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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

November 8, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Present: R. Báez, J. Connolly, M. Bufano, C. Brockington, L. Collins, J. Marano, S. Palladino, M. Caruso, P. Del-Debbio, N. Rosario

Absent: M. Ali, J. Grell, M. Morris, J. Mondello

Guests: R. Bieder, Asst. Chief Gurley, Deputy Inspector Orellana, M. Pearson, Det. H. Rivera, A. Rosario, J. O'Donnell, M. Hollister

R. Baez introduced our guest speaker, Assistant Chief Gurley. Chief Gurley leads the Bronx Borough Patrol. Chief Gurley discussed the issues with smoke stops and how enforcement is not necessarily with NYPD at the present time. There are roughly 1500 smoke shops. The police can enforce the issues surrounding smoke shops such as a quality-of-life matter. There are four locations under the nuisance abatement operation. There are also “buys” in several locations. According to Deputy Inspector Orellana, there are roughly twenty to thirty smoke shops in the district. There were two recent robberies. We are currently down 25 police officers. Out of the last two classes, the precinct received 17 officers. The precinct is up for the year in crime which is mostly attributed to grand larceny auto. The headcount is currently at 179 police officers. There was much discussion on smoke shops, enforcement and lack thereof, the possible installation of multiple cameras to surveil car robberies and the size of future police classes where the Bronx will receive its fair share.

J. O'Donnell presented again the Penn Station Access project which includes the Co-op City train station from the New Rochelle Yard Project. It will reduce commutes to midtown by as much as 50 minutes. It will bring Amtrak's Hell Gate to a state of good repair. There will be improvements to storm water management. Main entrance will be on De Reimer Avenue. The entire station is on Erskine Place. The station development will begin next month. The digital presentation will be kept at the board office.

The meeting closed at roughly 9 P.M. by an unanimous vote of adjournment.