

AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
Kenosha Municipal Building - Room 204
Monday, February 9, 2015 - 5:00 pm

Chairman:	Rocco J. LaMacchia, Sr	Vice Chairman:	Jack Rose
Aldersperson:	Kurt Wicklund	Aldersperson:	Scott N. Gordon
Aldersperson:	Keith W. Rosenberg		

Call to Order
Roll Call

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2015.

1. Resolution by Aldersperson Dave Paff; Co-Sponsors Alderspersons Scott Gordon, Jack Rose, Kurt Wicklund and Curt Wilson- To Express to the Menominee Indian Tribe the Appreciation of the City of Kenosha for the Efforts Taken to Bring a World-Class Entertainment Venue to the City of Kenosha. *(Referred from Council on 2/2/15)*

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Crossing Guard Policy When Schools are Closed Due to Weather

**CITIZEN COMMENTS/ALDERPERSON COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW
PERTAINING TO PUBLIC SAFETY& WELFARE MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, AND ALTHOUGH THIS MAY CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS MEETING.

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held Monday, January 26, 2015

A meeting of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee was held on Monday, January 26, 2015 in Room 204 of the Kenosha Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by Chairman LaMacchia.

At roll call, the following members were present: Alderpersons Wicklund, Rose, Gordon and Rosenberg. Staff members in attendance were: Shelly Billingsley, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Jeff Warnock, Superintendent of Parks and Police Chief John Morrissey.

It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rose, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #2 was moved to the top of the agenda.

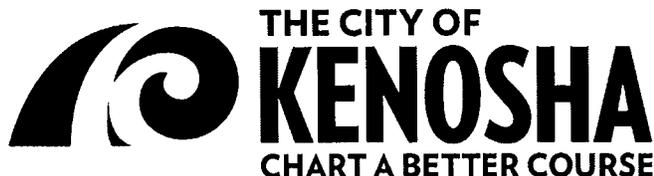
1. Previous trial for the Removal of the Parking Restrictions on the South Side of 58th Street from 30th Avenue to 32nd Avenue. (*District 11*) (*Staff recommends approval*)
Staff: Shelly Billingsley spoke.
It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rosenberg to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Previous trial for updated parking restrictions (*33rd Avenue–55th Street to 58th Street, 58th Street–33rd Avenue to 32nd Avenue, 32nd Avenue–58th Street to 55th Street*) for KTEC and McKinley. (*District 11*) (*Staff recommends approval*)(*Deferred from the meeting on 12/8/14*)
Public Hearing: Dr Angela Andersson (KTEC principal) spoke.
Staff: Police Chief Morrissey spoke
Public Hearing: Dino Marchesini, Steve Eichorst, Scott Siegel, Norm LeWand and Erik Bedore spoke.
It was moved by Alderperson Gordon, seconded by Alderperson Rosenberg, to approve with the recommendation by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF: Police Chief Morrissey talked about the Crossing Guard Policy with schools being closed due to weather. Chairman LaMacchia would like as a discussion item on the next agenda. Police Chief Morrissey also gave the Committee an update on stats with crime being down 1%.

ALDERPERSON COMMENTS: Alderperson Rosenberg commented on an outstanding job the Police Department has done. He also commented that we need to crack down on speeding.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Public Safety & Welfare Committee, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn at 6:59 pm.



Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
Director of Public Works

February 6, 2015

To: Rocco L. LaMacchia, Sr., Chairman,
Public Works Committee

From: Michael M. Lemens, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Subject: Resolution by Alderperson Dave Paff; Co-Sponsors Alderpersons Scott Gordon, Jack Rose, Kurt Wicklund and Curt Wilson- To Express to the Menominee Indian Tribe the Appreciation of the City of Kenosha for the Efforts Taken to Bring a World-Class Entertainment Venue to the City of Kenosha.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As a referral on the Common Council Agenda from Alderperson Dave Paff, the Legal Department has prepared the following Resolution to Express to the Menominee Indian Tribe the Appreciation of the City of Kenosha for the Efforts Taken to Bring a World-Class Entertainment Venue to the City of Kenosha

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no recommendation at this time.

MML/dm

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON DAVE PAFF
CO-SPONSORS: ALDERPERSON SCOTT N. GORDON
ALDERPERSON JACK ROSE
ALDERPERSON KURT WICKLUND
ALDERPERSON CURT WILSON

**TO EXPRESS TO THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE THE APPRECIATION
OF THE CITY OF KENOSHA FOR THE EFFORTS TAKEN TO BRING A
WORLD-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE TO THE CITY OF KENOSHA**

WHEREAS, the Menominee Indians of the Menominee Indian Tribe are the oldest continuous residents of Wisconsin, having a rich culture and history in the state dating back 10,000 years; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe remains a proud and resilient people, the majority of whom live on the Menominee Indian Reservation, which has coterminous boundaries with Menominee County, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, as a result of various treaties with the federal government, including the Menominee Termination Act of 1954, the Tribe is economically challenged; and

WHEREAS, one means of addressing the economic needs of Indian Tribes of Wisconsin is through gaming in casinos on trust land; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, the Menominee Indian Tribe has been working with the City of Kenosha and other local governments to establish a casino at the site of the former and defunct Dairyland Greyhound Park, which due to its lack of maintenance presents a negative aesthetic for the City, County, and State; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Kenosha approved an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the County of Kenosha by which the City of Kenosha would have benefited from direct payments from casino revenue by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, which direct payments would have been in addition to the other increased financial benefits to the community that included an increased number of jobs directly created, an increased number of jobs created through collateral businesses established to service the casino or patrons of the casino, and an increase in tourism money into the local economy of existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, through a strategic joint venture between the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the casino proposed for the site of the vacated, former Dairyland Greyhound Park City of Kenosha was to be a Hard Rock Cafe® casino (“Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino”); and

WHEREAS, the Hard Rock brand is internationally renowned, with 191 Hard Rock locations in 59 countries including 145 cafes, 21 hotels and 10 casinos; said casinos are located in foreign lands (Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, Macau, Taipa, and Vancouver, Canada), as well as in various areas of the United States (Hollywood, FL, Tampa, FL, Biloxi, MS, Tulsa, OK, Northfield Park, OH, Sioux City, IA, and Las Vegas, NV); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino would have offered a World-Class venue with a convention center and entertainment opportunities beyond gambling; and

WHEREAS, City of Kenosha was poised to have up to 3,000 new, permanent jobs created through the opening of a Hard Rock Cafe® casino on the site of the vacated, former Dairyland Greyhound Park; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino would have offered a total investment of greater than \$800 million, with 1,400 construction jobs in the southeast Wisconsin area before the creation of the 3,000 operational jobs; and

WHEREAS, in order for the former Dairyland Greyhound Park to have become the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino, by February 19, 2015, the Governor of Wisconsin merely had to concur in the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs' determination on August 23, 2013, that the proposed activity was (a) in the best interest of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and (b) not detrimental to the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of southeastern Wisconsin, who are represented by the Governor, supported the casino project as exemplified by the fifty-six percent of Kenosha County voters backing the casino in a November 2004 advisory referendum, and with consistent, recent polls showing overwhelming regional support, including: the Marquette University Law School polls conducted in August and September of 2014, the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee poll conducted in December 2013, and the Menominee-commissioned poll done by Fabrizio, McLaughlin and Associates of registered voters in Waukesha, Washington, Milwaukee, Racine, Ozaukee and Kenosha counties conducted in September 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee Indian Tribe over the past ten years has expended great sums of money, time, and energy in an attempt to bring a casino such as the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council for the City of Kenosha demonstrated its continued commitment and support for the casino proposals, including the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino through passage of multiple extensions to the intergovernmental cooperation agreement and by passing the resolution directed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in support of the Tribe's application for trust placement and passing resolutions directed to the Governor urging approval; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2015, Governor Scott Walker rejected the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council for the City of Kenosha expresses the appreciation of the City of Kenosha to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin for the money, time, and energy taken by the Tribe to bring the Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock Casino to the City of Kenosha, and further expresses its best wishes to the Tribe in the Tribe's continuing endeavors to provide for the welfare and future of the these resilient people who have been an important part of the state's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Laurie Boivin, Chair of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST: _____ City Clerk

APPROVED: _____ Mayor

Date: _____

Drafted By:
EDWARD R. ANTARAMIAN,
City Attorney

Discussion #1



John W. Morrissey
Chief of Police

February 4, 2015

To : Public Safety & Welfare Committee Members
From : Chief of Police John W. Morrissey
Re : School Crossing Guards

Over the years I receive complaints from citizens in reference to crossing guard deployment during hours when school is closed for weather conditions or other emergencies. The current procedure is to allow crossing guards to respond to their assigned locations during the morning assignment hours. Crossing guards are assigned to elementary schools, with the exception of Bullen and Lance middle schools at this time.

The reason for this procedure is that I am not sure if the parents have received notification that the schools are closed and there are still a significant number of children that walk to school, especially in the elementary and middle schools. I am aware there are several ways to be notified that school has been closed for the day, but as we all know sometimes the message gets lost and the child(ren) have not been advised of such.

We have a total of 35 guards and the cost of deploying the crossing guards is approximately \$455 per shift (morning assignments). For information purposes, the average wage for a crossing guard is \$25.92 per day.

The complaint from citizens is that they see the guard at the corner and never see any children crossing and the fact that the schools are closed. While fiscal responsibility is part of the process, I believe we need to continue to procedure of allowing the guards to respond to the morning assignments for the safety of any child(ren) who may have not been advised of the school closures.

The current procedure for multiple days of closure is that if the second or subsequent announcement is made prior to 4 hours of the normal school hours, the guards do not respond to the corners. The guards are required to check to see if the schools have been closed or are contacted by the supervisor.

I am not requesting any changes to the procedure, I am only addressing this concern, as there is a \$455 fiscal impact to the city a couple times a year.