

City of Chicago
District Council Meeting Minutes 018
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Public Meeting
Meeting Date: 10/22/2024
Meeting Location: Wintrust Bank, 100 W. North Avenue
Meeting Start Time: 5:00pm (Councilor Kessler called meeting to order)

Attendance and Quorum:

Chair:	Councilor	Brad Kessler	Present
Community Engagement:	Councilor	Karen Kane	Present
Nominating Committee:	Councilor	Robert Johnson	Present

Quorum: YES

Councilor Kessler called motion to **approve** the below listed meeting minutes:

September 24, 2024 regular monthly meeting

Councilor Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the September 24 Regular Public Meeting has been properly approved and accepted.

Councilor Kessler called motion to approve the date change for the December regular monthly public meeting from December 24th to December 17th.

Council Kane voted YES

Councilor Johnson voted YES

The “Yes” stands and the date change has been properly approved and accepted.

Councilor Kessler acknowledged and thanked members of the CCPSA for their attendance: Charlie Isaacs, Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Navarijo, and Commissioner Gotlieb.

Councilor Kessler Introduced Alderman Brian Hopkins.

Guest Speaker Alderman Brian Hopkins

- Provided an introduction to his position as the Chair of Public Safety in the city council.
- Alderman Hopkins stated:
 - His support for law enforcement and court system that provides consequences for criminals.
 - His support for funding CPD
 - His desire to have more discussion re shotspotter and why a tool wasn’t already identified prior to eliminating the contract.
 - His support for chaperone policies that require 18+ year olds to chaperone minors at various stores and venues.
- Alderman Hopkins displayed the use of a prototype dart that he proposes to be used and funded for tracking GPS coordinates of an offender’s vehicle.

Public Questions for Alderman Brian Hopkins

- Public Commenter: Requested speed bumps to reduce irresponsible driving and wants more enforcement for having leashes on dogs. Commented that dog bites on children are up by 20%.
- Public Commenter: Asked the alderman to provide a bottom-up approach for safety and not a top-down approach.
 - Ald. Stated that State’s Attorney Foxx raised the retail theft limits and stores felt that the time and effort to pursue criminal charges was not worth it.
- Public Commenter: What is going on with Inn of Chicago?
 - Ald: He would like the inn of Chicago to be closed from being a migrant shelter.
- Public Commenter voiced opposition to policies that require unaccompanied minors to have chaperones.
 - Ald: Supports having the chaperone policy.

Councilor Kessler Update

- Shared the retail theft two pages flyer.

Councilor Kane Update

- Provided an update on the CCPSA quarterly meeting
- Described that the General Order is being worked on that will require a Commander/Captain to be in attendance at their respective council meeting. We are fortunate that the 18th District Commander and Captain have fully supported attended in our meetings from the beginning, but that is not the situation across the city with other district councils and commanders.

Councilor Johnson Update

- The general order draft is on the CCPSA website.
- Thank you to the commission members for attending this council meeting.
- Working on the commissioner open positions for a westside attorney.
- Renamed the Safety Collaboration Task Force.

Q/A with Commander Barz

- Robbery and Burglary remain high priorities.
- Tickets for unleashed dogs and speed crimes are not #1 priorities based on limited resources. But if there is a date/time that a dog is unleashed, let CPD know, and they will send an officer. Commander Barz has had CPS issue tickets to scooters. Motor vehicles, and any vehicles, need to comply with the rules of the road laws.
- Entertainment Tactical Team has been successful according to Commander Barz.
- There needs to be continued collaboration between community, CPD, and businesses to ensure good neighbors.

Public Comment

- Public Commenter: scooters are out of control. A speed limit should be electronically installed. Stop signs need to be optimized and tickets given.
- Public Commenter: Lives at 1201 N. Clark. What can be done about obscene behaviors?
- Public Commenter: Scooters are a problem; they don't seem to have lights. Gangs seems to be present at the NW corner of Chicago/State. Heard gun shots on division last night.
- Public Commenter: Recommends working with state reps to get speed under control on Lake Shore Drive.
- Public Commenter: Police are doing the best they can do. Unleashed dogs should be ticketed though.
- Public Commenter: Why can't we find funding for more police officers? Bikes, scooters not following the law is so frustrating. Can't we ticket them?
- Public Commenter: Noise in Chicago is out of hand. Our city ranks #2 in noise.

- Public Commenter: Theft and drugs are a major issue near Clark/Division, and police are trying to address it. But Streeterville is #1 for theft – one car is stolen every 29 hours. Can the council create a plan/coalition to address this theft problem?

17 December next meeting, Location Moody's Church.

Councilor Kessler made motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned @ 6:30PM