

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Law Library  
July 8, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman A. John Calamunci and Members Lillian V. Ney and Carolyn Bloomquist

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Sanfilippo, Police Chief MacLaughlin, Deputy Fire Chief Hedlund, Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves, John Whittaker of The Post-Journal, Libby Nord

Chairman Calamunci called the meeting to order.

The Committee reviewed the following resolutions:

1. Resolution authorizing the renewal of the agreement with the Unified Court System of the State of New York for court security officers.
2. Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$23,674.00.
3. Ordinance amendment to change Sections 300-502.E. and 507.E. to permit the widening of single car driveways.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The Committee discussed the Special Event Application submitted for the Code Red Tour. The members expressed concerns over the failure to meet the 30-day filing deadline and informed the City Clerk that in the future no applications will be accepted less than 30 days from the date of the event. The City Clerk will send notices to all of the previous applicants advising of this requirement.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Libby Nord addressed the Committee and responded to questions on the Special Event Application that she had submitted for the Lucille Ball Birthday Celebration. She stated that they would probably need an electrical connection for the vendors. She was advised to send a letter advising the location desired.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Block party requests for Sturges Street between Blanchard Street and Newton Avenue on August 16, 2002 and Pershing Avenue between Seneca and Ohio Streets on August 17, 2002 were reviewed.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

A request was received from Lutheran Social Services to permit parking on the south side of Falconer Street between Niagara Street and Tiffany Avenue on September 4-8, 2002 for the Scandinavian Folk Festival.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Director of Public Works Lehman forwarded a request from the Jamestown Free Methodist Church for review. The Committee questioned how large the signs would be, what type of poles would they be placed on and what was the recommendation of the Department of Public Works. This request was tabled pending clarification.

The Committee discussed a request received from the St. James Hispanic Apostolate to hold a Family Mission Journey of Prayer on the St. James Church parking lot from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>. Concerns were expressed over the noise level. The consensus of the Committee was to approve the request from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with the condition that the noise level would be monitored by the Police Department. Should the noise level exceed acceptable levels, they will be asked to turn the volume down.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The tabled requests to install a double stop sign at Forest and Hazeltine Avenues and to install a stop sign at Woodworth Avenue and Fullerton Street were tabled pending a recommendation from the Department of Public Works.

Deputy Chief Hedlund reported that he had looked at the request to remove a no standing/parking sign on Newton Avenue. This sign was placed to permit a turning radius for the fire trucks. However, the location does need signage indicating where the no standing zone ends.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Hedlund presented a training request for Battalion Chief Johnston and Lt. Donald Woodfield to attend the New York State Fire Instructors Conference in Montour Falls, New York on August 5-9, 2002.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Deputy Chief Hedlund advised the Committee that the roof in Station 5 was leaking and part of the ceiling had fallen down. The estimates to repair the roof are \$3,500 for a temporary patch and \$14,000 to replace the roof. He will be bringing this to the Finance Committee for action since there are no funds in the budget for this expense.

Deputy Chief Hedlund told the Committee that an \$89,000 grant had been submitted to purchase turnout gear, protective gear, and a computer program to implement the National Incident Reporting Program. A request from the funding source has been received for more information – specifically assurance that the City of Jamestown would be able to provide the 10% matching funds. He is very encouraged by this request because it indicates that the grant request is being considered for funding. The Committee endorsed the 10% commitment.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

Chief MacLaughlin and City Clerk Sanfilippo advised that the grant application to the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund to purchase and implement a computerized parking ticket issuance system was not funded.

Chief MacLaughlin apprised the Committee that he had spoken with the Jamestown Public School System and the Gustavus Adolphus Home regarding their willingness and ability to fund the cost of retaining the grant funded school resource officers. The Gustavus Adolphus Home is willing to pick up the cost for their facility. The Jamestown Public School System was not able to fund the cost for their facilities. He stated that they were submitting an amendment to the grant application.

Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves presented two proposed ordinance changes. One to allow the parking meter attendants to issue tickets for unregistered motor vehicles parked on public streets or right-of-ways. A second that would require the City Council to adopt the fine schedules for specific offenses under the traffic ordinances of the City and state traffic laws subject to the approval of the City Court Judge.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

The Committee briefly discussed a proposed residency requirement distributed by Corporation Counsel Fiore-Nieves. This will be discussed further at the joint meeting of the Public Safety and Finance Committees at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Linden Avenue Neighborhood Watch Committee to close Myrtle Street between Linden Avenue and Columbia Street and the Hazzard Street Neighborhood Watch Committee to close Hazzard Street between Axtel Street and the Arterial for the annual National Night Out block party on August 6, 2002 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Approved: 3 ayes, 0 nays

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley A. Sanfilippo, CMC, RMC  
City Clerk