

# POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Sunset Hills Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be via Zoom video meeting.

Sunset Hills is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Police Advisory Board 1/26

Time: Jan 26, 2022 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 857 5755 2051

Passcode: 917793

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 2.I. PABminutesOCT21

Documents:

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3. Light And Siren Equipment For New PD Vehicles

Documents:

[LIGHTSSIRENSDOC.PDF](#)

4. CAR DOOR HANDLE ORDINANCE

- 4.I. Door Handle Ordinance Doc

Documents:

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5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE
6. OTHER MATTERS
7. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES**  
**SUNSET HILLS POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

October 19, 2021

6:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelly Snyder, Ald. Christine Lieber, Ald. Randy Epperson, Jesse Finney, Steve Kruse

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Stephen Dodge, PO Greg Schnittker

**MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 meeting by Ald. Randy Epperson and the motion was seconded by Ald. Christine Lieber. The motion passed unanimously.

PO Greg Schnittker gave an update on community engagements activities. PO Greg Schnittker coordinated with the Crestwood Police Department to co-host the Cops and Bobber event that occurred on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Halloween safety presentations are scheduled for St Lucas preschool on October 25 and 26, 2021 along with a Trunk or Treat event at Resurrection Church on October 31, 2021.

Alderman Randy Epperson advised the board of the proposed Prop P funding designated to the Police Department. The proposed funding would be for the amount of \$100,000.00 and restricted to the Police Department. The funding would only be used for non-budgeted equipment. A vote for was taken on the proposal. The vote passed unanimously and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Chief Dodge spoke on a proposed Communications Pay Grade Matrix. The Pay Grade Matrix would bring several of the Dispatchers to a higher step in pay to keep in line with other area agency Dispatch pay. A vote was taken on the proposal. The vote passed unanimously and the recommendation will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Epperson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ald. Lieber. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 08, 2022

**REVIEWALS:**

Chief of Police-Completed

Police Advisory Board-Completed

City Administrator-Completed

**SUBJECT:** Police SUV Equipment Purchases

**LIST OF ATTACHED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**

Quote from Emergency Vehicle Services

Quote from Ed Roehr Safety Equipment

Quote from Public Safety Upfitters

Missouri State Bids for Reference

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$8,493.11 for Federal Signal Valor Light Bars, Pathfinder Siren/Lighting Control Devices, Sirens, Mounts and Exterior LED Front & Rear Emergency Lighting

This amount was not originally budget in 2022 Capital Accounts (see further below):

05-6000-9205-Equipment

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The funds requested were not put into the 2022 budget initially. Instead at the time the budget numbers were submitted a total of \$17,000 was submitted in the 2023 Capital Improvements section for SIX new sets of emergency light bars, siren/light controllers, sirens mounts and small front & rear LED emergency lights. However, since that submission the following factors make it much more prudent to replace half of this equipment when new vehicles are being set up later in 2022:

- 1) The equipment being replaced was made by Code 3 based in Maryland Heights almost 13 years ago. Normal life expectancy on this equipment is about 10 years. Plans for replacement have been moved back previously due to other more pressing budget needs.
- 2) After our budget numbers for 2022 were submitted there have been breakdowns of 2 of our current siren/light controllers and one of the light bars. When attempts were made to obtain parts and/or repair service we were told that Code 3 no longer provides either as technology in these types of devices has progressed so far it was not economically feasible for the company to continue maintaining outdated devices. In-house, we were able to replace one siren/light controller with the last spare we had and make a repair to the other device that is clearly not going to be long lasting. The latter is also true for the light bar repair that was made.
- 3) It is statutorily necessary that any police vehicle to be operated in an emergency manner must have both working emergency lights and an operational siren. Right now if any of our vehicles have breakdowns in these devices it will be very problematical that repairs can be made in order for the vehicle to remain in service.

- 4) The owner of the company that has done the installation of equipment in our vehicles has worked with our PD for about 20 years. He pointed out during this year's process (after initial budgeting was done) that it would really not be economically prudent to replace all 6 of the light bars and siren/light bar equipment in one year. With only a couple exceptions the PD has replaced 3 of the marked vehicles every year. This is by far the most prudent time to install the new equipment. It would be unnecessarily costly to retrofit the 3 vehicles not being replaced in 2023 with the new equipment compared to just doing 3 of them during replacement in 2022 and then the other 3 in 2023.
- 5) The funds requested are based on the lowest of 3 written bids received and is from Ed Roehr Safety Equipment. Note also that this bid is significantly lower than the costs as quoted for the same equipment in a 2022 Missouri State Contract.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on information presented, staff recommends purchase of the proposed vehicles and equipment.

**MEETING HISTORY:**

None prior

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-17 OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS WITH RESPECT TO TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that section 17-17 of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances requires revision to amend the code language regarding the ordinance violation for tampering with a motor vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 17-17 of the Code of Ordinances shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Sec. 17-17 Tampering with motor vehicle of another.**

(a) No person shall operate, use or tamper with a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner thereof.

(b) It shall be unlawful to tamper with the motor vehicle of another for the purpose of attempting to steal a motor vehicle or its contents. The act of tampering includes lifting door handles or otherwise trying the doors or locks of motor vehicles that are not owned by the individual. It shall not be a violation of this ordinance to lift the door locks of a motor vehicle by the owner of the property where the motor vehicle is parked.

(c) It shall be unlawful to enter the motor vehicle of another without the permission of the owner of the motor vehicle. It shall not be a violation of this ordinance for the owner of property to enter a motor vehicle parked thereon.

Section 2. The provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect in the event the City or the third party Municipal Code codification company the City engages makes non-substantive changes to the language herein contained or section numbers herein referenced.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word(s) of his ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the Board of Aldermen without incorporation in the ordinance of any such unconstitutional or invalid portion of this ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022

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*MAYOR*

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022

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*MAYOR*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*CITY CLERK/CITY ADMINISTRATOR*