

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF LADUE, MISSOURI

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2022

A regular meeting of the Ladue Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was held on Monday, December 5th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at Ladue Police Department Conference Room, 9345 Clayton Road, and via ZOOM.

Members Present:

Col. William Francis Jr., Chairman

Mr. John Schaperkotter

Mr. John P. Stupp

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann

Mr. J. Rush James IV

Also present: Mayor Spewak, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Fire Chief Steven Lynn, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, and Ms. Stacey Mann, City Clerk.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Stupp.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hermann moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2022, minutes as presented, upon second by Commissioner Schaperkotter the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Holbrook, President of St. Louis Country Club, addressed the Board seeking guidance on allowed traffic calming devices in Ladue. Mr. Holbrook explained that the country club has attempted to address speeding through a variety of methods including installing stop signs; however, the only course of action they found to be effective was the installation of temporary speed bumps, which by Ladue ordinance is prohibited. Mr. Holbrook requested that the Board evaluate these concerns, and possibly allow for the speed bumps to be installed during peak months, or between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Fire Chief Lynn explained that speed bumps can cause damage to the fire trucks, but furthermore, can affect paramedics, and patient care, when traveling across speed bumps during emergency situations.

Chairman Francis moved to form an ad-hoc committee to review possible amendments to the code to allow traffic calming devices, with second by Mr. Hermann the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Francis stated that more information needed to be gathered, and the language will need to be specific and detailed.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDING ARTICLE II BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

City Clerk, Stacey Mann, stated that while reviewing the ordinance, many of the practices and policies listed were outdated or no longer applicable. Ms. Mann added that under the advisement of the City Attorney, a more detailed definition of the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners be included within the ordinance.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to take this matter up at a special meeting in January 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report Review

Chief Lynn added the following to his report:

- There was a lifesaving event in late November, where paramedics revived a patient who had gone into cardiac arrest. The paramedics, engineers, and staff will receive a lifesaving award at the December 12, 2022, City Council meeting.

Chief Lynn provided a power point presentation on the “quint” concept. Chief Lynn stated that this concept has been under review the past 16 months, and that it is the ideal concept for suburban departments. Chief Lynn stated that in order to take delivery in 2025, an order must be placed in 2023. Chief Lynn added that specialized training and certification would be necessary prior to receiving the truck, which is estimated to be around \$10,000.00. Other costs to consider with the purchase of the truck would be an increase of about \$15,000 to the maintenance budget line.

Upon discussion, the Board was supportive of the purchase of the quint fire concept, if the budget were to allow for an increase in costs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report Review

Chief Andreski added the following to his report:

- Auto Theft Task Force has proven to be a successful partnership, following 93 stops of suspicious vehicles or persons on December 2, 2022.
- Accident at Conway and Warson where a drunk driver hit a police vehicle, which has been determined by insurance to be a total loss.
- The 2023 budget provided for increases to the pay scale for the police department, which would place Ladue in the top 25th percentile of local municipalities. Chief Andreski would be updating flyers and marketing information to include updated pay.

Chief Andreski explained the use of “stop sticks”, and how they would be beneficial to the department to safely and quickly end automotive pursuits. Chief Andreski added that other municipalities use this method and have found success.

Chief Andreski stated that the costs were relatively low and can be worked into the present year budget.

Commissioner Hermann moved to approve the purchase and use of stop sticks by the Ladue Police Department, with second by Mr. Stupp the motion passed unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hermann and second by Commissioner Schaperkotter, following a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



Stacey Mann
City Clerk