 20.00% remaining and at this point in the year 20.75% should be remaining in the overall operating budget. He stated that the accounts that are less than the 20.00% are overtime, EMS supplies, and vehicle maintenance. In relation to vehicle maintenance, the department was approved three (3) new vehicle in the 2024 budget and the initial plan is to purchase Chevrolet Tahoe's.

Chief Hall stated that one account is in the negative, the professional services account that includes the Kirkwood Dispatching contract and the fee for the annexed area to West County EMS and Fire. He added that this account has been adjusted within the 2024 operating budget.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Operating Budget Overview

Chief Hall provided an overview of the 2024 Operating Budget and stated that the budget contained no new projects other than cost increases/decreases due to historical spending trends or expected increases in prices. He added that overtime and EMS supplies was increased and fuel was decreased as the fuel prices have gone down.

Chief Hall presented the commission with his outline of the department's 2024 Capital Improvement Budget and provided an overview of each item.

OLD BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION

Department Update from Command Staff

Chief Hall stated the building renovation project will go out to bid next month. He stated that they anticipate the project starting in February 2024. Chief Hall stated the move off site is still pending the lease and that he met with the preferred moving contractor last week to get an approximate moving cost. He stated that the construction project could take 18 months.

Chief Hall stated that he spoke to the Director of Finance in regards to the EMS billing recommendation from the commission and that she was completing an analysis in to the resident v. non-resident transports. In addition, the recommendation from the Public Safety Commission would be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee for discussion.

Chief Hall stated that there will be promotional interviews tomorrow for rank of Lieutenant and Sergeant. In total, the department has 12 employees in the process, four (4) for the rank of Lieutenant and eight (8) for the rank of sergeant. He added that the first step in the process was a management/leadership assessment and the interviews this week is with an outside panel of police and fire representatives from the area. The second interview will be with both Captain Severs and Captain Fiala. He added the promotions will be announced later this month and will be part of our annual Promotion and Awards Ceremony in December.

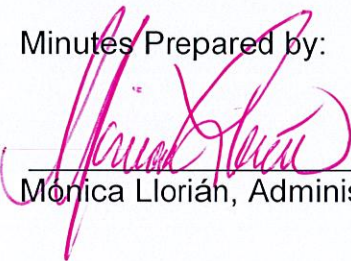
Chief Hall stated that the actor Jason Momoa was at the Schnucks in Des Peres promoting his new brand of vodka earlier that day. Chief Hall stated that Schnucks contacted the department last week requesting assistance for the event and they agreed to hire off-duty officers for the event. Schnucks hired two (2) off-duty officers from our department and that he held over the command staff and detectives to assist as needed. In addition, afternoon patrol units assisted at the event but were available for calls for service. Chief Hall concluded that the event drew a large crowd but went smoothly.

Chief Hall advised the commission that the department will be celebrating National Night Out on October 24. In addition, the department will hold a Coffee with a Cop event on November 8 at Chick Fil A. The Coffee with a Cop event will be advertised in the November 3 Kirkwood Webster Times.

ADJOURNEMENT

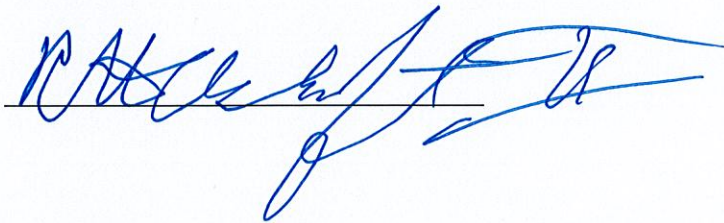
Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:



Monica Llorián, Administrative Asst.

ATTEST:



Bob Ashcraft, Commissioner