

**City of Washington  
Public Safety Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2021**

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.  
Meeting also available on Zoom: Meeting ID# 543 874 7404

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**Voting Members Present**

Chairman Brian Butler, Alderman Todd Yoder and Alderman John Blundy

**Other Officials Present**

Mayor-Gary Manier, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe; Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief Brett Brown, Aldermen Cobb (virtual), Alderman Stevens, City Engineer, Dennis Carr (virtual) and WPD Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

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

None

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

None

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021.**

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

**4. Business Items**

**A. Liquor License Class Consolidation Discussion**

Chief McCoy explained the included memo liquor license classifications & ordinances. Currently, Washington's liquor ordinances are hard to understand and some are outdated. The proposed changes make the ordinance easier to understand and reduces the classifications to a manageable level.

The PD did not determine any fee structures when considering reducing the number of categories. They felt that the decision on fees should be approved by the full Council. PD is looking for feedback from Committee.

Some of the questions the PD has for the Committee are:

- Do you care how tall the fence is?
- Do you care how many licenses there are?
- Do you care if you can view from the street?
- Do you care how many parking spaces?

Chairman Butler asked if the current licenses fit into the (5) categories? Chief McCoy advised they all fit into the categories.

The Committee want to be business friendly so fees will need to be determined accordingly.

The Committee directed PD to come up with fee framework for further discussion at future meeting.

## **B. Budget Overview**

At the PSC Meeting on 1/11/21, the PD gave a verbal report. Included in tonight's packet is the written justifications.

Alderman Yoder asked if this was in the Tyler system? He was advised it is on there.

Chairman Butler commented that it's a matter of whether or not the City can sustain increases vs revenues. It will be discussed at a future City Council Meeting.

## **C. HVAC System Update**

Back in April, 2020, the PD hired Garber HVAC for work on the leaky ceiling issues caused by the HVAC system not responsive to settings. After work began, it was evident to the vendor (Garber) that there were many issues with the system. COVID delayed the process and now we are asking for the work to commence. New quote was provided to cure current issues.

We are seeking approval to have Garber do the work.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion to take before full council. Alderman Yoder made the motion and Alderman Blundy 2nd. All vote AYE to take to council.

## **D. Enterprise Leasing**

Chief McCoy advised that the Police Department worked with Dennis Carr and other City staff examining "leasing" vehicles vs buying them.

We do not have final numbers yet but we would like to continue our talks with Enterprise Leasing. There could be a substantial cost savings to the City.

Dennis Carr gave a brief overview of the programs ability to get the best prices because of their national presence. Enterprise uses the "purchase with sell it" idea. They know the best time to trade vehicles.

Committee liked the concept and encouraged the PD to continue gathering data.

#### **E. New Hire Update**

Chief McCoy advised that eight individuals are on the Police Eligibility List. The police department is one short with the resignation of Officer Clare. Asking permission to hire one.

Chairman Butler advised the Committee does not need to give permission but thanked the Chief for the information. The hiring will go through the City Administrator.

#### **F. Police Department Update**

Chief McCoy advised that one employee currently has COVID.

#### **G. Fire Department Update**

Chief Brown asked the Committee if they had any questions regarding January, 2021 report? Committee did not have any questions.

Chief Brown told the Committee that they are responding to less calls for COVID. The numbers appear to be dropping from those in November and December. He also commented that no personnel have become ill responding to COVID calls in recent months.

#### **5. Other Business**

None

#### **6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Butler, Alderman Yoder motioned and Alderman Blundy 2nd. Adjourned at 5:42pm.