

MINUTES



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Monday, January 28, 2013  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center  
Aldermanic Library

**Present:** Alderman Wynne Alderman Rainey  
Alderman Wilson Alderman Burrus  
Alderman Holmes Alderman Fiske  
Alderman Tendam Alderman Braithwaite  
Alderman Grover

**Others Present:** Ken Cox Assistant City Attorney, Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, Joe McRae Deputy City Manager, Richard Eddington, Chief of Police

**Presiding:** Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 10:07 p.m.

**Security**

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated there were a lot of issues going on concerning public safety, so he asked Chief Eddington to come and bring the Council up to date on the progress of the various issues.

Police Chief Eddington presented a handout to the Council concerning the Evanston Homicide Report dating from 1980 – Present. The following issues were presented:

- 1) Mr. Sam Haman whose concerned about Police raids, and he stated they are in no way out to hurt dogs, but if the dog is in a confined space their options are limited, if the dog is outside the options are better, and inside a home the options are once again limited.
- 2) Innuendos and accusations made by John Bamberg Sr. concerning the Police conduct during his son John Bamberg, Jr. The Chief said he contacted an outside source to review the case to see if there were any discrepancies and there were none.
- 3) There are several crime investigations that Mr. Bamberg brought, but Chief Eddington addressed many of those issues at the 5<sup>th</sup> ward meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Henry (grandparents of Jabar Bamberg). He explained to them that the wounds that Jabar received were non-revivable. A crime scene is not designated

as such, until the Firemen run a strip and then send to the hospital and the Doctor declares a death as he/she announces there are no vital signs.

- 4) They discovered Jabar had several phones but John Bamberg, Sr. hasn't given the Police the phones to look at them.
- 5) All of the investigations are moving along, as well as the homicide of Justin Murray and others are all interconnected.
- 6) The firearm involved in the house shooting was discovered in Skokie
- 7) Dante has been removed from St. Francis to a rehab facility in the City under a pseudo name to protect the family's identity. He is in a difficult shape but is willing to testify, Dante was in a coma for some time.
- 8) There is a case downstate that will play a role in the Murray case that will help witnesses to come forward.
- 9) The shooting at the Palmer House was also an Evanston related incident.

Mr. Bobkiewicz asked what the ongoing prognosis was for the investigations. Chief Eddington stated they are working closely with the State Attorney's Office to get Dante Blackwell's statement before he may possibly die. He is also looking into John Bamberg's criminal enterprises in DuPage County where he rolled over on someone that allowed him to walk away from the criminal charge against him.

Meeting ended at 10:34 pm.

Submitted by,  
Hon. Rodney Greene, City Clerk