

MINUTES
PROTECTION & WELFARE COMMITTEE
Monday, May 11, 2015
City Hall, Room 207
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Wery, Ald. Tim De Wane, Ald. Steuer, and Ald. Scannell
MEMBERS EXCUSED: None
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Leigl—Asst. City Attorney, Capt. Muraski, Green Bay Police Chief Tom Molitor, Lieutenant Ben Allen, and other interested parties.

NOTE: Item #11 was taken before item #10

1. Roll Call.

Ald. Wery, Ald. Tim De Wane, Ald. Steuer and Ald. Scannell were present.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Tim De Wane to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim De Wane and seconded by Ald. Scannell to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Application for a "Class A" Liquor License by Supermercado La Popular, LLC at 1740 E. Mason Street for the 2015-16 License Year. (Currently has beer only.)

There were no objections from the City Attorney's Office or the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD).

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Steuer to approve the application for a "Class A" Liquor License by Supermercado La Popular, LLC at 1740 E. Mason Street for the 2015-16 License Year, with the approval of the proper authorities. (Currently has beer only.) Motion carried.

5. Request by the owners of Nic's Bar & Grill, 1657 Main Street, to amend their liquor license to include an outdoor smoking deck as part of their licensed premises.

There were no objections from the City Attorney's Office or the GBPD.

Ald. Wery opened the floor without objection.

Dave Nichols, 3036 Northwood Avenue, Suamico, appeared and stated he is the owner of Nic's Bar. The deck will be located at the back of the building. The dimension will be approximately 15 x 30 feet and he has received approval from the Zoning and the Building Inspection Departments.

Ald. Wery returned to regular order of business.

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Steuer to approve the request by the owners of Nic's Bar & Grill, 1657 Main Street, to amend their liquor license to include an outdoor smoking deck as part of their licensed premises. Motion carried.

6. Request by the owner of Cool Hand Luke's Bar, 1238 State Street, to hold an outdoor event on May 16. The Common Council has granted final authority to the Protection and Welfare Committee.

There were no objections from the City Attorney's Office or the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD).

Ald. Wery opened the floor without objection.

Luke Adams, 1238 State Street, appeared and stated the area will be fenced in and security will be in place at all entrances. There will be music from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Ald. Wery returned to regular order of business.

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Steuer to approve the request by the owner of Cool Hand Luke's Bar, 1238 State Street, to hold an outdoor event on May 16. The approval of the request is subject to complaint. The Common Council has granted final authority to the Protection and Welfare Committee. Motion carried.

7. Request by the owner of the Hot Box Bar, 2056 Main Street, to hold an outdoor event on June 6, with music until midnight.

There were no objections from the City Attorney's Office or the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD).

Dana Streu, 1535 Hillcrest Heights, appeared and stated fencing and security will be in place. Capt. Muraski stated he had concerns regarding the music being played until midnight. Ms. Streu stated there will be a DJ inside the building; however there will be a speaker placed outside so the patrons can hear it too. Ms. Streu stated she would bring the speaker inside at 10:00 p.m.

Ald. Wery returned to regular order of business.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim De Wane and seconded by Ald. Scannell to approve the request by the owner of the Hot Box Bar, 2056 Main Street, to hold

an outdoor event on June 6, with music until 10:00 p.m. The approval of the request is subject to complaint. Motion carried.

8. Renewal application for a "Class B" Combination License by Funky Monkey LLC at 405 W. Walnut Street.

Atty. Leigl stated he had some questions for the licensee; however they were not notified of this meeting by accident.

Ald. Scannell inquired if they were even in business. Atty. Leigl reported that to his knowledge they weren't operating and if a business has not operated for 60 days they are subject to nonrenewal or revocation. Atty. Leigl stated he wanted to know what their intent was with the renewal.

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Steuer to postpone until the next meeting Protection and Welfare meeting, the renewal application for a "Class B" Combination License by Funky Monkey LLC at 405 W. Walnut Street. Motion carried.

9. Applications for various "Class A" and Class "B" Licenses for the 2015-2016 License Year.

There were no objections from the City Attorney's Office or the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD).

Atty. Leigl stated there may be an additional list at the next meeting as he was notified by the City Clerk's office that some businesses haven't submitted their renewal applications.

A motion was made by Ald. Scannell and seconded by Ald. Tim De Wane to approve the applications for various "Class A" and Class "B" Licenses for the 2015-2016 License Year with the approval of the proper authorities Motion carried.

10. Quarterly Report of chronic nuisance addresses, including liquor establishments, submitted by the Green Bay Police Department.

Atty. Leigl stated that some of these businesses have a higher number of calls; however if there was a traffic issue that happened in front of a business the service call would be directed at that actual address. Atty. Leigl stated the City Attorney's Office and GBPD do monitor this list and take action when a high number of incidents related to the business itself occur.

Capt. Muraski stated when a business, such as a bar, calls for police assistance the call wouldn't count against them as they are being proactive. The severity of the crime is ranked on a number scale and priority numbers are given to each call.

Ald. Steuer inquired if he can obtain a list of the problem areas that rate a high priority.

A motion was made by Ald. Steuer and seconded by Ald. Scannell to receive and place on file Quarterly Report of chronic nuisance addresses, including liquor establishments, submitted by the Green Bay Police Department. Motion carried.

11. Request by Ald. Wery for a report by the Green Bay Police Department Gang Unit regarding gang activity and the unit's strategies.

Lt. Ben Allen stated the GBPD Gang Unit was formed in 2009 and consists of 13 officers who work with law enforcement agencies from Brown County and surrounding municipalities.

A gang is described as three or more individuals with a name sign or symbol who engage in criminal activities. Some reasons for joining a gang include seeking friendship, peer pressure, access to drugs, family tradition and even the glamorization portrayed on television or the movies. The age of these individuals range from elementary school age to individuals in their 50's or 60's. They include all races and both genders.

Since 2009 there have been 50 sets of gangs identified in the area, however many are no longer active. Records from 2014 showed there are currently 12 primary active gangs, 850 individuals that are confirmed gang members, 400 suspected gang members and 239 known associates. It consists of juveniles that create trouble to organized biker gangs.

The Gang Unit focuses on intelligence gathered and received from other agencies. They also partner with community resources including Brown County Family Services, Boys and Girls Clubs, and My Brother's Keeper. These partnerships provide them the opportunity to put at risk youth on the right track by dissuading them from joining gangs and working on family issues that may exist.

The Community can collaborate to help rid gangs by building relationships through community outreach, mentoring and intervention programs. Neighbors need to get together to rid crime from the streets by contacting the GBPD with their concerns or information they have regarding gang related activity.

Chief Molitor appeared and stated being a gang member is not a crime itself; they have to commit a crime. The Gang Unit's database builds on who these individuals are and who they associate with.

Ald. Wery inquired what types of crime gangs are committing in the area. Chief Molitor replied all crimes are committed and the more organized they are the more dangerous they are. When gang activities occur a suppression unit is formed consisting of a crime detective and officers who will work to gather intelligence, interrogate these individuals, enter this information into their database and closely monitor their activities. Ald. Wery requested a list regarding gang related criminal activity from the past ten years.

The Committee stated they are grateful for the Gang Unit's members and what they are doing for the community.

A motion was made by Ald. Wery and seconded by Ald. Tim De Wane to have the GBPD produce a report regarding statistics from the past ten years of gang related crime. Motion carried.

12. Request by Staff to review, with possible action, the prior taxi cab ordinance to determine if it shall become readopted. (Postponed from the April 13, 2015 meeting)

Atty. Leigl stated that several meetings ago he distributed this ordinance and made the changes the Committee and City Clerk's office recommended. Atty. Leigl distributed a copy of this ordinance with the changes that Kurt Wipperfurth made.

Ald. Wery opened the floor without objection.

Kurt Wipperfurth, 2084 Spring Creek Circle, appeared and stated he also received a copy of the ordinance and noted where he would like to see changes made. Mr. Wipperfurth reported that he needed clarification for many things throughout the ordinance including usage and types of vehicles, insurance required, training, and inspections.

Mr. Wipperfurth stated that many cab companies cancelled their insurance and the City isn't aware of it because nobody checks this and suggested that insurance checks should be in the ordinance.

Ald. Wery suggested that Mr. Wipperfurth discuss each item on the ordinance that he wants to see changed.

Discussion that followed included: displaying insurance, raising liability insurance, rate fees listed per mile and filed with the City Clerk, and the denial process.

Atty. Leigl stated he doesn't have many objections to the changes Mr. Wipperfurth suggested.

Ald. Steuer inquired if Uber and other transportation companies can be regulated. Atty. Leigl reported that according to State statutes municipalities cannot regulate Uber.

Dave Boyce, 123 S. Quincy, appeared and inquired why taxis are regulated through the City instead of the county. Atty. Leigl replied if they pick up and drop off a passenger in Green Bay then they have to be licensed by Green Bay.

Discussion that followed included approving or denying changes Mr. Wipperfurth noted on the draft ordinance handout.

Ald. Steuer stated he would like to receive more information on the insurance verification procedure.

Mr. Wipperfurth reported that a previous ordinance stated a 30-day notice be given to Risk Management if there was a change in an insurance policy.

Mr. Wipperfurth stated he created a form for listing rates that the City Clerk's office can use to distribute.

Ald. Wery stated he agrees with the changes regarding the appeal process Mr. Wipperfurth suggested.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim De Wane and seconded by Ald. Steuer to refer back to the City Attorney's Office to make changes to the taxi cab ordinance. (Postponed from the April 13, 2015 meeting) Motion carried.

13. Request by staff to review, with possible action, the proposed ordinance relating to Mobile Food Establishments (food trucks).

Atty. Leigl stated that Green Bay is one of the most restrictive cities in the State when it comes to food trucks. The City Attorney's Office, employees and departments, as well as restaurants and downtown businesses all had input regarding this ordinance. Any ice cream trucks, hotdog carts or hand/push carts that already have a license will be exempt from this ordinance. Since the ordinance is only in its first reading revisions can still be made.

Discussion that followed included distributing copies to all Aldermen, and to review the ordinance and discusses any changes at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim De Wane and seconded by Ald. Steuer to postpone until the next Protection and Welfare meeting, the proposed ordinance relating to Mobile Food Establishments (food trucks). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Tim De Wane and seconded by Ald. Scannell to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

For all licensing issues, the Committee may potentially convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(b) and/or §19.85 (1)(f) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of considering information with respect to licensing for a person. The applicant has the right to demand that the meeting be held in open session. The applicant may also request that the meeting be held in closed session. The Committee may, thereafter, reconvene in open session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wisconsin Statutes to report any actions taken during the closed session and to consider all other matters on the agenda.

For all crime detection and prevention issues, the Committee may potentially convene in closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(d) Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. The Committee may, thereafter, reconvene in open session pursuant to §19.85(2) Wisconsin Statutes to report any actions taken during the closed session and to consider all other matters on the agenda.

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