

**City of Washington
Public Safety Committee Meeting
May 15, 2019**

Chairman Butler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Voting Members present:

Chairman- Brian Butler, Alderman-Brett Adams, Alderman-Randall Black

Non-Voting Members present:

Alderman Lili Stevens

Other Officials present:

Chief Michael McCoy, Deputy Chief, Jeff Stevens, Fire Chief, Roger Traver, City Administrator-Ray Forsythe, and Admin Assistant, Linda Storer

Residents:

Amy Morgan, Shae Harris, Stephanie Neitzel, Paul Spiezio, Sharon Amdall, John Amdall, Lance Aarestad

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

Alderman Stevens asked about the student parking issue on Adams, Tiezzi and Court Street. DC Stevens advised that officers have spoken with some residents and will monitor the issue but a new ordinance would need to be drafted in order to change the parking requirements.

2. Citizen wishing to be heard on non-agenda items:

Paul Spiezio addressed the speeding on Dallas Rd. He wanted to enter his complaint on the record. He has visited this topic in past, namely on 8/21/17 where he was turned down by the Committee to install a speed bump and requesting the speed limit reduction from 30mph to 25mph. He also advised that the northbound electronic speed sign in front of his house is not functioning. Someone has stolen the crosswalk signs in front of his house and by Bishop Court. The speeding problem still exists and we only issued 2 tickets in the past month.

Amy Morgan, Le Fleur Florist/905 Room, distributed forms regarding her event rental agreements. This is a for her Public Accommodation liquor license. No discussion or action taken. Simply informational.

Shae Harris, 5 Points Washington asking for new liquor license classification from "G" to a "K" to allow for serving liquor to guests in a fenced off patio area. Will review license and reframe to include perhaps a new class.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2019.

Motion to approve requested by Chairman Butler – Alderman Adams motioned, 2nd Alderman Black.

4. Business Items:

A. Ordinance consideration: Chapter 112.50 entitled– Public Accommodation (PA) License

DC Stevens started the discussion by advising the Committee that the proposed ordinance would expand Public Accommodation licenses to include event spaces functions in public places. Most of the items discussed were to prevent these event locations from turning into de facto bars.

The discussion amongst the Committee and Chief McCoy and DC Stevens touched on the following topics relating to the “BYOB” (bring your own bottle) concept:

- Liability of the business owner pertaining to the liquor consumption on premise and off.
- The cost of a public accommodation license currently at \$350.00.
- One or two types of PA licenses
- The owner’s responsibility to keep records of these events.
- Posting a sign informing patrons that they can’t take open liquor with them.
- Limitation on number of licenses to be given.
- Serving just beer & wine or serving all types of liquor

Committee will take it to the full council for the final determination on all the topics. Their consensus is to present the following:

- Add definition of private function
- Licensees responsible for unlawful service or possession of alcohol
- Continue dram shop/host liquor liability type of insurance
- License fee to be \$350.00
- Ensure that records are kept of events (including size & dates)
- Business owner discretion for signage (Reminding people not to leave with open liquor)
- Limit the number of PA licenses to 5
- Liquor of all kinds can be served

They will continue to work with DC Stevens to come up with a finished product before presentation to Council.

Chairman Butler asked for a motion – Alderman Adams motioned, Alderman Black 2nd.

5. Other Business:

Shae Harris, 5 Points Washington, requested the development of a new license for serving liquor on a patio at the business.

Dinner on Main Event – resolution of ordinance; special event license; fencing to delineate the space; issue a one-day resolution.

Chief McCoy asked Committee if it was OK to proceed with getting the Sergeants the same benefits as the officers. All agreed it should be done.

Chief McCoy asked about moving location of City Council Meetings to the Washington Fire Department. There isn't enough room at our current room at 5 Points. The Committee did not have any problem with the move. This will have to be decided at a later date, probably by the Mayor.

Adjournment – 6:30 PM, motion by Alderman Adams and 2nd by Alderman Black.