

Public safety meeting

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2014

Mayor's conference room

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rivera at 3:18

Members in attendance 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman Stacy Szukala, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman Michael Michalski also present 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman Adelino Gonzalez, Sue Chapone from the Buffalo News, Gib Snyder from the Observer, Chief of Police David Ortolono, Lieutenant Timmerman, Officer Hazeltine and Jason Schrantz from Barts Cove. Missing Fire Chief Keith Ahlstrom.

Chair Rivera asks Chief Ortolono for some updates. Chief explains we are in the middle of STEP program our click it or ticket campaign which includes school zone enforcement. We also had a traffic stop zone to reminding people to put seat belts on. Also writing a lot of cell phone tickets. Memorial Day weekend is the kick off for a lot of these campaigns.

Chief begins to explain that lieutenant Timmerman and Officer Hazeltine have brought up in meetings the need the department has for equipment in case the department has a situation where they have someone in the water in distress. The department currently has no equipment in any of the cars for such situation. Chief continues to explain that as soon as Barts Cove found out of the need they responded quickly offering to buy equipment needed. Barts has purchased four throw bags and two life jackets. Chief thanks Jason Schrantz from Barts Cove for their much appreciated donation. Chief goes on to explain the importance of having this equipment and point out the increase in public safety we will now have access to in the City. Chief Ortolono again thanks Barts Cove and Jason Schrantz for what they have done for the City. Chair Rivera and other City officials continue to Thank Jason Schrantz and Barts Cove for the donation. Councilman Gonzalez asks if the Officers have been trained to use the equipment. Chief continues to explain that multiple times he has ended up in the water in which these tools would have come in handy. Chief continues to explain. Lieutenant Timmerman and Officer Hazeltine both explain throw bags will be kept in each car. Chair Rivera again thanks Barts Cove. Council woman Szukala asks Chair Rivera to write a letter of thanks to Barts Cove on behalf of the Public Safety Committee. Chair Rivera agrees to do so. Chair Rivera closes again with thanking Jason Schrantz from Barts Cove and excuses Lieutenant Timmerman, Officer Hazeltine and Jason Schrantz to have pictures taken.

Chair Rivera asks Chief if there is anything else that he has to report. Chief explains the patrol begin to change with the summer months and that Memorial Day parade went off with no incident yesterday. Chief notes there were more people than he recalls seeing in recent years. Chief continues to say his guys did a great job setting up for the parade and handling traffic control. Chair Rivera knocks on the table to agree and thanks the Chief.

Chair Rivera moves on and explains that he was unable to get a hold of Fire Chief Ahlstrom to make sure he would be attending the meeting. Chair Rivera also explains that Animal Control Officer Steve Purol was in contact with him and that at the last minute a situation in which he must take care of will make it so he is unable to attend.

Councilman Michalski brings up a concern of the motorized scooters that are becoming more and more prevalent in the City. Councilman believes that we need to bring it up at the next meeting and alludes to the situation that the Council may have to address. Chief Ortolono states that there is some information that he can look into to address the situation and will look into it for future discussion. Councilwoman Szukala also state the the shopping carts are becoming an issue again and suggests we reach out to the local businesses and ask them to put out another educational piece to remind them about the carts that it is illegal for them to remove them in the City.

At this point Chair Rivera asks for a motion to approve Februarys meeting minutes. The motion is made by Councilwoman Szukala and second by councilman Michalski.

Chair Rivera asks if there is anything else new news to report or if there is anything else that anyone wants to discuss. Group declines.

At this point Chair Rivera asks for a motion to end the meeting. Stacy motions and Mike seconds to end the meeting at 3:36pm.