

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

APPROVED 10/28/09

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 28, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy.

Also in attendance was Krista Coltrin, Assistant Marketing Director.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Public Safety Committee of August 31, 2009. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of August 31, 2009 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

None.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Request for Stop Sign on Harrison Street at Norris Street – City's engineering staff has determined that it would be in the City's best interest, and for the safety of our citizens to have stop installed such that all traffic on Harrison Street would be required to stop for all traffic on Norris Street.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve and forward this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- B. Frosty Fest – It has been scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at various locations in downtown West Chicago from the east Main Street gateway to W. Washington Avenue. The event will be a seasonal celebration.

Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and forward this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- C. Purchase of handguns - A survey of Sig Sauer handguns determined that it is becoming necessary to replace the weapons because of the maintenance and replacement cost. Research of weapons indicates the semiautomatic GLOCK as the handgun of choice. Its proven reliability, accuracy and choice of caliber make it a desirable weapon. In regard to cost, two GLOCK handguns can be purchased for the price of one Sig Sauer handgun. In order to do this we would need to purchase fifty (50) GLOCK handguns in a variety of calibers from KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY. Additionally the purchase of accessories to include fifty (50) MGX Laser/Flashlight combinations, fifty (50) duty holsters, fifty (50) magazine pouches. To off set some of the costs we will trade in the used Sig Sauer handguns and magazines.

The cost to purchase the Glock series would be approximately \$36,547.50. The trade in value for the Sig Sauers and magazines is approximately \$17,589.00. Approximate cost to the City would be approximately \$18,958.50

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly to approve and forward this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion.

Chairman Chassee expressed how proud she was with the officers of the West Chicago Police Department on the identification and apprehension of the fugitive.

Krista Coltrin, Assistant Marketing Director, gave a follow up on the Oktoberfest Event. She announced that Hawthorne Lane was no longer a part of Oktoberfest and El Coco Loco, Santa Maria and Fontana Blue were the restaurants sponsoring the event. The committee was also working on getting all the required licenses by the deadline. Chief Goncher asked if the venue and the security had been finalized and Krista Coltrin informed the committee that not at the moment but they were planning to have it done by the deadline. They had banners created however they were unaware that they needed to signed an ordinance and obtain a permit to put them up. So banners will not be displayed in they city however they will advertise through the internet. The City of West Chicago

has been trying to work with the committee in the best way they can to make this event happen in the downtown area.

6. Unfinished Business.

Alderman Radkiewicz asked the status of the informational signs on Route 59. Krista Coltrin informed the committee that the delay is due to the electricity and the placement with IDOT and the city was told that by the end of the year all of the signs will be up.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Traffic Management Report by Chief of Police. Chief of Police Goncher reported the Traffic Report for the month of August 2009.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Fuesting. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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