

**POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Chairman McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall. Committee members in attendance: Aldermen John Galan. Alderman Poteraske was absent.

Staff members in attendance: Chief of Police Robert Pavelchik, Deputy Chief David Skala, Deputy Chief John Cooper and Sgt. Gerry Piccoli

Guest/Residents in attendance: Kevin Monaghan, 7509 Norman Drive, Darien
Steve Hynek, 2200 Black Swan, Darien.

2. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Galan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting; the motion was seconded by Chairman McIvor. Minutes approved by a voice vote of two ayes.

3. Communications

There were no communications.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

a. Darien Dash

Chief Pavelchik informed the Committee that the Darien Chamber of Commerce is requesting street closures and City assistance for the 11th Annual Darien Dash, Sunday May 15th, 8:00 a.m. The Chief added that this year's Dash will be expanded to include a 10K run and will require additional police staffing and public works assistance as 67th Street will need to be closed for a short period of time. Mr. Steve Hynek is a Darien resident and President of the Darien Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hynek told the Committee that he has been working with City staff as the 10K run expansion of the Darien Dash is a new venture. Mr. Hynek said the Chamber recognizes that there may be increased City expense this year and that the Chamber is prepared to cover those expenses. He also said that notification of affected neighbors is a primary concern of the Chamber.

Alderman Galan made a motion, seconded by Chairman McIvor, to authorize the street closures for the 2011 Darien Dash as outlined in the Agenda Memo. Motion carried by a voice vote of two ayes. This item will be placed on the March 21, 2011 City agenda.

6. Department Report

a. Overview of Monthly Statistics

Deputy Chief Skala briefed the Committee on the police department's activities since the February 3rd Police Committee Meeting. Skala indicated that the "schedule 5 work with 4"

staffing method has been in effect for 1 full patrol month. During that 28 patrol month, 3 shifts occur for 24 hour coverage so in essence 84 8 hour shifts occurred. During those 84 shifts, 13 were reduced from 5 officers to 4 officers due to sick call. The sick calls were divided evenly between the three time periods, 5 on day watch, 4 on afternoon watch, and 4 on midnight watch. Skala added that on one occasion with 4 officers working a non-emergency call was held for 45 minutes. He said that 10 hours of overtime were hired by the supervisors on occasions when an extra officer was needed. The net effect was 13 8-hour shifts not filled with overtime and 10 hours overtime hired. Alderman Galan commented that this data for a one month period is certainly just a snapshot of information, information that we will keep collecting and reviewing.

Deputy Chief Skala also told the committee that burglaries to motor vehicle continue to occur and that Darien has been impacted by a national organization that is breaking into cars with the specific intent to steal people's personal identifiers for identify theft.

7. Public Comment

Alderman Galan asked the police staff about the funding matrix for DU-COMM. Staff indicated that Darien's DU-COMM cost is a per officer cost, based on 37 sworn officers for Darien.

Kevin Monaghan told the Committee that he had heard from a resident that there had been a shooting in Darien near Country Lane, that he FOIA'd information from the police department and he demanded to know what was going on with that and why a press release was not issued. Chief Pavelchik told Monaghan that this incident is currently being investigated by detectives and as with a previous aggravated battery a press release was released after the investigation when the arrests occurred. The Chief added that there is a balance between conducting a fair and effective investigation versus releasing information in the press.

8. Next Meeting Date

Chairman McIvor announced that the next Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m., motion by Alderman Galan, second by Chairman McIvor, motion carried by voice vote of two ayes.

Minutes Submitted by: Chief Robert Pavelchik

Approved: _____
Date

Alderman: _____
John Galan

Chairman: _____
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: _____
John Poteraske