

## Public Safety Commission Meeting

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Ed Meier, Juanita Best, Jim Christian, Jeff Lofton, John Koester, Alderman Shirley Paro

**Absent:** Barbara West, Bob Smith

**Visitors:** Cpl. Kaltenbach, BNPD

### Old Business:

The police department had no updates from the previous meeting. The Riverview Fire Department has not taken any action on a proposal to close one of the district's firehouses.

### New Business:

There was a discussion on how the city's share of Proposition P funds would be allocated. The funds will not be put in the budget until the end of the year. At that time, the city will have a better idea of how much money will actually be available. The funds can be allocated for police and "public safety" with no definition of what public safety involves.

There was more discussion on the state of the Police Department. The Department is short several officers, with no replacements in the near future. Our department's salary structure is among the lowest in North Saint Louis County. Until the various issues are resolved, the police department will continue to be short staffed.

There was a discussion of when and where the street improvements will start. The work will start later in the year. The contractor's may be putting up door hangers on the affected streets shortly before the work starts. Continued discussion about loud parties in City parks. The police can verbally tell people to 'keep it down', but unless residents are willing to sign a complaint, the police cannot issue a summons. This led to a discussion about resident's involvement. Until and unless the residents are willing to take an active part in their neighborhood, these nuisance activities will continue.

A 'heads up' reminder for everyone: Schools will be out in a couple of days so there will be more kids on the streets. Also, shooting fireworks is against the law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22nd.

John Koester, Acting Secretary