

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 20, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Aldermen Scott McMeans, Eric Sitkiewitz and Jill Hennessey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Tyler Martell

OTHERS PRESENT: Police Chief Tony Dick, City Engineer/DPW Director/Parks Director Valerie Mellon, Deputy Police Chief Bridget Brennan, Deputy Fire Chief Todd Blaser and Assistant City Attorney Kathleen McDaniel.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Brey at 5 p.m.

Approval of minutes from August 1, 2012 committee meeting.

Motion by Sitkiewitz, second by McMeans to approve the minutes.
Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Public Input: None

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance (12-439) to amend the deposit schedule for the Municipal Code, section 14.600 Retail Theft

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance (12-438) to amend section 14.600 (5) of the Municipal Code establishing the maximum dollar value of a retail theft permitted to be prosecuted in Municipal Court

Discussion. Motion by Brey, second by Hennessey to approve both of the ordinances. Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on Vehicle Cleanup Fee

Discussion followed. Motion by Sitkiewitz, second by McMeans to instruct the City Attorney's office to create or recreate the ordinance to make it permanent. Discussion. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on fee structure for ambulance service

Discussion. Committee did not take action. Would like someone from the city's billing service to speak to the committee.

Discussion and possible action on hardship discount for Denise L. Stamps regarding ambulance bill.

Discussion followed. Motion by Sitkiewitz, second by McMeans to forgive the balance owed per city policy. All were in favor of the motion.

Discussion and possible action on request from Deputy Police Chief Brennan to hire police positions under the COPS grant.

Discussion followed. No action was taken. There was a consensus to revisit this issue closer to the 2013 budget discussions.

Discussion and possible action on request from Police Chief Tony Dick to hire police officers.

Discussion followed. Motion by McMeans, second by Hennessey to approve the request and recommend to the Personnel Committee that these police positions be filled. All were in favor.

Discussion and possible action on converting areas of downtown parking to angled parking.

Discussion followed. Motion by Sitkiewitz, second by Hennessey to give permission to DPW to change the parking to angle on select streets and to instruct the City Attorney's Office to amend the necessary ordinances. All were in favor.

There being no further business, motion by Hennessey second by McMeans to adjourn. Discussion. All were in favor. Committee adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Chairman Jim Brey