

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
December 21, 2020**

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM via Zoom Online Meeting 849 1014 2318

Voting Members present on Zoom Meeting:

Chairman Brian Butler, Alderman Todd Yoder and Alderman John Blundy

Other Officials present on Zoom Meeting:

City Administrator-Ray Forsythe; Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Aldermen Cobb, Alderman Stevens, and WPD Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

Residents: None

1. Non-Member Alderman wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

Alderman Stevens asked about the difference between Code Red and E-notify? Is there a log of times that Code Red was used?

Chief McCoy and DC Stevens advised that there is the ability to print reports from Code Red. WPD wants to keep using Code Red as it is the least expensive and most comprehensive for this type of product. The price we receive is "grandfathered in" and WPD feels the cost far outweigh the need in the event of a serious incident.

Alderman Stevens asked when does the Liquor Commission meet? She was advised that they meet whenever the need arises and meetings are arranged by the Mayor who is the Commissioner of the Liquor Board.

2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item

None

3. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2020

A motion for approval by Chairman Butler; Motion to approve by Alderman Yoder and 2nd by Alderman Blundy.

4. Business Items

A. Discussion Regarding Reducing Waiting Period for Gaming License

When a business has been vacant for a year and wants to reopen, could the 2 year wait for gaming be reduced to one year. Chairman Butler felt this was a good compromise. The proposed ordinance to shorten the time to one year seems appropriate for this situation. Motion to recommend

to Council made by Chairman Butler – Alderman Yoder made a motion and Alderman Blundy – 2nd.

B. Relief to On-Premise Liquor Licensees for Continued Operation Consideration

Included in the packets was a memo outlining the City's desire to help some businesses with the fees associated with liquor license renewal. Below is a part of that memo.

"The COVID-19 pandemic and related mitigation measures have affected all segments of the economy. Businesses that provide a social outlet, including businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on premise consumption, are particularly hard hit. These businesses operate now in a tenuous environment. The City would do well to promote their survival as operating entities ready to serve the public the moment pandemic mitigation measures and public support allow. An expression of support for that opportunity for in-person socialization is to reduce license fees for continuing businesses by authorizing a credit equal to liquor license fees paid this fiscal year, applicable when those businesses renew those licenses. With this expression, the City provides support that is at once intangible encouragement and predictable, tangible relief. Affected liquor license classes are A-1 & A-2 (full bar), D (beer, wine, mixed drinks), E (clubs), G (banquet facility), J (restaurant), K (beer garden), N (Community Center), PA (BYOB), or W (winery, brewery, distiller).

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to take to Council. Alderman Blundy made the motion and Yoder-2nd.

C. Traffic Security Camera Considerations

Chief McCoy and DC Stevens outlined the latest information relating to (4) security cameras with license plate readers. (4) cameras with readers will cost \$11,560 for 1st year and would be instrumental for the police department when dealing with situations. The retention of these would be 30 days. That number would be reduced down to \$10,000 plus storage in year (2). We own the data not the company. Looking to see if Committee would like the PD to move forward.

Committee agreed to allow moving forward with the concept.

D. ETSB Discussion

County wide radio and regional capability is possible if the vote is in favor of going with the new Star-Com radio and records system purchase. This vote by

the ETSB is slated for Tuesday, December 22, 2020 in the afternoon. Looking for direction from the Committee on how they want WPD to vote.

The Committee feels that Washington should vote, "yes" when that time comes to be in-line with better technology and wider capabilities as well, as saving money now vs being on our own later to pay for the upgrades.

E. Liquor license Class Consideration

Currently, the City of Washington has too many different classifications and we need to combine or eliminate the types. Does the Committee want the PD to come up with the types? Do you want us to go forward?

All committee members are in favor with consolidating them down to 5 or 6. PD to continue the work of finishing this up for consideration in the near future.

F. Police Updates

Nothing that hasn't already been discussed.

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Butler; Alderman Yoder made the motion and Alderman Blundy 2nd

Adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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