



Des Peres Public Safety Department
12325 Manchester Road
Des Peres, MO. 63131
October 19, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Public Safety Commission was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 19th day of October, 2020 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
	Commissioner	Matt McGrath
	Alderman.....	Sean Concagh
	Chief.....	Eric Hall
	Captain	Sean Quinn
	Captain	Dale Fiala
	Support Lieutenant.....	Vicki Severs
Not Present	Administrative Asst	Mónica Llorián (absent with leave)

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Chair Beermann opened the meeting. Chief Hall commenced with the roll call.

HEAR CITIZENS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to add the approval the minutes of the September 8, 2020, meeting to the agenda. Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion, and it passed unanimous

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Chief Hall requested to add the discussion of outsourcing dispatch and the latest retirements from Public Safety which was approved.

ALDERMANIC REPORT

Alderman Concagh advised that there seems to be an encouraging uptrend in sales tax. He advised there is a request for Chipotle to take over the location where Noodles and Co were. He stated it was on Planning and Zoning for next month.

BUDGET

Chief Hall stated the 2021 budget is at 25.71% with an anticipated 17% remaining at the end of the year.

Chief Hall stated that the chemical budget was over largely in part to the increase in cleaning supplies due to Covid.

Chief Hall stated overtime is trending to be over budget due to long term on duty injuries. .

Chief Hall stated that we are looking to eliminate a cell phone within the department to lower costs in the Communications account.

Chief Hall stated there were several Capital budget items put on hold such as the blinds for the building, and rear exit door but are included in the 2021 budget. The evidence program is ordered and will be implement by January of 2021. There is a plan to replace department firearms in 2021 and transition from Glock 45's to Glock 9mm. We will continue to replace ballistic vests for new employees and existing employees as they expire. The tasers will be coming due for replacement. Fire gear will continue to be purchased for new employees and for repairs/replacements of existing employees.

NEW BUSINESS

48/96 Schedule

Chief Hall provided handouts and a presentation about the proposed schedule change from the current 24 hours shifts to a 48/96 schedule.

Lt Appelbaum (B shift supervisor) was on hand to answer any questions the board may have from a shift perspective. Alderman Concagh inquired what the general feel from employees were about the schedule. Lt Appelbaum advised that overall employees were excited and he feels this will give the city the best coverage.

City Administrator Doug Harms wanted to make sure the board knew this would mean the mall sergeant position would remain vacant (leaving 4 instead of 5 at the mall) along with the OSU positions.

Alderman Concagh inquired about rest time for employees. Commissioner Ashcraft advised he likes the squad concept and that the supervisors have flexibility to move people around as needed.

Commissioner Ashcraft made a motion to approve the schedule change and Commissioner McGrath seconded the motion.

Lt Severs updated the commission on the current hiring process. The written test occurred on Oct 14 and Oct 16, 2020. Seven (7) passed the test and are scheduled for the oral boards on Oct 30, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission on Law Enforcement International (CALEA) Update

Lt Severs stated that CALEA is on track and they are starting to prepare for all the year-end reports. Lt Severs stated that the department is still looking into renovating a section of the secondary garage to accommodate large evidence items.

New Hire

Chief Hall stated that Officer Blattel is not working tonight and will schedule future meeting to introduce him to the commission.

Body Cameras

Captain Quinn stated that the time frame for deployment has been pushed back as there are problems getting the vest carriers from the vendor on time. There are several options in place to ensure we reach deployment by the end of the year.

DISCUSSION

Chief Hall introduced Lt Det John Preuss and advised he would be here more often to provide updates on detective and mail.

Retirements

Chief Hall announced the retirement of Dan Jenkerson and Jim Zuniga from the department.

Dispatch

Chief Hall stated the concept of outsourcing dispatch came up around mid-year and then lost momentum. He stated he was recently asked to move forward with long term cost and to evaluate the viability.

City Administrator Harms stated it is not an unusual concept to outsource dispatch as it can be cost effective and many times a higher quality. He stated it is not an overnight process and can take months to transition. He advised there are many things to consider such as monitoring security cameras and having a person available 24/7.

Harms stated he estimates between a \$200,000-\$300,000 savings to outsource.

ADJOURNEMENT

Commissioner McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

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ATTEST:

Caitie Zimmerman

Caitie Zimmerman, Commissioner