

CITY OF KENOSHA – PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 9, 2009

The meeting of the Public Safety & Welfare Committee was held on Monday, November 9, 2009, at the Kenosha Municipal Building Room 202. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. The following members were present: Chairman Jesse Downing, Alderman Donald Ruef, Stephen Casey, Kathy Carpenter, and Michael Orth. Staff members in attendance were Mayor Bosman, City Administrator Frank Pacetti, Finance Director Carol Stancato, Chief Morrissey, Captain Miskinis, Chief Thomsen, Deputy Chief Santelli, Neighborhood Services & Inspections Director Jim Schultz, Mitch Engen, Nick Torcivia, and Sue Clouthier.

It was moved by Alderman Ruef, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 2, 2009. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Alderman Carpenter, seconded by Alderman Casey to take the discussion item, Harbor Market Place, out of order. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Item: Harbor Market Place

Public Hearing: Joe Brittelli, 5516 2nd Avenue, was concerned with the fact that emergency services possibly could not reach his home within a critical amount of time on days when Harbor Market Place is in operation. He was also concerned with a liability issue with vendors using electrical outlets in his building. He would like to see the Market Place moved to a more appropriate area. Sue Holt, 5508 2nd Avenue, was also concerned with emergency situations arising on Market day, she would also like to see the Market moved to a better place.

It was moved by Alderman Ruef, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to take all Police, Fire and Neighborhood Services line items in order. Motion passed 5-0

1. Police Department CIP for 2010-2014

Staff/Alderman: Alderman Ruef commented that he was against reducing the wireless camera line item. Alderman Casey asked how many squads would be purchased in a normal year. Chief Morrissey stated that 14 vehicles, 10 marked and 4 unmarked would be purchased. Alderman Casey then asked the Chief what his wish list would include. Chief Morrissey stated a command vehicle. Alderman Orth asked if additional vehicles were needed for the five new officers added to the 2009 budget. Chief Morrissey stated no, that the fleet was increased by three vehicles by keeping additional vehicles in rotation.

It was moved by Alderman Casey, seconded by Alderman Ruef to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Police Department 2010 Executive Budget

Staff/Alderman: Alderman Orth asked why the Clerical Supervisor position had been eliminated. Chief Morrissey stated that since budgets were tight, he reviewed staffing levels and did not feel the need for two Clerical Supervisor positions to supervise five clerical staff. The duties of the eliminated position would be divided between the remaining clerical staff. Alderman Casey asked if there were cell phones in each squad. Chief Morrissey stated that there were not City issued cell phones in the squads, due to the large cost. Alderman Orth asked about the communication equipment in the budget versus the CIP program and was it a one time charge. Chief Morrissey stated that in the operating budget, the funds were for a new service agreement for the radios no longer under warranty, and that this was an annual cost. Alderman Downing asked about the increase in joint services costs. Frank Pacetti said that the City was negotiating a new agreement with the County regarding joint services costs, that he expected to have a new agreement in January. This new agreement would have a formula to share the costs of joint services equally with having both City and County residents paying their fair share. Alderman Carpenter stated she was not happy with such a large increase and asked if anyone from Joint Services

was here to explain. Sue Marcinkus, Director of Joint Services explained the major points of the increase were: health insurance, additional supervisory staff, lease expense, and reduced fund balance. Alderman Carpenter stated that since the IGA is not completed, that the taxpayers were being punished. Frank Pacetti explained how the cost of leased space was calculated. Alderman Orth stated that this was irresponsible to increase the cost of leased space so much, in a tight budget. Alderman Carpenter questioned the increase in meals and lodging. Chief Morrissey stated that although training still has to occur, the State stipend is decreasing. Alderman Casey asked about foot and bicycle patrols. Chief Morrissey said he has had a good response uptown and downtown with the foot patrols. Alderman Casey asked if these patrols were on a routine basis or done by complaint. Chief Morrissey said they were sent where needed, all over the City. and that he was looking at a possible second shift foot patrol depending on manpower. Alderman Orth asked what the credit in Patrol was for. Chief Morrissey stated it was for a Beat Patrol grant for 2010 which was just awarded. Alderman Downing asked about the School Resource Officers. Chief Morrissey said that the Kenosha Unified School District would reimburse the City 100% of the actual costs for the officers. Alderman Casey asked if the Neighborhood Watch program was still seeking donations and that they did a large amount of good. Chief Morrissey said that the Crime Prevention Officers were out in the community and do try to get donations for the program.

It was moved by Alderman Casey, seconded by Alderman Ruef to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Carpenter said that no one was happy with the Joint Services and rent increase, but the Police Department did a good job holding down costs. Alderman Casey said the time to show displeasure would be when the IGA comes before Council, not at this operational level. The Mayor stated that the City has had disagreements with the County with the IGA for over 25 years, but there are benefits in the long run.

It was moved by Alderman Carpenter, seconded by Alderman Orth to take a break at 7:45 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Alderman Casey, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to reconvene the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Fire Department CIP for 2010-2014

Staff/Alderman: Alderman Carpenter stated that City Plan had recommended removal of line item FI-07-008, Administrative Staff Vehicle. She then asked Chief Thomsen what the vehicle was for. Chief Thomsen said that the vehicle was approximately \$38,000 and equipment was \$10,000 and that the vehicle will be used by him to respond to an incident if there were multiple incidents, and that it would be replacing a conveyance vehicle. Alderman Carpenter asked if it were possible to get a more economical vehicle. Chief Thomsen said yes, it would be reasonable to drop price of vehicle below \$38,000.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to remove line item FI-07-008 in the amount of \$48,500. Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Orth asked about the cost of line item FI-07-010, Administrative Staff Vehicle, that \$48,000 seemed high for a conveyance vehicle and why was it needed. Chief Thomsen said it would be a cruiser type vehicle and MSRP was out 2 years.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Casey to reduce line item FI-07-010, Administrative Staff Vehicle from \$47,668 to \$30,000. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Casey to reduce line item FI-09-003, Administrative Staff Vehicle from \$50,258 to \$35,000. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Casey to reduce line item FI-09-004, Administrative Staff Vehicle from \$50,528 to \$35,000. Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Downing asked for a description of line item FI-09-001, Rural Water Equipment. Battalion Chief Matt Haerter explained the equipment. Alderman Carpenter asked why there was an increase across the board in line item FI-09-006, Building & Grounds Improvements. Assistant Chief Santelli

said that all necessary work was split equally between the five year period and the improvements that could be completed with the allotted funds would be done.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to reduce line item FI-10-001, Administrative Staff Vehicle from \$54,000 to \$35,000. Motion passed 5-0.

Frank Pacetti said that the amendment to the 2009 Fire Department CIP budget for the purchase of the P25 compliant radios would result in a need to add a line item in 2010 and 2011 to complete the purchase of the radios.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to add a line item in 2010 for \$48,500 and a line item in 2011 for \$105,500 for a total of \$154,000 to purchase the balance of the radios. Motion passed 5-0.

It was then moved by Alderman Casey, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to approve as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services 2010 Executive Budget

Staff/Alderman: Alderman Orth asked about the two clerical positions in Fire Administration, if there was any consideration taken there. Assistant Chief Santelli said both positions supported eleven staff members including EMS. Alderman Orth asked if all the positions in the Fire Prevention Bureau were needed. He asked if one Inspector position could be removed and a line position added in Suppression if the additional EMS unit could be online more often. Chief Thomsen explained how drills, plan reviews, and inspections were conducted and said that the additional EMS unit operation would depend on staffing levels.

It was moved by Alderman Orth to remove one position in Fire Prevention and add one position in Suppression. The motion was then withdrawn stating he needed more information.

Alderman Casey said that in order to make a cost savings, a position would have to be eliminated, otherwise there is no added service. Alderman Carpenter said that eliminating a position would lose 15 years or more of experience. Alderman Casey said the issue could be looked at during Committee of the Whole. Alderman Orth agreed.

It was moved by Alderman Ruef, seconded by Alderman Orth to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Neighborhood Services & Inspections 2010 Executive Budget

Staff/Alderman: Alderman Carpenter asked why a Housing Inspector position was being eliminated. Jim Schultz said that overall activity was flat and that building activity is stabilizing. Alderman Orth said he also had a hard time eliminating the position, maybe it was not a position that should be eliminated, that he was open to additional comments. Frank Pacetti discussed the reasoning behind the elimination of the position. Alderman Casey said that he brought up the idea of using seasonal inspectors years ago during the summer when the demand was higher. Jim Schultz said this situation was not ideal but could be done due to training factors. Alderman Casey said he wanted to talk to Administration and Neighborhood Services and Inspection and reserves the right to come back to this issue.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Carpenter to restore the position of Housing Inspector and associated clerical position. Motion passed 4-1, with Alderman Casey voting nay. The adjustment to the 2010 budget would be an addition of \$78,500 in salary and fringe benefits, \$8,575 in temporary & seasonal wages, and \$2,310 in mileage for a total of \$89,385.

It was moved by Alderman Orth, seconded by Alderman Ruef to approve as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizen Comments: Alderman Kennedy stated that he agrees with restoring the position in Neighborhood Services & Inspections and he will support it at Finance Committee. He also commented on the Fire Department command vehicle and the Fire Inspection Bureau position. No one else spoke.

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety & Welfare Committee, it was moved by Alderman Ruef, seconded by Alderman Casey to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion passed 5-0.