

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2010

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Conference Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderpersons Kittelson, Montemayor, Sampson and Dekker

MEMBER EXCUSED: Alderperson Heidemann

GUESTS PRESENT: Alderpersons Bowers, Hammond, Roeseler, and Versey

Call to order – The twelfth meeting of the 2010-11 Public Protection & Safety Committee
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 September 29, 2010. Alderperson Montemayor moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

2. Discussion and possible action – budget reviews:

Fire Department: Chief Hermann provided a recap of the proposed 2011 fire department budget, noting that actual operating expenses, not including employee costs, have been reduced 3.8%. This would include station costs, utilities, vehicle maintenance, and fuel. The Chief pointed out a number of accounts in the Fire Services budget that were combined into one line item and reduced. In the Ambulance fund it was noted that overtime was reduced. Discussion took place regarding the Executive Summary compiled by the City Finance Department. Alderperson Dekker suggested that the committee review actual 2010 numbers versus the budgeted amounts before a recommendation is made. Alderperson Montemayor moved to hold. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. Chief Hermann noted that a schedule of potential fees was submitted with the budget and suggested that discussion take place at some point as it would have an effect on the budget.

Emergency Operations Center: Chief Hermann advised that the center is located in the fire station. The budgeted amount is for telephone service.

Motion to hold passed – all ayes.

Building Inspection Department: Steve Sokolowski and Chad Pelishek were present. Mr. Sokolowski noted that employee health insurance accounted for the biggest increase in the budget. Mr. Pelishek noted that layoffs that took place in December 2009 were not reflected in the 2010 budgeted amount. Alderperson Montemayor moved to

hold. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. Mr. Pelishek noted that in order to keep the Building Inspection Department at its current staffing, more positions were funded with Community Development Block Grant dollars. The Housing Inspector position will be funded 100% from CDBG in 2011 which is up from 50% in 2010, and a Building Inspector position will be funded at 50% from CDBG. Mr. Pelishek also reported that revenues this year are tracking upwards from what was projected. Motion to hold passed – all ayes. Chad Pelishek advised that the Environmental Health section of the Building Inspection Department budget increased from 2010 to 2011. This is due to the fact that the Weights and Measures person was laid off, the City is contracting with the State, and the State has indicated new costs for 2011.

3. **Com. No. 37-10-11 (11-21)** from Joell Lamb requesting that winter parking signs, no parking this side of street from December 1 to April 1, be posted on the north side of Bell Ave. from N. 3rd to N. 13th St. Steve Gilbertson of DPW reported that about 25% of those surveyed responded. Mr. Gilbertson advised that going back to no parking from December 1 to April 1 would cause plowing operations to be ineffective and snow and ice build up on one side of the street may cause more problems. He indicated that of the responses received, the majority were against the parking request. He suggested that some problems could be alleviated if the residents utilized their driveways and alleys more for parking. He recommended that the documents be filed. Joell Lamb was present. She spoke about her concerns as a Transit driver, as well as concerns that emergency vehicles do not have room to get through. After further discussion, Alderperson Montemayor moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
1. Recognition of Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) by Chief Domagalski. Chief Domagalski spoke about the involvement of the volunteers in the community, the hours they have put in, and their activities. He stressed the importance of the program. The Chief presented certificates to the volunteers for their hours of service. Chairperson Kittelson thanked the volunteers on behalf of the committee.
4. **Com. No. 42-10-11 (13-15)** from Vicki McDermott stating that nothing has been done at 1010 N. 9th St. regarding cutting the grass, old garbage and house in disrepair. Vicki McDermott and Barb Houseye were present. Alderperson Kittelson reviewed Assistant City Attorney Adams' comments indicating that the owner, Tou Lee, has been cited for violations and will continue to be cited. As unpaid fines increase, the City will have more options for foreclosing on the liens, but this is a lengthy process. Ms. McDermott and Ms. Houseye spoke about their concerns with children in the house and the condition of the house. Chad Pelishek explained that he followed up with the Building Inspection Department and found that they have been sending letters weekly addressing numerous issues and issuing citations for the building code violations. Chief Domagalski advised that there is an RFP to hire a consultant to help the City address these issues through new processes. The Chief and Alderperson Kittelson encouraged Ms. McDermott to continue to call the appropriate City departments as problems occur. Alderperson Montemayor moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
5. **Com. No. 43-10-11 (13-16)** from Steve Maruszewski regarding concerns about the condition of the public areas in the vicinity of Rivers Edge Condominiums on N. Water St. Alderperson Dekker advised that this was discussed in the Public Works Committee. The

Public Works Committee will work with the condo association to resolve the issues. Alderperson Dekker moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.

6. **Gen. Ord. No. 27-10-11 (12-42)** by Alderperson Kittelson relating to loading zones so as to add a loading zone on the south side of Michigan Ave. Alderperson Montemayor moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. All aye – motion passed.
7. **R. O. No. 240-10-11 (13-22)** from Donna Wendlandt, President of the Sheboygan County YMCA, requesting permission to hold a 10K run and 2-mile walk/run on Thursday, November 25, 2010. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Montemayor. All aye – motion passed.
8. **Res. No. 110-10-11 (13-40)** granting the YMCA permission to hold their Thanksgiving Day Run on the streets of the City of Sheboygan. Alderperson Dekker moved to approve. Seconded by Alderperson Montemayor. All aye – motion passed.
9. **R. O. No. 241-10-11 (13-23)** from Alderperson Bouck being an article from The New Yorker titled “Annals of Public Policy Troublemakers What pit bulls can teach us about profiling.” Alderperson Montemayor moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. All aye – motion passed.
10. **(13-51)** submitting a petition from various citizens asking that the Common Council vote “no” to Gen. Ord. No. 28-10-11 that would create a section in the Municipal Code so as to place restrictions on dangerous and vicious dogs in general as well as certain breeds deemed to be dangerous. Alderperson Montemayor moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. All aye – motion passed.
11. **R. O. No. 239-10-11 (13-55)** from Sandy Halvorsen, Finance Department Cashier, expressing her concerns about the “Vicious Dog” Municipal Ordinance. Alderperson Montemayor moved to file. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. All aye – motion passed.
12. **R. O. No. 242-10-11 (13-25)** submitting a request for a waiver of the Sexual Offender Residency restrictions for Tavis Heiberger. Tavis Heiberger was present. Mr. Heiberger is living at 1436 N. 46th Street and requesting to move to 737 N. Evans Street. After review, Alderperson Montemayor moved to grant the waiver. Seconded by Alderperson Sampson. Motion passed – 3 (Kittelson, Montemayor, Sampson) to 1 (Dekker.)
13. **R. O. No. 237-10-11 (13-46)** submitting an application from Gary Lee Sohn for a waiver of the Sexual Offender Residency restrictions. Mr. Sohn was present and explained that he recently moved to 1927 N. 11th Street from 1935 N. 11th Street. When he reported the change of address he learned from the probation office that he needed to file for a waiver. After review, Alderperson Montemayor moved to grant the waiver. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. All aye – motion passed.
14. **R. O. No. 238-10-11 (13-47)** submitting an application from Matthew Hildebrand for a waiver of the Sexual Offender Residency restrictions. Matthew Hildebrand was present. He is currently living in TLP housing at 150 N. Main, West Bend, and requesting to move to an apartment complex in Sheboygan. After review, Alderperson Montemayor moved to

deny. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. Motion to deny passed 3 (Dekker, Montemayor, Sampson) to 1 (Kittelton.)

15. Discussion and possible action – budget reviews:

Police Department: Chief Domagalski provided information to the committee recapping strategic goals including community outreach efforts, implementing information systems, and allocation of resources. He spoke about the highlights of the budget and the impact of the Executive Summary. The loss of people will cause service changes. The Chief reviewed the table of organization and the changes during the past two years. He explained possible reductions in the detective division, records division, and dispatch center. A chart was provided showing the sworn strength with the department for the last 20 years. The Chief reviewed the resolution authorizing his department to apply for a Community Oriented Policing Services grant. He pointed out that the purpose of the grant is to supplement current efforts, not to supplant. The police department has not yet accepted the grant award, pending a decision from the Mayor and committee. The City has approximately 70 days remaining to make the decision. Alderperson Kittelson suggested that the committee withhold recommendation until the additional information is received from the Finance Committee. Discussion continued regarding the community's expectations of police services. Alderperson Montemayor moved to hold. Seconded by Alderperson Dekker. All aye – motion passed.

Next meeting date: October 27, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

JEAN KITTELSON – CHAIRMAN

MARILYN MONTEMAYOR – VICE CHAIRMAN

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