

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 11, 2010 – 6:25 P.M.

Lincoln Center – 1519 Water Street

Present: Alderpersons: R. Stroik, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, Slowinski, Brooks.

Also
Present: Mayor Halverson; City Attorney Molepske; Clerk Moe; C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Walther, O'Meara, M.Stroik, Moore; Directors Morrissey, Halverson, Schrader; J. Lemke; Assessor Siebers; Admin. Dir.Morris; Lt. Carlson; Bruce Peplinski, Kelley Pazdernik; Patrick Leahy; Art Oksuita; Scott Gralla; Jason Glisczynski; David Ratz; Elbert Rackow; Joanne Suomi; Barb Jacob; Gene Kemmeter (Gazette).

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Recommendations on the License List:

A. New Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

B. Special Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License for St. Joseph's Parish, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, for Winterfest on February 12, 2010, at the Parish Family Center, 1709 Wyatt Avenue, Stevens Point.

Ald. Trzebiatowski **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the 23 new Operator's Licenses and the Special Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License for St. Joseph's Parish on February 12, 2010, for their annual Winterfest.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Request to Hold Event and Request Street Closings: Point Bock Run Inc., to hold the annual Point Bock Run on Saturday, March 6, 2010, and to close Water St. from Francis St. to Matilda St. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and have West River Dr. from County Highway HH north to West Mapleridge Dr. closed from noon - 12:30 p.m.

Patrick Leahy was present to answer any questions about the event.

Lt. Carlson noted that the Police Department has no concerns with the annual event.

Ald. Slowinski **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the street closings and the event, the Point Bock Run.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Request from Jason Glisczynski, for an Indoor Archery Range at the Player's Lounge, 2124 Rice Street.

Jason Glisczynski, owner of the Player's Lounge, said there had been discussion about installing a fire exit on the far end of the range. He does not believe this would be feasible due to the size of the target screen. He also has concerns about someone leaving through that door, it not closing all the way and allowing someone else to enter.

Ald. Wiza said the Plan Commission had approved putting an exit only fire door between the shooting area and the target area.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked about the hours of operation.

Mr. Glisczynski stated that hours of operation will be mostly by appointment. They do not have an open shoot where anyone can just show up and use the equipment. He said he does not anticipate the range being used past 11:00 p.m.

Barb Jacob said that youth groups cannot enter taverns and raised concerns about the access doors from the range directly into the tavern. She also asked how many lanes would be part of the range.

Mr. Glisczynski said there would be three lanes.

City Attorney Molepske said that he had given the committee chair a motion that would grant the exemption with conditions that included the requirement that there be a separate entrance to the range.

Ald. Stroik asked if a person would have to walk through the licensed premises to register.

Mr. Glisczynski stated that there is a service window that people can use to register without entering the bar.

Ald. Stroik suggested that signage be used and that all registration be done at the window. This would also keep archery equipment from being accidentally brought into the bar.

Mr. Glisczynski replied absolutely and that they plan on using signs on the front doors to help control it.

Lt. Carlson said the Police Department always has concerns where alcohol and weapons mix. The Department would like to see that there is no access to the range through the licensed premise, no broad-head arrows on the property, and that the hours of operation be defined, as well as the other restrictions defined at the Plan Commission meeting.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked about the effect of the extension of the premise that was recently granted.

Clerk Moe reminded the alderperson that this was a temporary extension for a single event.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted that the extension was located around the service window and that may cause potential problems in the future. He said this is something the Committee will need to keep in mind for future requests. He also suggested that the emergency door be equipped with an alarm that would sound until the door was closed. He also suggested a 9:00 p.m. closing for the range.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Slowinski seconded, to approve the Indoor Archery Range as presented at the Player's Lounge, 2124 Rice Street with the added conditions that the emergency exit have an audible alarm, the permit coincides with the Conditional Use Permit and that blunt tip arrows are to be only used with no broad-head tip arrows in the interior of the building.

Ald. Stroik is opposed to granting the request due to safety concerns.

Call for the Vote: Ayes, majority; nays, minority; motion carried 3-2.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Request from the Deer Management Committee to Obtain Quotes to use archery tackle and employ deer cullers to cull deer using archery tackle through April 30, 2013; and obtain quotes to use live trapping and to employ deer cullers to cull deer by using live trapping with the use of suitable firearms to dispatch trapped deer through April 30, 2013.

Elbert Rackow, Deer Management Committee member, said the culler culled 26 antlerless deer in 2009. The City needs to continue deer culling in order to keep car-deer accidents at a tolerable level as well as to reduce

the damage to gardens and shrubs. He said if the City does not continue to cull the deer population, the number of animals will increase rapidly as they are protected from hunters, food is abundant and more deer are migrating from the rural areas into the city. He asked for an extension of their authority.

Ald. Wiza asked what oversight is used to ensure that these deer were culled within the city limits.

Mr. Rackow said there is supervision but they would have to rely on game wardens and law enforcement to ensure that the deer were not culled from areas where it was not allowed.

Lt. Carlson said the program has been very successful in terms of reducing car-deer accidents within the City. He noted that there has been a steady decline of accidents since 2003.

Ald. Stroik said the issue before the committee is to give the Deer Management Committee the authority to continue to get quotes for each year. He believes there is evidence that the program works. It does not mean that from year to year the City has to cull the deer population but just gives the Deer Management Committee the authority to get quotes to have it done.

Ald. Wiza **moved**, Ald. Trzebiatowski seconded, to approve and direct the Deer Management Committee to obtain quotes to use archery tackle and employ deer cullers through April 30, 2013; and obtain quotes to use live trapping and to employ deer cullers to use suitable firearms to dispatch trapped deer through April 30, 2013.

Ald. Trzebiatowski noted that the committee is asking for a live trap option. Although they have had the authority to live trap, they have not used it to date because of the difficulty in getting the trap to work. The committee would still like to keep this option if something would come to fruition in the future that did work.

Call for the Vote: Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Monthly Inspection Report.

Director Morrissey said the added construction value for residential remodeling and additions is up over last year. However, the overall construction value is down about 21 percent. He noted that snow removal for 2009 is not reflected in the report because it has not yet been reported by the vender. There were 69 jobs ordered up which is also above the previous year.

Ald. Stroik **moved**, Ald. Brooks seconded, to approve the Monthly Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

6. Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.