

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approve 4/27/2009

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 23, 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 Monroe, Fuesting, Connelly and Radkiewicz.

Also in attendance was Chief Donald J. Goncher.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Public Safety Committee of January 26, 2009.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of January 26, 2009 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Alderman Connelly, Radkiewicz, Monroe, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.**

None.

4. **Items for Consent.**

A. Ordinance 09-O-0024 – Amendment to ordinance Chapter 11, Article II, Division 10 concerning guns and weapons.

Chief Goncher discussed the need to have this ordinance revised because gang members feel that they will get in less trouble if they have a BB Gun than a real weapon. If a BB Gun is in a vehicle this ordinance will enforce for it to be treated as a real weapon by locking it in the trunk. This will ensure everyone's safety.

Chairmen Chassee has concerns about going too far in restricting children with toys and treating soft air pistols as weapons. Chairmen Chassee would like additional information in terms of how many incidents have been reported in the City of West Chicago with

these types of weapons. Also what other communities around West Chicago have similar ordinances.

Chairmen Chasse and the committee would like more information and have this ordinance return to the Public Safety Committee for review and discussion.

**5. Items for Discussion.**

The residents from the Forest Avenue apartments have requested for a "No Parking" restriction to be placed on the first entrance of the parking lot. The sign would be placed one car length from the corner entrance to the parking lot.

Committee has directed for this item to go directly to City Council for consent.

**6. Unfinished Business.**

None.

**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 February.

Alderman Radkiewicz questioned the effectiveness of the Red Light Cameras and would like to see current statistics. Chief Goncher informed Alderman Radkiewicz and committee that he will provide one year statistics in May of 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 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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