

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 18, 2024  
204 PULASKI ROAD, CALUMET CITY,  
ILLINOIS

CALL TO ORDER      The Special Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.  
by Chairman Ramonde Williams.

ROLL CALL

YEAS:                6      ALDERMEN: Navarrete, Tillman, Williams, Gardner, Patton, Smith

ABSENT:            1      ALDERMEN: Wilson

Also present were City Clerk Dr. Figgs, City Treasurer Tarka, Deputy Clerk I Jessica Coffee, Deputy Clerk II Quentin Dailey, Police Chief Kolosh, Assistant Police Chief Black, Assistant Police Chief Kwiatowski, Fire Chief Bachert.

Public Comment                Charles Garcia 1545 Burnham Ave President of School District 157 commented regarding the need for crossing guards in the city. Mr. Garcia commented on the risks students take crossing the streets coming to and from school. Mr. Garcia thanked the council for supporting Schrum Memorial Middle Schools 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team.

Chairman Williams                Public Safety Chairman deviated from the regular order of business for a  
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Business                        presentation from the ESDA Director Kenny Jones

ESDA Presentation                ESDA Director Kenny Jones presented a spreadsheet to the council detailing the  
By Kenny Jones                        dailey duties of ESDA officers. Director Jones commented on a Trauma Care training taken with the Police Department. Director Jones listed ESDA employee job functions; which include securing City Hall, Calumet City Library, Markham Courthouse runs, and providing assistance to Calumet City Police and Fire Departments when needed.

Crossing Guard                        There was a detailed discussion of the crossing guard contract. The topics  
Safety Plan                                discussed were liability, costs, and fiscal responsibilities.

Police Chief Kolosh                Police Chief Kolosh commented on the liabilities Crossing Guard Services would take if they were hired to provide crossing guards in Calumet City.

Alderman Patton                        Alderman Patton commented on the importance of having a meeting with Calumet City School Boards and Attorney Stillman before making a decision regarding contracting with Crossing Guard Services.

Table Crossing  
Guard Services Safety  
Plan

The city council tabled Crossing Guard Services Safety Plan.

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Fire Chief Bachert

Fire Chief Bachert reported on the hiring of three new firefighters/paramedics. Chief Bachert commented on the goal of having 54 employees in the Fire Department. Chief Bachert announced that Prairie State is offering a free Firefighter and Paramedic course; each certification is a semester long. Chief Bachert reported that a request for a new Ambulance will be on the April 25, 2024 agenda that is not expected to be delivered until 2026 due to a back log.

Chief of Police Report

Police Chief Kevin Kolosh gave a report regarding crime in the City of Calumet City for 2024. Chief Kolosh reported 3 homicides, a 252% increase in recovered firearms, shooting incidents are down 24% in 2024, 2 reported car jackings, car thefts have decreased, retail theft has increased, there has been 2,201 traffic stops in 2024 thus far. Police Chief Kolosh concluded his report by informing the council that citations are down 24%.

Police Summer  
Plan

Assistant Chief Kwiatowski presented the Calumet City Police Summer Plan and gave details regarding the goals for the Police Officers biking around the city.

Police Departments  
New Technology

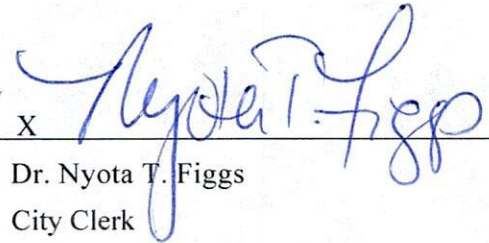
Assistant Chief Black reported on the new devices, and cameras that have been placed around the city to help prevent crime.

Adjournment

Adjournment was at 7:39p.m. on a motion made by Alderman Smith seconded by Alderman Gardner.

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Dr. Nyota T. Figgs  
City Clerk