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### Line of Duty Illness or Injury Leave of Absence

Today's Council agenda included an officer's request to extend their Line of Duty Illness or Injury Leave of Absence. This is afforded to Civil Service employees through Local Government Code 143.073(a) after the City has provided leave related to the person's illness or injury when the leave surpasses a one year period.

It is unusual for the need to address an employee related matter in a public hearing. However, the Local Government Code stipulates that a request to extend paid leave status be presented before our municipal governing body. That said, today's decision by Council approved the request to extend the administrative leave with pay for an additional four months.

We are thankful for the many difficult decisions that our Mayor and Council members have to make. We will continue to support our officer. The well-being of the women and men who serve remains a priority, as is protecting our community.

Chief Marcus Dudley Jr.



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