



MINUTES
Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room, 10th Floor City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Kost called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

PRESENT

Council Member Ryan Kost, Chair
Council Member Trini Pehlivanoglu, Vice Chair- excused
Council Member Peter Spadafore, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Captain Pratl LPD
Brett Kaschinske, Parks Director

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPADAFORE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

PRESENTATION

All-Terrain Vehicle Activity in the City Parks

Council Member Kost noted there have been several complaints about ATV in the parks, and a problem in the City. He asked if LPD and Parks to speak to what the City is doing to solve the issue.

Mr. Kaschinske stated that as far as what Parks and Recreation is doing; they have mobile cameras in place. They need to know where the complaints are coming from, because once the ATV is in motion that is difficult. In terms of outlets, these are more popular, but there are places where they can be ridden off road, Oakland County does have its own park. This could be something to bring up with Ingham County for a County park, but if in the City it would be a further discussion because it does create noise, question the operating hours, cost of construction and maintain. Mr. Kaschinske noted this outlines many options in the future for the outlet for them. There is an assumption that if there is a location, they will engage in that area. Gier Park, Poxson Park, Fulton along Grand River are general areas where they are seen, but people are also seeing them on the River Trail exactly. The message he wanted out to the residents is that the City is aware, and what the City needs is where are they being seen, starting etc.

Captain Pratl acknowledged the complaints earlier this summer in Poxson Park, but the question is what policy is in place. If they are going by LPD, and do not stop, they are not chasing them. What they

need is data on a pattern when calls come in so they know when to be at the park to witness it for a time frame when they are in the park. What the LPD is doing, is at Poxson Park where there are no CPO assigned, but another officer has asked for 30 minutes of other officers to be at Poxson Park for patrol. There is a motor unit there during the day time hours, and with zero-tolerance. If locate them, a common issue is registration, and if not registered they can confiscate. The LPD is struggling when with they seem them, and they flee. When they do get catch them, they find them and cite them, and confiscate them.

Council Member Spadafore asked if it has gotten worse since Eaton County changed their law. Council Member Kost noted that Clinton and Eaton allow the side-by-side vehicles. There was an issue at Bancroft park with go-carts, but they have not been back since they were reported to LPD. The big concern with residents is the noise. Council Member Kost acknowledged they cannot chase it down because it becomes dangerous. He noted their time and assured them they would have further discussions about a park area in Ingham County.

OTHER

Council Member Kost asked OCA about looking at parking enforcement for a car parked for longer than 48 hours. Ms. Hagen-Lawrence noted there is a discussion on parking on a street without registration, and it is a theme lately with junk cars without registration. There has to be notification, 48 hours, etc., but the City can amend the ordinance to make it a civil infraction. This would be expired tabs, no plates, parked wrong. The drafting of this is still being looked into, is the plan on how to address. Council Member Kost affirmed with leadership, is to draft the ordinance into this.

Council Member Spadafore noted also an ordinance for EV parking spots and there needs to be an ordinance for parking fines on those locations.

ADJOURN

Adjourned 4:13 p.m.

Submitted by

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on October 8, 2024