

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

****NOTE DATE CHANGE****

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

5:00 PM, City Hall

A. ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Chairperson Koch, Alders Ingwell and Hannes, Alt Schuringa, Mayor Ross, Fire Chief Rausch and Police Chief Kelley. Also present were Alders Hanson, Henke, Lefevre and Rivers, DPW Finkenbinder, Eng Supv Gerber 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 had no business.

F. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- 1. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED BICYCLE ROUTE(S) TO THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE:** Committee again discussed a proposal from Monroe Main Street to make changes to the current bicycle route from Twining Park, and other proposed routes. Ryan Wilson from Main Street gave a presentation on proposal. Ryan Kubly, Dave Babler, John Glynn and Chris Sachs, all from Monroe, provided input in favor of the Main Street proposal. The Committee felt that the part of the proposal which included a 10th Street route could not be considered until the 8th/9th Street reconstruction project is complete. The Committee also felt that Main Street should work with the Public Works departments on the proposal to use 16th and 17th Avenues to address street turn lanes, whether to paint bike lanes and those costs, and research easements to cross private property at the north end of 17th Avenue adjacent to the trail. When this research is complete, the proposal can be brought back for final action. Motion by Alder Ingwell to have the group work on the research with DPW; second by Alder Hannes; carried unanimous.
- 2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON STUDY OF HANDICAPPED PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN AND CROSSWALKS IN THE DOWNTOWN:** A Downtown business requested the City to study the handicapped parking areas and mid-block crosswalks designated by the downtown streetscape plan to see if any changes needed to be made. Committee approved the proposed map by Eng Supv Gerber of handicapped parking stalls, with the exception of the stalls on the outside lane of the east and west sides of the Square. Those stalls and the mid-block crosswalks were to be discussed at this meeting after a review by Main Street. John Glynn from Main Street gave Main Street's input to keep the crosswalks and handicapped stalls as proposed on Engineer Dept's map. Nancy Malizewski, representing downtown businesses

gave input that 36 downtown persons signed petition wanting to not use mid-block crosswalks and put more parking spaces back where crosswalks meet outside curb. Numerous counter comments were made by the audience, prompting a call by the Chair for order. The Committee suggested Main Street revisit this at another meeting to get more input from downtown businesses, due to the clear lack of agreement. Motion by Alder Ingwell to take no action for three (3) months to accomplish this, and then return to the Committee for final action; second by Alder Hannes; carried unanimous.

- 3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON DIRECTIVE FOR POLICE SERVICES TO BE BILLED BACK FOR SPECIAL EVENTS THAT REQUIRE EXTRA POLICE SERVICES:** The Common Council had split 7-3 on a prior related resolution of whether to bill back for extra police services at events. Committee discussed the issue further. Chief Kelley pointed out that it is the City's responsibility to treat all groups equally, and if Alders wished to not bill certain events, they should not bill for services to any. There was discussion again about which groups could be billed, and about the impact on Police Department overtime. In order to send the issue to the Council for a vote, Alder Ingwell made a motion to not bill for any extra police services; second by Alder Hannes; carried unanimous.
- 4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO AMEND SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AREA FOR CARS ON THE SQUARE:** Main Street coordinator asked to add the outside lane of the 1600 block of 10th Street to those streets which are temporarily closed during the event. Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a request from Main Street, the applicant for the Cars on the Square Special Event, to add the outside lane of the 1600 block of 10th Street to the list of streets that are temporarily closed for the event, for the same time period. Alder Lefevre told the Committee that she had received complaints from businesses on the north side of the Square about all events being held there blocking streets. Motion by Alder Ingwell to approve; second by Alder Hannes; carried unanimous.
- 5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION TO CHANGE SPONSORSHIP OF MARKET ON THE SQUARE:** Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend approval of a request from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Industry to change the sponsorship of the Market on the Square special event from Main Street to the Chamber. A new permit form and a certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe has been provided by the Chamber as part of this change. Motion by Alder Hannes to approve; second by Alder Ingwell; carried unanimous.
- 6. DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009:** Chief Kelley presented the annual report for 2009. The Chief advised the Committee that crime and incident statistics were all about 30% higher in comparison to the year before. The Committee will study the report further and will ask to have it back on the agenda if there are questions.
- 7. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT(S):**
 - A. GREEN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION COUNTY FAIR:** Resolution by

the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event application from the Green County Fair Association to hold the annual Green County Fair, July 21-25 in the Green County fairgrounds. Hours of operation each date will be 8:00 AM to 1:00 AM, with the exception of July 25, which will have a closing of 11:59 PM. The event will include shows, harness racing, demolition derby, a carnival, games, concessions and food vendors. The following no parking areas are hereby authorized July 21-25, 2010: both sides of 29th Avenue from 8 ½ Street to 13th Street; east side of 27th Avenue from 6th Street to 9th Street; east side of 25th Avenue from 8th Street to 13th Street; west side of 25th Avenue 60 feet north and south of 9th Street; south side of 9th Street from 20th Avenue to 25th Avenue; north side of 9th Street from 25th Avenue to 29th Avenue; north side of 11th Street in the 2500 block, inclusive: south side of 9th Street in the 2500 block, 15 feet east and west from the intersection with 25th Avenue; south side of 10th Street for a distance of 15 feet east and west from the intersection with 25th Avenue; north side of 10th Street for a distance of 15 feet east and west from the intersection of 25th Avenue; west side of 25th Avenue for a distance of 15 feet north and south from the 11th Street intersection; north and south sides of 11th Street in the 2400 block for a distance of 15 feet from the intersection of 25th Avenue; south side of 11th Street for 15 feet east of the 25th Avenue intersection; north and south sides of 10th Street from 25th Avenue intersection, east to fairgrounds entrance, inclusive; south side of the 2500 block of 9th Street, for a distance of 30 feet west and 15 feet east, of the northwest entrance to the fairgrounds; north side of the 2800 block of 8 ½ Street. The Monroe Street Department is directed to install official signs indicating the temporary no parking areas. The following temporary street closings are authorized each date: the 2500 block of 10th Street; and the 2500 block of 11th Street. The applicant is responsible to post signs indicating the street closing, and to provide access for residents and emergency vehicles. The Police Department is directed to provide police security for the event. The applicant is responsible to provide adequate access for any police command vehicles. A restroom facilities plan for this event has been approved. Any other permits or special restrictions are attached to the permit. It is further authorized that only those vendors approved by the applicant may operate in the event area. A beer garden area is proposed but must be approved by separate committee and action. For purposes of this event, the special event area is that area within the private property of the fairgrounds. No other events or similar activities, other than those authorized by law, may take place in the same area at the same time. Motion by Alder Hannes to approve; second by Alder Ingwell; carried unanimous.

B. GREEN COUNTY FAMILY YMCA YOUTH TRIATHLON: Resolution by the Public Safety Committee to recommend the approval of a special event application from the Green County Family YMCA, to hold a Youth Triathlon, July 24, 2010, from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the YMCA, Twining Park, and surrounding neighborhood. A certificate of insurance indemnifying the City of Monroe is required and attached to the permit, along with any other permits or special requirements. Restroom plan for the event is approved. The Police Department is directed to provide services as required. The special event area is that area within the YMCA property and within 100 feet of the route. No other events or similar activities, other than those allowed by law, may take place at the same time in the same location. The applicant is

responsible that any minor participants have parental consent and that EMS is notified of the event. Motion by Alder Hannes to approve; second by Alder Ingwell; carried unanimous.

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

1. Chairperson Koch asked to have a traffic speeding complaint on 16th Avenue, 6th Street to 9th Street put on the next agenda.

H. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Alder Ingwell to adjourn at 5:50 PM; second by Alder Hannes; carried unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Kelley, Chief of Police