

Public Safety Commission Meeting

October 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Per the City Attorney, since there was no quorum, recommendations made by the Commission are not to be considered by the Board of Aldermen. Those who attended, discussed the following:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bobby Smith, Jeff Lofton, John Koester (Acting Chairman)

Visitors: Alderman Shirley Paro, Sgt. Thompson, Sgt. Herndon

Old Business:

Police Report: There was a discussion about calls for service and the number of shots fired. A discussion continued about the Police Department's manpower situation. The conclusion was the department is short staffed and will remain so until contract negotiations and funding issues are settled.

There was no report from the fire department.

Prop P: There was some discussion on how Prop P funds should be allocated. Without definite information on the amount, the Board recommended 80% of the money should be allocated to personnel costs. Police and the Board of Aldermen will have to make precise decisions once the funds are in the City's hands.

November 7TH Election: The Riverview Fire Department has a tax increase on the upcoming election ballot. If passed, the increased funds would provide a certified paramedic at each firehouse and a dedicated ambulance service for the district. The Board has no consensus on this issue. We recommend the voters investigate the proposal and make their own decisions.

New Business:

Several members of the public want more to be done to prevent speeding in residential areas. They have researched various types of speed bumps. The Board suggested having residents, on their streets, sign a petition and present it to their respective Alderpersons.

The meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 25, 2018.

John Koester, Acting Chairman and Secretary