

### **3/21/2016 Public Safety Committee meeting 5:30PM (WPD Chief's Office)**

Members present: T. Gee, D. Dingleline, T. Maxwell, Chief D. Volk, D/C Stevens

Members absent: None

Alderman wishing to be heard – None

Citizens wishing to be heard – Kristi LaHood Cape (Countryside Banquet Facility) asked to have the noise ordinance changed (from 10PM to 11PM on Friday and Saturday nights) for Commercial Properties. D. Dingleline asked if this issue was due to events held in the tent and Ms. Cape stated it was. D. Dingleline indicated he would support this change.

Approval of minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 regular meeting – D. Dingleline motioned, T. Maxwell seconded. Approved.

Business items – Liquor Code update was provided to the committee. Brian Tibbs (Washington Park District) requested a change to the Special Event license with regards to the annual Art Festival. Tibbs stated that last year they were allowed to provide beer and wine samples. This year they would like to offer sample beer, wine and hard liquor, as well as be allowed to sell bottles (possibly full and re-capped). Kristi LaHood Cape (Countryside Banquet Facility) advised she would like to see a change in the Class G license. Currently it allows for two outdoor events per year, but requires fencing. Cape would like to see the fencing restriction removed. Cape also holds a Class M Banquet license for off-site catering. Cape would like to see this incorporated into the G license, to eliminate the \$250 fee. T. Gee suggested reducing the fees. After hearing the requests, the committee continued to discuss the updates on the Ordinances. D. Dingleline stated he did not agree with prohibiting Happy Hours, as is the current practice. D. Dingleline stated that he was okay with Happy Hours being reinstated. D/C Stevens provided study information showing that DUI fatal accidents declined when Happy Hours were prohibited. D. Dingleline also asked why there was a recommended change in the time frame to request a Special Event license (from 10 – 21 days). It was explained that one recent incident occurred that because of the time frame, a business was issued a permit, when they should not have been. Chief Volk explained that there were a lot of changes proposed and that feedback was welcome before bringing the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole. Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed.

Other business – Committee asked to be given results of the Lawndale speed trailer study. Chief will provide them with results.

Adjournment – D. Dingleline motioned, T. Maxwell seconded. Approved at 6:25PM.