

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Hall of Fame Room, City Hall

Present: Greg Jenson, Kathleen Johnson, Pat O'Connor, Mayor Tim Swadley, and Police Chief Greg Leck.

Excused:

Guests: Kathy Jo Vike, David Eugster, Teressa Pellett, Bill Brehm, and Jon Lewis.

Call to Order: 6:00 pm By Mayor Swadley

Communications: Chief Leck provided an update on the hiring processes for both the Dispatcher and Police Officer recruitments and staff changes. Alderperson Johnson reported that she received a question regarding the 2 hour parking restrictions downtown and asked that it be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Old Business

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for exemption to allow outdoor amplified sound or music from Kathy Jo Vike and David Eugster of Nauti Norske.

Chief Leck provided the Committee with a draft of amendment language to Ord. 14-40 (K) (6) (b) for discussion. The committee then reviewed the draft amendment language. Chief Leck reported that he still has concerns with the draft and thought that the language would need to be reviewed by the City Attorney. Leck was concerned about enforcement provisions of the other Ordinances and whether this language would create a conflict.

Discussion then followed regarding the balance of noise issues from both a business and residential perspective. Both Eugster and Vike commented that they could live with this language and that it would be workable. Eugster commented that he would like to see the amendment approved prior to the Syttende Mai Weekend.

After further discussion, O'Connor moved to approve the amended language, contingent on review by the City Attorney. Johnson 2nd the motion. The committee asked that this be done in time to be placed on the agenda for the May 8th Council Meeting.

Motion carried: 4-0

New Business

3. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair** (this matter was taken up prior to Old Business). Motion by O'Connor, 2nd by Johnson to appoint Jenson as Chair. Motion passed 4-0. Motion by Jenson, 2nd by O'Connor to appoint Johnson as Vice-chair. Motion carried 4-0. Jensen took over meeting.

4. **Approval of Minutes: Motion by:** O'Connor, 2nd by Johnson to approve the minutes from the 3-28-18 meeting. **Motion passed:** 4-0

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Police Department Garage Space Study and recommendations.**

Chief Leck presented the Police Garage Space Study prepared by Strang, Inc. Leck first reported out on the need for police garage space and the fact that most squads

are parked outside currently, which poses significant issues to both security and ready access during the winter months. The study provided 3 options for garage space and Leck reported that option A presented the best and most cost efficient option.

Johnson questioned whether it was fiscally sound to add to the Public Safety Building and questioned if it would be better financially to look at a new building. Johnson stated that as the community grows so will the police department and we might be better off looking at a new building in a new location then putting this kind of money into a location that the PD may simply grow out of. Leck advised that this addition, and interior changes included would likely last a minimum of 5-10 years, given current growth.

After further discussion,

Motion by: O'Connor, 2nd **by** Johnson to forward proposal for Option A, to the

Finance Committee for consideration and possible placement on to the
CIP.

Motion passed: 4-0

6. Discussion and information regarding Through Streets in the City.

At the request of the previous Committee, Chief Leck made a brief presentation on Through Streets as designated in City Ordinances.

7. Discussion and information regarding Alcohol Compliance checks

Chief Leck also reported on a recent alcohol compliance check that resulted with 7 violations from 21 establishments checked. Leck reported that this is especially concerning considering previous compliance checks resulted in a much better compliance ratio. Leck reported that the compliance checks were supported through funding by a grant from the Stoughton Wellness Coalition. Teressa Pellett was present and provided information regarding the alcohol compliance check grant.

Chief Leck also informed the committee that due to recent changes in State Law, the department is unable to cite the licensee and longer for these violation that occur during a compliance check. Leck stated that the department intends to do follow up checks in the near future.

Committee member as if there could be a presentation to the Council regarding the results of the compliance checks. Leck advised that he would have Teressa Pellet, Renee Taylor, and Det. Hill make a brief presentation at the next council meeting

8. Discussion and possible action regarding approving of a Special Event and Class "B" Temporary beer & Wine Liquor License to the Stoughton Friends of the Opera House (Catfish River Music Festival)

Chief reported that the City Clerk and PD has reviewed the request and recommends approval.

Motion by: Johnson, 2nd **by** O'Connor **to approve the license.**

Motion passed: 4-0

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding approving of a Special Event and Class "B" Temporary beer & Wine Liquor License for the Stoughton Area Resource Team, Inc.**

Motion by: Johnson, 2nd **by** O'Connor **to approve the license.**

Motion passed: 4-0

10. Future Agenda items:

Downtown two hour parking regulations

Motion to adjourn:

Moved by: O'Connor, 2nd **By** Johnson **to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Leck,
Chief of Police