

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2010**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sylvia McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall. Committee members in attendance: Alderman John Galan and Alderman John Poteraske.

Staff members in attendance: Chief of Police Robert Pavelchik, Deputy Chief David Skala, Deputy Chief Cooper and City Administrator Bryon Vana

Elected Officials in attendance: City Treasurer, Michael Coren

Guest/Residents in attendance:

Bob Erickson, 7737 Brunswick, 630-985-7947, rlepar4@yahoo.com

Kim Krause, Wilton, 630-724-0746, kkrause98@yahoo.com

Brooke Silanskis, 630-985-9363, bsilanskis@yahoo.com

Tom Tiede, Transportation Director Cass School District 66, 630-983-5000, tiede@ccsd66.org

2. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Galan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2010 meeting; the motion was seconded by Alderman Poteraske and approved by a voice vote of 3 ayes.

3. Communications

a. 71st Street parking complaint

Chief Pavelchik shared with the Committee an e-mail from Mr. Steve Kotwica, 414 71st Street, Darien, complaining about parking on 71st Street near Community Park. The Chief told the Committee that he met with Mr. Kotwica at Mr. Kotwica's house on Monday, August 30th.

At this point Chief Pavelchik gave the Committee two additional communication items. First was a thank you e-mail from the Naperville Police Department, Special Operations Group, thanking the Darien Police Department for our assistance in a recent narcotics investigation. Second was an update on a Federal Civil Rights suit against the City of Darien and a former officer; the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals has denied the appeal of the plaintiff.

b. Elizabeth Ide School Crosswalk

Chief Pavelchik explained to the Committee that several residents had contacted him regarding a stop sign and crosswalk at Manning Road and Fairview Avenue. The Chief explained that this issue had been addressed by the Administrative Finance Committee at a August 11, 2008 meeting. Residents Bob Erickson, Kim Krause and Brook Silanskis spoke in favor of a three-way stop sign and crosswalk at Manning Road and Fairview Avenue. Tom Tiede as representative of Cass School District 66, indicated that such a stop sign would not change or impair the District's current bus transportation plan.

Chairman McIvor directed that this item be scheduled for the October 7, 2010 Police Committee Meeting and that notifications via e-mail, cable channel, and Direct Connect be made in the community. Chairman McIvor also asked the Chief to notify the residents who attended the August 11, 2008 meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion of Police Overtime

Alderman Galan presented the Committee his research on police overtime for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2010. He identified that approximately 83% of the overtime is the cost of doing business in the police world twenty-four hours a day and that we, the City, have very little control over this overtime if we are to continue providing the current level of service. Alderman Galan also suggested that a more efficient payroll software program might make this overtime easier to track and monitor.

This discussion segued into a suggestion by Chairman McIvor that this Committee prepare a report to the full City Council that lists the activities and items addressed by this Committee.

b. Police Staffing Levels

Chief Pavelchik informed the Committee that the current police sworn staffing level is 35 officers, down two from the authorized strength of 37. The Chief brought this item to the Committee as per their direction. The Chief expressed his concerns about filling the two positions if layoffs might then occur in the next fiscal year. The Committee agreed that the two positions should be filled, but also commented that there can be no guarantees of current staffing numbers going into the FYE12 budget discussions.

5. New Business

a. Letter of Intent to participate in the DuPage County Emergency Telephone Service Board (ETSB), county-wide interoperable radio network

Administrator Vana told the Committee that there is no need for them to act on or discuss this item, as the Letter of Intent does not bind the City to any contractual or financial obligation.

b. Review of Dispatch Services

Chief Pavelchik informed the Committee that staff has been researching several options regarding 9-1-1 dispatch services for the community. Some of the options that have come to the table have been: (1) maintaining and/or upgrading our current dispatch center, (2) consolidation into a new stand alone dispatch center or (3) moving to an already established dispatch center. In regards to option 3, DUCOMM has presented a cost proposal that would reduce the Darien share of dispatch expense by approximately \$100,000. Alderman Poteraske expressed his concern about the employment of the Darien dispatchers if we should move to another center, indicating that he thought we should negotiate for guaranteed employment of dispatchers.

6. Department Report – Overview of Monthly Statistics

Chief Pavelchik presented the Committee with the Calls for Service Report through August 31, 2010. The Committee indicated that they would like to see a monthly report with highlights of

activity similar to the press releases they read. Chairman McIvor also expressed an interest in police activities that occur on our borders, especially the Woodridge border in her ward.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment other than the comments of residents under Item 3 – Communication.

8. Next Meeting Date

Chairman McIvor announced that the next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 7, 2010, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

9. Executive Session-Collective Bargaining Section 2c(2) of the Open Meetings Act

The Committee moved by roll call vote into Executive Session, with no voting action to occur. All three members voted in the affirmative to go into Executive Session. The Committee moved into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned following the Executive Session.

Minutes Submitted by: Chief Robert Pavelchik

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
John Galan

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
John Poteraske