

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
April 29, 2019

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Burns Bruno Burghart Hruby Kilburg Maladra Marks McGowan Radecki Swanson	Clements	Dawkins Babica Tymoszenko Frieders Fornari

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM noting all were present save for Ald. Clements.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Special Events Application Process

Dir. Tymoszenko provided information on how the process is currently handled and offered suggestions on changes that could ease the process and create a more efficient system of approval. Discussion on charging a fee for application, the use of pre-approved routes, and deposit requirements were heard. Local race organizer Mary Agnes Zellmer provided comment on her years of experience in managing races in the area and thanked the City for their time and diligence in working to streamline the application process. She provided suggestions on best practices and other aspects of the approval process.

The committee was able to form a consensus on having staff present changes in the near future for formal approval which included an application fee and deposits, along with other changes that were discussed.

b. Packaged Liquor Licenses

Discussion was brought forward at the request of Ald. Kilburg. Kilburg wanted to gauge the council on whether caps should be put in place for allowing any additional packaged liquor licenses in the City.

Police Commander Frieders took questions on our current status, noting that he wasn't aware of any uptick in violations or other problems with the current licensees. Mukesh Patel, owner of Hammer's on East State Street, stated his desire to cap the licenses noting his business had been adversely affected by additional licensees in recent years.

Several aldermen stated that they didn't believe the current system was broken and preferred to let the market dictate the saturation point. Consensus was met to leave the current system of approval in place.

c. Update on Solar Rate Study

Admin. Dawkins and Mayor Burns discussed the current status of the study and that the consultant would have additional information to provide in May. Staff would continue to look at rate scenarios and a simplified permitting process once they have the additional information from the consultant. Discussion on all of the city's energy sources and how those fit into the rate system were heard. Dawkins stressed the need for long-range planning. Ald. Swanson was eager to have this option available and an important part of the City's strategic plan. Resident Andris Slokenbergs stated his optimism that the City would be offering this to residents in the future and commended staff for doing the study. He also suggested a task force be created to help in the process.

5. NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ald. Kilburg recently spent time with and commended the local group entitled "P.R.I.D.E." comprised of retired professionals who give of their time to mentor local school students.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. McGowan, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 9:01 pm.

- *Submitted by Recording Secretary Fornari*