



**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
FIRE/POLICE COMMISSION
City Hall
8 North Elmhurst Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2019 at 4PM**

CALL TO ORDER - At 4:07 PM, Commissioner Meyer called to order the Regular Meeting of the Fire Police Commission at City Hall, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Road, IL 60070.

ROLL CALL Deputy Clerk Schultheis called roll. A quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT - Chairman Hoffman (arrived at 4:11 PM), Commissioners - Fiorito and Meyer

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT – Police Chief Zawlocki, Police Community Liaison Batten, Deputy Police Chief Porlier, and Deputy Clerk Schultheis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Meyer moved to approve the August 28, 2019 Regular meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Fiorito. There was unanimous approval.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays

Motion carried 3 - 0

CLOSED SESSION – If needed – None requested

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Action on Executive Items, if required

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the Impact of the new cannabis laws - Chief Zawlocki said that the Mayor has asked for an Ad Hoc Cannabis Committee to decide whether or not the City should opt

in or out of sales of cannabis. It was noted that the City can only back out of sales of cannabis not allowing its use and growing it, if the State allows it. Commissioner Meyer said that the City had to look at zoning parameters.

There was discussion regarding the need to act quickly. There are already municipalities that are vying for the finite number of cannabis sales licenses from the State. Commissioner Meyer said that the issue was not only revenue versus non-revenue; but the impact to the Police Department. He asked if there were reliable tests for cannabis influence, and there will be more underage experimenting.

Chief Zawlocki noted that there would be a burden on the Police Department to train and detect cannabis influence. The Prospect Heights Police Officer that had been in charge of Drug Awareness was Officer Skeet, and he is no longer with the City. Officer Garza is currently training. There is also a question as to whether there will be revenue from any tickets that are given for cannabis, as they might be challenged.

Chairman Hoffman said that there is a lot of uncertainty and that the City will need to conduct a study. She also brought to the attention of the Commission the use of marijuana by senior citizens for pain management and sleep. She noted that the City must be able to control the use.

Police Community Liaison Batten said that there needs to be a teenage awareness program to make certain that minors do not use the drug.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE - Police Chief Zawlocki said that this is Railroad Safety Week, and that Officers Deol and Coglianese have been riding the trains teaching railroad safety. They have been awarding water bottles to commuters who answer questions correctly. They ride to Union Station and back.

Officer Lange and Detective Caponigro did active shooter training at Olive Tree Congregation using nerf guns. The Police did the same training at St. Alphonsus last year.

October 2nd is "Coffee with a Cop" from 7 AM to 9 AM – giving the residents an opportunity to speak with the Police.

Part-time Officer Eric Lundt will be retired. He has been a Part-Time officer from 2012 to now. The Police Department will be looking for a new Part-Time officer.

Police Community Liaison Batten said that there will be a new club that is sponsored by the Police called the "Girls Club." Officer Garza, Zitkus and Police Community Liaison will be running it after school hours starting October 17. There will be discussions and outings. It will be the third Thursday of every month in the afternoon. The initial enrollment is hoped to be 10 – this is oriented toward middle school and high school girls.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

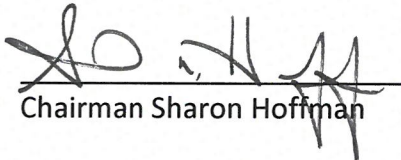
NEXT REGULAR MEETING – October 30, 2019 at City Hall Council Chambers, 8 North Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070 at 4 PM - Due to lack of pending business, the Commission has decided to cancel this meeting. The next regular meeting following the cancelled meeting is set for November 27, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT - At 4:36 PM, Commissioner Meyer moved to Adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Fiorito. There was unanimous approval.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes, no nays

Motion carried 3 - 0

Approved by the Fire Police Commission of Prospect Heights on this the 21st day of November, 2019.



Chairman Sharon Hoffman