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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

3:00 PM

Via Video Conference

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Bernie Norvell and Lindy Peters

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [21-302](#) Approve Minutes Of The Public Safety Committee Meeting May 19, 2021

Moved by Chair Peters and seconded by Committee Member Norvell that the minutes be approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments made.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [21-303](#) Discuss Private Alley Between 100 Block Morrow Street And 100 Block N. Lincoln Street

Public Works Director John Smith stated that there are a few challenges that the City has encountered with assisting in the requested changes to the private alley. One challenge is that there are multiple property owners involved and all have to agree to any changes. Secondly, the City needs to confirm that they are able to spend public funds on a private alley or roadway.

Robert Krebs presented his main concerns regarding parking in the narrow private alley. He requested that this alley be converted into a fire lane because of the potential safety hazard all residents encounter with the possibility of no emergency vehicles getting through.

Police Chief Naulty responded to Mr. Krebs by stating that unfortunately the Police Department can not enforce any parking on a private alley. Chief Naulty clarified that until the City designates the private alley a fire lane the department will not be able to enforce any parking related issues.

Fire Chief Orsi commented that he is able to assist in converting the private alley into a fire lane as long as the City notifies him and permits this to happen.

Committee member Norvell expressed his concern with the legality issues that would arise from changing it into a fire lane. He would like the City Attorney to be involved to declare what the available options are. Chair Peters agreed that there should be legal guidance to avoid any future problems. Committee Norvell mentioned he would meet with the City Manager for legal advice.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. [21-304](#)

Receive Oral Update From Staff On Departmental Activities

Chief Naulty spoke shortly regarding how busy and short staffed the Department has been lately. He mentioned that CSO Moore received her State License as a Car Seat Technician and that anyone can call the Department to make an appointment with her to go over Car Seat Safety.

Lastly Fire Chief Orsi briefly mentioned that they are busy like usual and that he had no updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM