

City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
October 19, 2020

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at 5 Points Meeting Room and also via Zoom Online Meeting 5438747404

Voting Members present:

Alderman Todd Yoder and Alderman John Blundy

Voting Members not present:

Chairman Brian Butler

Other Officials present: Mayor Gary Manier, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe; Deputy Chief-Jeff Stevens; WFD Chief-Brett Brown, Aldermen Cobb and Stevens, and WPD Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

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

Alderman Stevens enjoyed the "Talking with Taylor" episode.

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

None

3. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2020

Alderman Blundy approved and Alderman Yoder 2nd.

4. Business Items

A. Ordinance Amendment Consideration: Addition of a Class A Liquor License

Current ordinance states there are (10) Class A licenses in the City. An empty business that once had a license is requesting consideration to change that number to (11) by the new owners.

Motion to recommend by Alderman Blundy and 2nd by Alderman Yoder to recommend to the City Council.

B. Ordinance Amendment Consideration: Clarifying the Class W Liquor License specifically the retail sale of alcoholic liquors

This amendment makes the authorization explicit in language with other liquor license classifications and allows for retail sales for consumption on & off the premises of a winery, distiller or brew pub.

Motion to recommend by Alderman Blundy and 2nd by Alderman Yoder.

C. Discussion Regarding Reducing Waiting Period for Gaming License

In 2017, following a moratorium, the City established gaming in Class A businesses that also served food and liquor. New bar owners would have to wait (2) years and provide records that the business income was 80% food and beverage in order to qualify to have gaming in their establishment.

Again, an owner wants to move into a vacant business to serve food and liquor and would like to know if the (2) year wait period could be reduced to (1) year.

Both Aldermen, Blundy & Yoder saw no problem with it however they would like to take it to the Committee of the Whole for discussion with all members of the council.

D. Fire Department Presentation

Was taken off agenda.

E. Fire Department Contract Extension Agreement

The current contract is going to be extend to December 14, 2020 due to ongoing talks.

Alderman Blundy made a motion and Alderman Yoder 2nd to recommend extension to the full Council.

Police Department Update

The department is still working hard.

We had a notable DUI involving heroin intoxication that sent person to the hospital. Please note that drugs of all sorts are in our community.

The national trend shows an increase in violent crimes since March, 2020. There seems to be a behavior change. Our officers are working diligently with the community to keep the lines of communication open.

Cameras on the Square are still being researched.

Ballistic vests are ordered and grant reimbursement greater than the expected \$5,000.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Blundy at 2nd by Alderman Yoder at 5:44pm.