

**POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2012**

**Call to Order**

Chairman McIvor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Darien City Hall. In attendance: Chairman McIvor, Alderman Poteraske and Alderman Seifert, Chief Brown, Deputy Chief John Cooper, Administrator Vana.

**Public Comment and Communications**

There were no public comment or communications presented.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the October 4, 2012 Police Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

**Community Youth Engagement – DARE Alternatives**

Staff advised during the 12-3-12 Council meeting there was a general discussion on the staff's plan to develop alternatives to DARE. Chief Brown explained that he has met with the local schools and the alternatives to DARE are still being discussed and developed. Chief Brown advised that he has set another meeting with the schools on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to discuss alternatives in more detail. The concept explained by the Chief is for the police department to continue a community engagement program in the schools and that the program will not include drug resistance. The Chief noted that studies show that our current program is not successful in reducing drug use. He is recommending that the schools adopt a drug resistance program that research shows is effective. The committee requested that the next police committee meeting be postponed until the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting is held.

**Crossing Guard – District 61**

As background, staff advised that at the police committee meeting on May 3, 2012, the committee discussed a proposal from the Andy Frain company to provide crossing guard services. The committee asked why we pay for the crossing guards for district 61 crossings. I advised that we have paid for the crossing guards historically but I am not aware of any intergovernmental agreement covering this. We do not pay for crossing guards for districts 63, 66, or private schools. The committee asked that, prior to any decision on the Andy Frain proposal, I contact the school district asking that they not take over the crossing guard services. Since the committee is a sub group of the city council I advised the full city council as well. I recently sent Bob Carlo a reminder of this and he presented it to the school board. A representative of district 61 may attended the 12-3-12 city council meeting to address the crossing guard issue. A representative from District 61 school board stated that if the city eliminates the crossing guard funding at the end of the fiscal year then there would be a 30 day period with no crossing guard and school in session. The consensus was that the committee did not want there to be a void in crossing guard coverage for that period. The committee unanimously approves a recommendation that the city provide crossing guard services for the 30 day gap period. The committee discussed the equity in providing this service to only one school district. The issue of funding the crossing guards for the next school year will be further discussed during budget meetings.

**Ordinance Review – Solicitors**

Staff advised that they received an email from a resident asking to change the city code regarding solicitors’ hours to make sure solicitors are not going house to house when it is dark outside. The committee unanimously approved a recommendation to amend the code by making it illegal to solicit later than 7:00pm.

**Criminal Analyst Position**

Staff advised that one year ago, the Darien Police Department began using statistics to identify criminal activity in the community to properly allocate resources and communicate patterns to residents. The City of Darien Police Department has identified the need to establish a position responsible for compiling statistics and analyzing data with the detectives to continue this practice and insure it is used effectively. A copy of the proposed job description was reviewed. Chief Brown recommended the best option is to designate one of the records department positions, as one employee has the skill set and background necessary to be capable of filling this position. The job is more complex and requires a higher level of skill, education and training than other records positions. Due to the greater requirements, we propose a higher step schedule for the position, with a range of \$43,000 - \$58,050, from the records current schedule of \$39,488 - \$53,308. This job would be included in MAP Darien Police Civilian Employees Chapter #147. The position will need to work from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to coordinate with the detectives and command staff, who will work closely with the position. The committee unanimously approved the recommendation by Chief Brown.

**Police Overtime Review**

Staff reviewed an outline regarding police overtime and how the department is monitoring and improving the management of overtime expense

**Adjournment**

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joerg Seifert

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sylvia McIvor

Alderman: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Poteraske