



City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes - Final
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting Convened: 9:11 A.M.

Also Present:

Bruce Schrimpf, City Attorney's Office.
Chet Ulickey, Milwaukee Police Department.

Present 3 - Donovan, Puente, Zielinski

Excused 2 - Witkowski, Hamilton

Alderman Witkowski arrived: 9:11 A.M.

Present 4 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski, Zielinski

Excused 1 - Hamilton

1. [070918](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee relative to various licenses.

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Motion be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

2. [070956](#) Communication from the Milwaukee Police Department relating to its inspection of public passenger vehicles.

Also Present:

Chet Ulickey, Milwaukee Police Department.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

3. [070819](#) A substitute ordinance relating to parking controls in various Aldermanic Districts.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

4. [070820](#) A substitute ordinance relating to traffic controls in various Aldermanic Districts.

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski and Zielinski

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Alderman Hamilton arrived 9:34 A.M.

Present 5 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski, Zielinski, Hamilton

5. [070951](#) Resolution amending Common Council File Number 070701, relating to the Law Enforcement Special Assignment Grant Agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Donovan, Puente, Witkowski, Zielinski and Hamilton

No 0

- 5a. [041157](#) A substitute ordinance relating to policy for acceptance of grants for additional law enforcement services.

Also Present:

Deputy Inspector Mary Hoerig, Milwaukee Police Department.

Alderman Willie Wade, 7th Aldermanic District.

Alderman Robert Bauman, 4 Aldermanic District.

John Balcerzak, Milwaukee Police Association.

Thomas Fischer, Milwaukee Police Association.

Alderman Willie Wade appeared at the table as lead sponsor of Common Council File #041157, Substitute 3 to respond to questions.

Alderman Wade commented that one of the main purposes for the ordinance was to address the raising costs associated with police overtime. He continued that on occasion officers are sent to liquor establishments to address various issues; this often results in

high costs for extensive overtime hours.

According to Alderman Wade implementation of this legislation would not only address the issue of how to pay the continually rising overtime costs but possibly limit many of the issues that occur in liquor establishments before they get out of control.

Members of the Public Safety Committee requested a City Attorney Opinion regarding the city's overall liability and more specifically the chief's liability when she chooses to deny a grant for police services.

John Balcerzak, President, Milwaukee Police Association, commented that the difference between the current agreement with Miller Park and the proposed ordinance is that the ordinance does not include a memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Balcerzak also expressed concerns about the city's liability, supervision of officers, increased overtime, pay for officer investigations when problems or allegations occur and an increase in the number of investigations of officers. He also commented that community organizations should be included.

Alderman Wade submitted a letter from Police Officer Michael S. Murphy, which included 148 signatures of officers in support of this legislation.

Mr. Balcerzak commented that the signatures did not represent the majority of the 1700 officers in the department.

Deputy Inspector Hoerig informed members that the chief requested this matter be held until the findings of a City Attorney Opinion rendered. She continued the police department felt that this legislation could be beneficial if it included changes that would address the city's liability and the safety of officers. Other concerns were the chief's liability if she denied a grant for services and an a negative incident occurred.

Deputy Inspector Hoerig continued that the chief had no concerns about officers working in liquor establishments but that she did have some concerns about the current language in the ordinance and the need for more language that would address the concerns that were mentioned by Mr. Balcerzark.

Deputy Inspector Hoerig explained that she believed the police department could assist in drafting language that would meet both the departments concerns and the police unions concerns yet maintain the intent of the sponsors.

Alderman Puente expressed concerns about the ramification of officers working in liquor establishments and the temptation that officers will be exposed to while working in the liquor establishments.

According to Alderman Bauman, the purpose for the current legislation is to establish authorization for the department to accept grants for police services in liquor establishments; the development of the guidelines governing the ordinance would be forthcoming and at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Alderman Hamilton asked whether the contract would cover the requirements or obligations of the establishments?

Inspector Hoerig responded that it should, but the chief would like clarity from the City Attorney prior to passage of this legislation.

Common Council File #041157 was held to the call of the chair for one cycle to give representatives from the police department and the police union the opportunity to meet.

A motion was made by ALD. PUENTE that this Ordinance be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye 2 - Donovan and Puente

No 3 - Witkowski, Zielinski and Hamilton

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Witkowski, Zielinski and Hamilton

No 2 - Donovan and Puente

6. [070907](#) Communication from the Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault transmitting their 2007 1st and 2nd quarterly reports.

Also Present:

Tracy Hefley, Commission on Domestic Violence.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Communication-Report be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Witkowski, Zielinski and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

7. [070875](#) Resolution authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of up to \$650,000 in private contributions for the purpose of training members of the Milwaukee Fire Department and purchasing various supplies for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, Project Staying Alive program.

Also Present:

Chief Douglas Holton, Milwaukee Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Michael Jones, Milwaukee Fire Department.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Donovan, Witkowski, Zielinski and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Puente

8. [070854](#) Communication from the Department of Employee Relations transmitting a report relative to occupational injuries and illnesses of city employees.

Also Present:

Maria Monteguado, Department of Employee Relations.

Chief Douglas Holton, Milwaukee Fire Department.

Deputy Inspector Hoerig, Milwaukee Police Department.

Pamela Roberts, Milwaukee Police Department.

A motion was made by ALD. WITKOWSKI that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Donovan, Witkowski and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 2 - Puente and Zielinski

9. [010503](#) A substitute ordinance establishing a pilot resident parking permit program.

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Donovan, Witkowski and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 2 - Puente and Zielinski

Meeting Adjourned:11: 40 A.M.

Diana Morgan

Staff Assistant

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