

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: LOWER LEVEL TRAINING ROOM – CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Hanna, Surek, Bowers, Rindfleisch

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderman Wangemann

GUESTS PRESENT: Ryan Sazama, Lt Schafhauser, ACA Adams, Alderman Heidemann, Alderperson Montemayor, Alderman Gischia, Alderman Bohren, Alderman Dekker, Alderperson Kath, Chief Hermann, Mayor Ryan, Tom Rice, and DC Butler

Call to order – The twenty-first meeting of the 2009-10 Public Protection & Safety Committee. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Alderperson Hanna.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from February 24, 2010 meeting.

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

- 1. R.O. No. 440-09-10 (23-16)** from Tom Ries of GEARGRINDERS Cycling and Alan Rudnick, President of the Harbor Centre BID, requesting permission to hold the GEARGRINDER sponsored Bike Race on June 22 in conjunction with Harbor Centre Family Day and requesting various street closures. Motion made to approve by Alderman Rindfleisch, seconded by Alderman Bowers. All ayes.
- 2. R.O. No. 442-09-10 (23-20)** a petition from various residents in the area of Camelot Blvd stating that they are against Jeffrey Konaha, a sex offender, living at 2113 Camelot Blvd for safety reasons. There is a bus stop close to this area and there are numerous children in the area. There is also a park in the vicinity of this offender. Konaha did not have to come through the Committee because he met the requirements of the ordinance to live in this residence. There may be some confusion as to who actually lived in the residence when Konaha established residency. The Police Department will check into this matter. Motion to hold made by Alderman Rindfleisch, seconded by Alderman Bowers. All ayes.
- 3. R.O. No. 443-09-10 (23-21)** by the Fire Chief, submitting the EMS Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Report of departmental activity for the period commencing October 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009. Deputy Chief Butler spoke. Call times are excellent. Average response is about three minutes for ambulance. No major problem areas have been noted. Motion made by Alderman Rindfleisch to file, seconded by Alderman Surek. All ayes.

4. **R.C. No. 449-09-10 (23-33)** Your Committee to whom was referred R. C. No. 413-09-10 by Salaries and Grievances and Res. No. 152-09-10 by Alderpersons Kittelson, Bouck, Gischia, Kath and Heidemann lifting the hiring freeze in order to hire three (3) Firefighters/Paramedics in the Sheboygan Fire Department; recommends that the Substitute Resolution be passed. Alderman Rindfleisch explained he is opposed to closing Station 5 because it is a route around the train tracks and is close to the industrial park. The City is expanding south so it should be protected. Chief Herman explained his salary budget for 2010 is 8 percent lower than 2009. Chief believes with a rescue pumper and several additional employees, he can probably eliminate almost all overtime. By closing a station, vehicles need to be updated more frequently, so long term this will be another expense. The two reasons Station 5 was built was early detection and the number of firefighters south of Pennsylvania Ave was limited. Alderman Bohren has spoken with Terry Hanson about a report Terry Hanson is preparing about the City getting out of the ambulance service and how it could affect the City. Chief Herman stated a decision needs to be made now, as it will cost more overtime by delaying this decision. Alderman Gischia stated waiting for a report is a stall on a decision that is critical. Motion made by Alderman Surek to hire four firefighters and keep Station 5 open. Seconded by Alderman Rindfleisch. Alderman Bowers voted no. Approved.
5. **R.O. No. 427-09-10 (22-21)** from Glen Pilling stating what information is needed from the Fire Department before intelligent staffing decisions can be made. This was previously a held item. Glen spoke about concerns he had with Fire Department matters, including the future purchase of a fire truck. Motion to file made by Alderman Rindfleisch, seconded by Alderman Surek. All ayes.
6. **R.O. No. 441-09-10 (23-17)** from the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections to file an appeal to the Sex Offender Residency restrictions on behalf of State inmate Martinez Wallace. Motion to hold made by Alderman Rindfleisch, seconded by Alderman Surek. All ayes.
7. **R. O. No. 444-09-10 (23-42)** from Elmer J. Schneider requesting a waiver of the Sex Offender residency restrictions. Alderman Bowers made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Surek. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

MATTERS TO HOLD

R.C. No. 417-09-10 (21-19) Your Committee to whom was referred Gen. Ord. No. 53-09-10 by Alderperson Hanna repealing and recreating Article VI Division 3 of Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code so as to update the smoke detector ordinance and require specific types of smoke alarms; recommends that the attached Substitute Ordinance be passed.

MARK HANNA – CHAIRMAN

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