



City Council

Public Safety

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Thursday, September 6, 2018

12:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

12:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 6, 2018 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Timothy Ryan		Excused	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Recent violence

Chairman Hurst asked the Commissioner if there was any correlation between the recent spike of violence and the opening of MGM. Commissioner Barbieri stated that the recent homicides are targeted and not random. There are a lot of officers on the street and extra duty that are paid by MGM. There will be an academy graduating in October with 32 new officers, 10 will go to Metro Unit, 22 to uniform. The Gaming Commission has their own crime analyst and if there is any increase in crime or emergency medical, ect. then we can apply for mitigation funds through the State. The police kiosks are staffed during peak times.

IV. Body Cameras

Commissioner Barbieri stated that body cameras are a priority and it is has been approved in the contract. The first step is hiring a consultant. This process needs to be done right and proper training. An RFP will go out to hire the consultant. The consultant will work with the Police Department on the best practices.

V. Posthumous Promotion of Lt. Robert Caulton to Captain

Chairman Hurst stated he sponsored a Resolve urging for the posthumous promotion of Lt. Robert Caulton to Captain. He is looking for the City Council to support this request. He asked Atty. Davis to research the actual process and steps for this to be achieved.

Commissioner Barbieri stated that this would open a pandora's box, if you do for one then there will be many others to follow. Promotions are through Civil Service and it is not as easy as just doing it but Commissioner Barbieri said it will be looked at fairly. He will not speak at the City Council meeting because as Commissioner he will not get into the politics of the issue.

Chairman Hurst reiterated that the goal is to have Lt. Caulton promoted.