

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
4th Floor Law Library
May 5, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman A. John Calamunci and Council Member Carolyn Bloomquist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Lillian V. Ney

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting City Clerk Patti, Police Chief /Director of Public Safety MacLaughlin, Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund, Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves, John Whittaker of the Post Journal.

Chairman Calamunci called the meeting to order.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to hold the "Hands on Jamestown" community clean-up on May 10, 2003.

Approved: 2 ayes, 0 nays

The Committee reviewed a Special Event Application for the Juneteenth Celebration June 15-16, 2003. Councilman Calamunci asked who would pay the \$200.00 expense incurred by the Board of Public Utilities. Police Chief MacLaughlin suggested it be paid out of Weed & Seed.

Approved: 2 ayes, 0 nays

The Committee reviewed a Special Event Application for the Visit of Chief Justice Rehnquist on May 16, 2003. Security issues and parking were discussed. Police Chief MacLaughlin requested that additional streets be closed as necessary.

Approved: 2 ayes, 0 nays

The discussion on summer meeting dates was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilwoman Bloomquist asked Police Chief MacLaughlin and Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund if their departments were prepared to handle a SARS outbreak. Both stated employees have been updated and additional face masks were on order.

Councilwoman Bloomquist asked if their departments would be taking part in the Homeland Security testing. Police Chief MacLaughlin stated he was not aware of this. He advised the members that his department would be participating in a local exercise on June 12, 2003.

Councilman Calamunci asked if outdoor fireplaces were legal in the City. Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund advised that it is illegal to burn the outdoor fireplace in the City. Councilman Calamunci suggested a public safety press release advising the public of the law.

Councilman Calamunci expressed concerns over the safety of property located at 736-744 E. 2nd Street, formerly Speedy Auto Top. Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves will check into the legalities of filling the property in.

The Committee discussed a request for the Annual MS Walk that was held on May 3, 2003. Police Chief MacLaughlin stated the walkers were given permission to walk on sidewalks, not on streets due to the fact that the Special Events Application was not submitted in a timely manner.

Approved: 2 ayes, 0 nays

Police Chief MacLaughlin advised the members that a resolution will be forthcoming regarding new signage for school zones. Councilwoman Bloomquist expressed concerns that tree leaves

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were covering the signs. Police Chief MacLaughlin will contact Public Works Director Lehman regarding this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Debbie C. Patti
Acting City Clerk