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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Aron Wisneski
Vice Chairman Gregory Holding
Robert Mozol
Jim Kaplan
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker*

Monday, January 23, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Aron Wisneski, Gregory Holding, Robert Mozol, Jim Kaplan and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2012 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Kaplan.

12-7246

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to donate a surplus rescue squad to a local law enforcement agency. (Res. 12-2927)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to donate a surplus rescue squad to the Village of Mount Pleasant and the City Attorney's Office execute a hold harmless agreement.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Hansen appeared. He informed committee members this is the oldest rescue squad and they wanted to donate it to the Village of Mount Pleasant to use as their crime scene vehicle. He stated they would work with the City Attorney's Office to execute a hold harmless agreement.

Recommended For Approval

12-7266

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to waive formal bidding, authorizing and directing the Purchasing Agent to negotiate the purchase of a 2012 fire department ambulance from Foster Coach/Medtec of Sterling, Illinois. (Res. 12-2928)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: That permission be granted to waive formal bidding and the authorize and direct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Foster Coach, of Sterling, Illinois on the purchase of a 2012 Ford/Medtec ambulance.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in the 2012 budget under account 992-300-5010.

Chief Hansen appeared and informed committee members that the 15 year old vehicle is definitely in need of being replaced. He stated there is no other dealership closer that can provide this type of vehicle. He is requesting permission to waive formal bidding, and authorize and direct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Foster Coach, of Sterling, Illinois on the purchase of a 2012 Ford/Medtec ambulance.

Recommended For Approval

[12-7264](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Mario Aranda Sr., Agent for The Club, 1244 Washington Avenue, regarding recent incidents at the establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: That the item be deferred until the February 13, 2012 meeting.

Deferred

[12-7263](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Gerald Bester, Agent for Gerald's Smokehouse, 1501 Washington Avenue, regarding recent incidents at the establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: That the item be received and filed and the City Clerk submit a communication to the Transit and Parking Commission to discuss changes to Uptown Lot #1, located at 1422 Ann Street.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Bester appeared and explained some of the incidents on the history report to committee members. He stated that he disputed about 4 of the 8 as they were "crowd control" calls and he didn't feel that should be associated with his establishment. He informed the committee that he wanted the same things that they were looking for. He states he employees 15 security guards and 3 off-duty police officers. He stated they started closing down @ 1:30a.m. because it takes them about 45 minutes to get the patrons out. He stated that he would like to see more enforcement from the police. Mr. Bester also wanted it known that they are still primarily a restaurant.

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker asked what steps had he taken since the last meeting when he appeared before the committee. Alderman Mozol suggested some changes to Mr. Bester like changing the age limit, limiting the number of patrons allowed.

After much discussion, the committee and Mr. Bester both agreed that they felt this lot should be changed to no overnight parking, the same as Uptown lot 5 in the area of 13th Street and Washington Avenue. It was determined that the City Clerk would enter a new communication from the Chairman of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee to the Transit and Parking Committee to meet requesting to change

Uptown Lot #1 located at 1422 Ann Street to the same restrictions as Uptown Lot #5 which is located at 1300 Washington Avenue. It was also requested that Alderman Wisneski and Alderman Shields be included on the item.

Alderman Holding made a motion seconded by Alderman Kaplan to receive and file the item. Motion carried.

Received and Filed

Alderman Holding arrived @ 6:10p.m. and took his seat.

[12-7286](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC Reports for 1-23-12.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: That the Owner/Agent of The Boiler Room, 5200 Washington Avenue be requested to appear at the next meeting and the balance of the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[11-6784](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Clerk requesting the committee look at implementing a policy to deal with late renewals for various licenses issued through the City Clerk's Office.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-22-11: That the item be deferred until the City Clerk and the City Attorney can check into the matter further.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-23-12: The communication be received and filed as the City Clerk will work with the Attorney's Office and implement any changes through municipal ordinance.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.