

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, March 15, 2010

5:00 PM, City Hall

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. Present were Chairperson Koch, Alders Ingwell and Hannes, Alt Schuringa, Mayor Marsh and Police Chief Kelley. Also present were Alders Hanson, Lefevre, Coplien and Henke, DPW Finkenbinder, Eng Supv Gerber, St Supv Boll, and Tere Dunlap from the Times.

B. CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES: None

C. MAKE SURE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED

D. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC: None

E. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Rausch was on assignment and had no business.

F. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT(S):

A. MAIN STREET FARMER'S MARKET: Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event application from Monroe Main Street to hold a Market on the Square, Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 1, 2010, to November 1, 2010, from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM, Wednesdays, and 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Saturdays, in the inside lane of the 1600 block of 10th Street (North side of Downtown Square). The actual Wednesday market begins at 1:00 PM, but the lane needs to be closed earlier to insure parked cars are removed. The Police Department is directed to temporarily close streets and direct traffic to facilitate the event. Liability insurance is through the City's carrier. Any other permits or special requirements are attached to and become a part of this permit. All vendors will be required to provide an insurance certificate or waiver that would indemnify the City of Monroe. Restroom facilities plan for this event has been approved. For purposes of this event, the special event area is that area within the closed lane. No other events or similar activities, other than those authorized by law, may take place in the same area, at the same time.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT 26TH AVENUE AND 6TH STREET: Police, DPW and Engineering Departments have looked at this request for the last two months to see the impact that the stop signs at 22nd Avenue and 6th Street have had on complaints of speeding and the request for these additional signs. Report made that indicated that there is not now criteria to warrant additional stop signs. Police will look into traffic enforcement campaigns to work on speed violations in the area as much as can be done. Motion by Alder Hannes to postpone any further action on

the issue unless new complaints come in; second by Alder Ingwell; carried.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON ADDITIONAL DOWNTOWN HANDICAPPED PARKING STALLS: Alder Hannes was asked to look at the possibility of adding more handicapped parking stalls in streets off the Downtown Square. Discussion indicated no clear consensus on where to locate handicapped parking stalls throughout the entire downtown area. Motion by Alder Ingwell to have a specific study done of this issue in conjunction with some other safety and parking issues, and to delay any other action until this is completed; second by Alder Hannes; carried.

4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS: Chief Kelley was contacted by a downtown resident suggesting more signs be added to inform motorists of the requirement to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Mary Soddy appeared before the Committee and gave a presentation on safety concerns. Motion by Alder Hannes to delay any action until a study of parking and other safety issues is completed; second by Alder Ingwell; carried.

G. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS: *(May make brief informative statements or bring up items to be discussed at a future meeting)*

1. BPW sent an issue about the location of parking spaces and mid-block crosswalks to Public Safety for further study. This will be part of the study referred to above and will be discussed further when the study is completed.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:25 PM by Alder Hannes; second by Alder Ingwell; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Kelley, Chief of Police