

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, June 29, 2011

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lower Level Training Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Kittelson, Dekker, Sampson, Carlson, and VanAkkeren

Call to order – The fifth meeting of the 2011-12 Public Protection & Safety Committee
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kittelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Approval of the minutes of the Public Protection and Safety Committee meeting from June 15, 2011. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.

- 1. Com. No. 4-11-12 (6-20)** submitting a communication from Carol Reineking stating her concerns regarding parking on the corner of N. 27th Pl. and Geele Ave. Carol Reineking was present and spoke about her concerns. Steve Gilbertson (Department of Public Works) advised that he looked at the area. He explained that the problem appears to involve vehicles parking within fifteen feet of the crosswalk. Assistant City Attorney Adams suggested that Ms. Reineking could call in if vehicles are closer than fifteen feet to the crosswalk. Ryan Sazama (City Engineer) advised he could speak to the supervisor of the community service officers. Captain Veesser (Police Department) encouraged Ms. Reineking to call the department when she sees violations. Alderperson Sampson moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Carlson. All aye – motion passed.
- 2. R. O. No. 87-11-12 (6-24)** submitting a communication from Nick Crneckiy stating his concerns regarding traffic safety at the intersection of N. 9th St. and New York Ave. Steve Gilbertson reported that he measured the distance from the parking spot to the crosswalk and it is 25, which is well within the established guidelines. Alderperson Dekker moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
- 3. R. O. No. 88-11-12 (6-42)** submitting a communication from Gloria Karstaedt, 2306 Erie Ave., requesting removal of the “no truck” sign and the snow emergency sign in front of her home. Gloria Karstaedt was present and spoke about her difficulty in mowing the grass due to the number of signs, trees, and a telephone pole on her property. Steve Gilbertson advised that he looked at the area and the truck sign could possibly be moved to a different location. The snow emergency sign needs to remain at the beginning of the block. ACA Adams advised that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices needs to be checked and followed. Alderperson VanAkkeren requested that the truck sign be relocated to take care of part of the problem. The snow emergency sign may have to remain in its current location. Alderperson VanAkkeren moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding eliminating the on-street handicapped parking zone on the west side of S. 11th Street south of Union Ave, as it is no longer needed. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve an ordinance eliminating the on street handicap parking zone on the west side of S. 11th Street south of Union Ave. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
5. Discussion and possible action on allowing sex offenders who have been granted a waiver to the sexual offender residency ordinance so as to be permitted to reside at a Department of Corrections Temporary Living Placement (TLP) to be permitted to move freely from one TLP to another without the need for a further waiver. ACA Adams suggested that Item 5 and Item 6 be discussed at the same time, as either one ordinance or the other should be passed – not both. Item 5 was discussed with Item 6. ACA Adams reiterated that it would be inconsistent to approve both ordinances. In both cases a (5) was added to the exceptions in Sec. 70-263, which provides the exceptions to which designated offenders don't need to get the waiver. ACA Adams explained both proposed amendments. Josh Butzen and Vicki Seibel-Garvey were present for the Department of Corrections. Discussion continued, including concerns as to how the information for offenders placed at a TLP would come through the committee. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve an ordinance including the exceptions in discussion item 5. All aye – motion passed. Chairperson Kittelson expressed a concern regarding further consideration of discussion item 6. Alderperson VanAkkeren moved to reconsider #5 to allow the Chairman to amend her vote if she so chooses. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. Discussion continued with additional clarification being provided by ACA Adams as to the exception provided by each of the two proposed amendments. The motion to reconsider failed 0 – 5.
6. Discussion and possible action on amending the sexual offender residency ordinance to allow sex offenders to move to and reside at Department of Corrections Temporary Living Placement (TLP) facilities without the need for a waiver. Item 6 was discussed with Item 5 above. The motion to approve the ordinance providing the exception included in discussion item 5 passed, 5 – 0.
7. **R. O. No. 88-11-12 (6-26)** from Josh Butzen, of the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections, requesting a waiver of the Sex Offender Residency restrictions on behalf of Brian Christel, for TLP placement at 1123/1125 N. 14th St. or 930A Michigan Ave. depending on availability. Josh Butzen was present. After discussion, Alderperson Dekker moved to approve placement at a TLP. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
8. **R. O. No. 90-11-12 (6-44)** from Ronald Savela Jr. requesting a waiver of the Sex Offender Residency restrictions in order to reside at 1127 N. 8th St. Jodi VanderWeele, Mr. Savela's sister, was present. After discussion, Alderperson Dekker moved to grant him the waiver to move to 1127 N. 8th Street. Seconded by Alderperson Kittelson. Motion passed 4 (Carlson, Dekker, Kittelson, Sampson) to 1 (VanAkkeren.)

Next meeting date: July 13, 2011

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

JEAN KITTELSON – CHAIRMAN

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