

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 5/26/2009

MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 27, 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 were Chief Donald J. Goncher and Deputy Chief Laz Perez.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Public Safety Committee of March 23, 2009.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of March 23, 2009 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, 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 has provided additional information on the statistics on number of incidents that have occurred from 2001 through 2009 with BB Guns or similar weapons. Deputy Chief Perez informed the Committee that on a yearly bases there are 35 to 40 incidents of Criminal Damage to Property. Typically these incidents are done by a gang member, who posses BB Guns, however when stopped by the police an arrest can not be made for the possession of the BB Gun because they are of legal age. Now with this ordinance the officers would be able to cite these individuals for not having a BB Gun in a locked compartment in the vehicle. The BB Gun can not be taken from them if a stop is made unless the officer has Probable Cause.

Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly to approve Ordinance 09-O-0024 – Amendment to ordinance Chapter 11, Article II, Division 10 concerning guns and weapons. Voting Yea: Alderman Connelly and Alderman Radkiewicz. Voting Nay: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Monroe, and Fuesting.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Nuisance Trapper Animal Agreement

Chief Goncher explained that this would be an agreement between the City and On Target Wildlife Control to refer residents to them. There will be a fee at the expense of the resident.

Chairmen Chassee informed Chief Goncher there is no need for a resolution however it is recommended that this agreement be publicized broadly in the City newsletter and make the residents aware of this service and rates.

Chief Goncher will pursue the agreement with On Target and the City Administrator Michael Guttman.

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 March.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Connelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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