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Police chief in Green Tree will not be disciplined for conduct during investigation

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Green Tree officials said they will not pursue disciplinary action against police Chief Andrew Lisiecki for his conduct while on prostitution detail last month.

Council Monday voted unanimously not to discipline the chief based on a determination by District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala Jr., said Councilman Ed Schenck, who chairs the public safety committee.

In the letter to Pittsburgh Police Chief Nate Harper and the Allegheny County Chiefs of Police Association, Mr. Zappala said prior cases have determined that it is not necessarily inappropriate for police officers to take off their clothes during such investigations.

Media reports and a criminal complaint said the chief took off his clothes during an undercover investigation during a sting operation Sept. 9 at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh -- Green Tree.

Mr. Schenck said council and the police department should review all options available for training in prostitution investigations and should establish a policy.

Mr. Lisiecki said Green Tree officers may train together with police departments in Moon, Monroeville and Pittsburgh because those communities face similar challenges with prostitution.

He declined further comment.

Council President Mark Sampogna said there were 52 prostitution-related arrests in Green Tree during the past 21 months.

"Prostitutes operate in our community, and our residents and hotel management do not want them," he said.