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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Aldersperson Steve Smetana
Aldersperson Sandy Weidner
Aldersperson Carrie Glenn
Aldersperson Maurice Horton

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Aldersperson Smetana, Aldersperson Weidner, Aldersperson Glenn and Aldersperson Horton

Approval of Minutes for the November 27, 2018 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman Smetana, Seconded by Alderman Glen.

to Approve the Minutes

[1277-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Osyed Salem, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-11-18: That the request of the the committee for the appearance of Osyed Salem, applicant for an Operator's License, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The applicant Osyed Salem did not appear before the committee. The applicant was disqualified under policy guidelines for having substantially related offenses, and providing a false statement on a license application. Based on all of the above and the applicant's failure to demonstrate sufficient evidence of rehabilitation, the committee moved to deny the applicant of receiving an operator's license.

Recommended For Denial

[1278-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Michael Mooney, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-11-18: Request of the Committee for the appearance of Michael Mooney, applicant for an Operator's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Michael Mooney appeared before the committee to discuss his Operator's License application. Mr. Mooney explained that he was confused about the conviction questions on the application and that he was not intentionally trying to have any false statements on his license application. Due to the Public Safety and Licensing meeting schedule during the next month, the committee moved to approve contingent on Mr. Mooney providing a letter to the City Clerk's Office proving competent evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness to receive an Operators License before final approval at the December 18 Common Council meeting.

Recommended For Approval

[0674-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 314 10th St.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 6-26-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 314 10th St, be deferred until August 28th, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-25-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 314 10th St, be deferred for 60 days.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-11-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 314 10th St, be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Alderman from the 1st District stated that there have not been any recent incidents or safety concerns with this property and receiving and filing this item would be appropriate at this time.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0675-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 516 11th St, including 1047 Villa St.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 6-26-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the

number of police calls for the property located at 516 11th St., be deferred until August 28th, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-25-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 516 11th St., be deferred for 60 days.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-11-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 516 11th St., be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Alderman from the 1st District stated that there have not been any recent incidents or safety concerns with this property and receiving and filing this item would be appropriate at this time.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[1273-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting an update to the guidelines adopted by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee relating to arrests and conviction records in the context of licensing, in order to comply with recent changes in state law.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-11-18: That the communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting an update to the guidelines adopted by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee relating to arrests and conviction records in the context of licensing, in order to comply with recent changes in state law, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Arn explained that changes need to be made to the guidelines that have been adopted by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, in order to keep up with state law changes. The committee asked for the wording under "Evidence of Rehabilitation or Fitness" be changed to clearly indicated that if (a) and (b) are provided, that alone is sufficient evidence of rehabilitation. Attorney Arn stated that the appropriate verbiage would be added. The committee then requested that the changes to the appeals process be made clear to the entire council.

Recommended For Approval

[1250-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent

submitting bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, November 28, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-11-18: That the item be received and filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$15,440.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[1280-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report for December 11, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-11-18: That the Licensed Premise Report for December 11, 2018 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Webb stated there was nothing significant to report.

Received and Filed

A motion was made by Ald. Smetana, seconded by Ald. Coe, that the Committee move into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Ald. Coe, Aye; Ald. Smetana, Aye; Ald. Weidner, No; Ald. Glenn, No; Ald. Horton, Aye.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(d), for the purpose of considering strategy for crime detection or prevention.

[0859-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that the Common Council order the Chief of Police direct that all first offense possession of marijuana violations be issued civil ordinance citations as opposed to being referred for criminal charges.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-28-18: That the communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that the Common Council order the Chief of Police direct that all first offense possession of marijuana violations be issued civil ordinance citations as opposed to being referred for criminal charges, be deferred until the September 25th meeting to gather more

information on this issue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-25-18: That the communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that the Common Council order the Chief of Police direct that all first offense possession of marijuana violations be issued civil ordinance citations as opposed to being referred for criminal charges, be deferred for 30 days so that the Police Department and City Attorney's Office can gather more information on this issue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-11-18: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0860-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that Racine Ordinance section 66-261 be amended to set the forfeiture for any violations thereof to one dollar.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-28-18: That the communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that Racine Ordinance section 66-261 be amended to set the forfeiture for any violations thereof to one dollar, be deferred until the September 25th meeting to gather more information on this issue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-25-18: That the communication from the Alderperson of the Third District requesting that Racine Ordinance section 66-261 be amended to set the forfeiture for any violations thereof to one dollar, be deferred for 30 days so that the Police Department and City Attorney's Office can gather more information on this issue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-11-18: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

A motion was made by Ald. Smetana, seconded by Ald. Coe, that the Committee move back into an Open Session. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ald. Weidner, seconded by Ald. Glenn to recommend to receive and file item 0859-18. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ald. Weidner, seconded by Ald. Glenn to recommend to receive and file item 0860-18. All in favor.

Open Session

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee may return to Open Session to take action on items discussed in Closed Session.

Public Comments

No one appeared to speak for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.