

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
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Present:

Ligocki, Doom, Tikalsky, Jenson, Suess Charelston, Basco and Mayor Swadley. Suess arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Also Present:

Police Chief Leck, City Clerk Licht, Opera House Director Brehm, Callie LaPoint and Deb Byrd

Call to Order:

Jenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Communications:

None

Approval of the April 28, 2021 Public Safety Committee Minutes:

Motion by Ligocki, second by Doom to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on approving Liquor License Renewals for the period of July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Chief Leck noted that there were no issues on his end. Clerk Licht stated that the applications were all in order. Jenson asked that the renewals be put on the consent agenda for council.

Motion by Doom, second by Tikalsky to recommend that council approve the Liquor License Renewals for the period of July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on approving Outdoor Consumption Permit Renewals for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Chief Leck noted that there had been no issues in the past year with the outdoor consumption permits. Jenson asked that this item also be put on the consent agenda for the council meeting.

Motion by Ligocki, second by Suess Charelston to recommend that council approve the outdoor consumption permit renewals for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding approving a special event permit and temporary Class "B" beer license for Coffee Break Festival

Callie LaPoint presented the plan for the event. She stated that it will be like years past. There will be coffee tasting, food vendors, kids' activities as well as the sale of beer. They will be following the best practices for the temporary class b license. Chief Leck stated that the application was all in order and there have been no issues with the event in the past.

Motion by Ligocki, second by Doom to approve to recommend that council approve a special event permit and temporary Class "B" beer license for Coffee Break Festival. Motion carried 6-0 with Suess abstaining.

Discussion and possible action regarding approving a Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage License and supporting the application of a “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor Permit (Issued by the state) to the Stoughton Opera House Friends Association (SOHFA) for the premises located at 381 E Main St., Stoughton Opera House

Opera House Director Bill Brehm stated that alcohol sales will be part of the Opera House expansion into the first level of the old City Hall. He also noted that Paul Lawrence, the president of SOHFA will serve as the agent instead of himself to avoid any conflict of interest.

Motion by Doom, second by Ligocki to recommend that council approve the Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage license and support the application to the state for the liquor license. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Youth Entertainment Center Ordinance

The committee direct Chief Leck to send the ordinance to the attorney for review and bring it back to the committee in June to review his changes and refer to council.

Discussion regarding Hoel Ave Speed Data Analysis

Chief stated that there was a request for a stop sign in the area. In response to the request the speed analysis was done and showed that the average speed was 25 mph. Chief Leck stated that a stop sign between Hoel and A is not warranted.

Discussion regarding Parking on East Main Street

Deb Byrd, property owner of 917 E Main expressed her concerns about the DOT project of 51 that will eliminate street parking in front of the property she owns. She stated that she felt like the neighbors were not considered when the council discussed the plan back in 2015. She has been working with the DOT and would like to work with the City to ensure adequate parking for businesses. Jenson stated that it would be appropriate to bring this item back when there is more information about the project.

Discussion regarding Task Force’s Subcommittee on Law Enforcement Policies and Standards

Recommendations

Chief Leck discussed where the department was in each area of focus of the State Task Force Recommendations. Specifically, he addressed use of force, transparency and oversight, officer training, community engagement. He stated that Stoughton has had body cameras for years and has already met the requirements for use of force and choke holds. Ligocki stated that she would like to make the training available to the public. She added she would like to review of resources regarding police training for next meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding meeting in-person

Mayor Swadley stated that the hybrid meetings are in the works and more will come through CACP and council as soon as the technology is ready.

Adjournment:

Motion by Suess Charelston, second by Basco to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Licht, City Clerk