

**CITY OF ROOSEVELT PARK
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2009**

Mayor Lenartowicz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2009-001 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Jeff Lenartowicz, Mayor Pro Tem Rod Buikema, Council Members Laura Fitzpatrick, Eric Grimm, David Martin and Judy VanWesten (Council Member VanWesten entered meeting at 5:40pm)

Absent: Council Member Al Lowe

Staff Present: City Manager Dave Boehm and Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen

2009-002 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

2009-003 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Buikema moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was supported by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

2009-004 **UPDATE FROM CHIEF SHAW**

Dan Shaw, Chief of Police for the City of Norton Shores reviewed with Council calls for service and other data for Roosevelt Park's Police Department for the past year. He provided Council copies of reports showing all activity within the City. Reports included patrol planning (which shows when activity was highest according to time of day), citizen calls for service (broken down by days and hours), and a summary of activity by quarter provided by the City Police Clerk.

Mayor Lenartowicz asked Chief Shaw about the current arrangements with the City. Chief Shaw stated things were fine only a few minor issues. Mayor Lenartowicz asked Chief Shaw how this arrangement would work on a permanent basis. Chief Shaw stated a direct line of supervision/authority would be something needed if this was going to continue. He stated the department needs either a Chief or to be under complete supervision from another police agency. Both MCOLES and the insurance arm of the MML have indicated concerns over the current contractual arrangement.

2009-005 **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

After Chief Shaw's presentation Council took a brief recess and then began a lengthy round table discussion on available options to providing leadership in the Police Department and providing policing services to the community. After serious consideration of several options and alternatives it was agreed to investigate an "interim" arrangement for Police Chief that would provide the Council additional time to evaluate all long-range options and resolve the concerns expressed by Chief Shaw, as to the current contractual relationship with Norton Shores.

2009-006

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member VanWesten moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was supported by Mayor Pro Tem Buikema and carried unanimously.

Treasurer/Clerk Tammera Harmsen