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Police and Fire Departments

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

5:30 PM

Lower Conference Room

Agenda

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

Action requested: review and approve

a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 11, 2024 5:00 PM

3) Discussion

a. A Discussion Regarding a Residential Speed Reduction Initiative with Active Citizen Participation.

b. A Discussion About the Condition of the Slow-No-Wake Buoys Located in the City of Mequon Areas in the Milwaukee River.

4) Adjourn

Dated: September 10, 2024

/s/ Gregg Bach, Chair

Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

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Minutes

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Chair Gregg Bach

Alderman Dale Mayr

Alderman Kelly Tolocko

Also Present: Police Chief Pryor, City Attorney Sajdak, Administrative Coordinator Bowen

2) Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting - May 14, 2024 5:00 PM

RESULT: Accepted [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr

SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

3) Resolutions

Action requested: review and recommend approval

- a. **RESOLUTION 4129** A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Mequon and the City of Milwaukee, in Connection with the Provision of Law Enforcement Support Services During the 2024 Republican National Convention

Chief Pryor discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mequon and the City of Milwaukee regarding providing support during the Republican National Convention.

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Alderman Mayr

SECONDED BY: Alderman Tolocko

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

4) Discussion

- a. A Request from the Public Welfare Committee to Provide Input on Potential 2025 City of Mequon Community Survey Topics.
Committee members provided the following topic suggestions for the potential 2025 City of

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Mequon Community Survey:

- Would the community be willing to commit more money to certain items beyond the budget, such as speeding deterrent equipment to address speeding concerns.
- Would the community be in favor of a specified tax increase to fund an improved safety building.
- Does the community have any specific safety concerns regarding crime.
- If a resident has had contact with the Police/Fire departments, how was the response time.

5) Information Item

a. Police Department Call Summary

The Public Safety Committee was provided with data regarding the types of calls handled by the Police Department in May 2024.

6) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:16 PM.

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Alderman Tolocko

SECONDED BY: Alderman Mayr

AYES: Bach, Mayr, Tolocko

Respectfully Submitted,

Melina Bowen

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Office of Public Safety Committee

TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: September 5, 2024
SUBJECT: A Discussion Regarding a Residential Speed Reduction Initiative with Active Citizen Participation.

Background:

Aldersperson Mayr asked Public Safety Chairperson Gregg Bach for a discussion about a residential speeding awareness campaign. Aldersperson Mayr emphasized the importance of involving the community in this initiative. The Police Department created a residential speed sign policy and is actively promoting the use of newly acquired "Your Speed" signs in residential areas. The Department utilizes social media, the City's website, and the weekly bulletin to raise awareness. Additionally, the Department deploys a speed trailer and a small portable speed sign to help address speeding issues.

Analysis:

Since the implementation of this policy and the installation of speed radar signs, complaints about speeding have decreased this summer. The Department is actively involved in statewide initiatives and specific speeding enforcement efforts to maintain a visible presence. Citizens can sign up to report speeding complaints and request the signs at

<https://www.ci.mequon.wi.us/police/page/implementation-temporary-speed-radar-signs-speeding-concerns-residential-areas>

The policy and deployment of the different signs and devices aims to address and alleviate concerns about speeding in residential areas by using speed radar signs. These signs are intended to promote safer driving habits, raise awareness about speed limits, and enhance overall road safety for residents and pedestrians.

One possibility for a residential speed reduction initiative is for Homeowners Associations (HOAs) to leverage their unique position within the community to foster active citizen participation and ensure the project's success. HOAs could establish a dedicated forum focused on traffic safety and speed reduction, emphasizing that the most likely speeders are residents of the neighborhood themselves.

During regular meetings, HOAs could discuss traffic issues and gather feedback from fellow homeowners, ensuring these meetings are well-publicized and accessible to all community members. They could use HOA newsletters, bulletins, and websites to inform residents about the concerns and educate them on the importance of speed reduction. Additionally, residents should be encouraged to report speeding incidents and dangerous driving behaviors as they occur.



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TO: Public Safety Committee
FROM: Patrick Pryor, Chief of Police
DATE: September 5, 2024
SUBJECT: A Discussion About the Condition of the Slow-No-Wake Buoys Located in the City of Mequon Areas in the Milwaukee River.

Background:

Aldersperson Tolocko informed Public Safety Chairperson Gregg Bach about concerns regarding the condition and functionality of the Slow-No-Wake Buoys along the Milwaukee River in the City of Mequon. Aldersperson Tolocko also highlighted several areas of the river needing cleanup. Issues include garbage, such as metal objects protruding from the water, sunken buoys that have not been retrieved, and tree limbs sticking up around bends in the river, all of which could potentially pose risks.

Analysis:

The City of Mequon Police Department is responsible for 7 of the Slow-No-Wake Buoys along the river. In 2018, the Police Department procured a few new buoys. Upon recent assessment by the Boat Patrol Officers, it was discovered that several buoys need to be replaced before the next season, and a recurring replacement plan should be established.

The current cost of each replacement buoy is approximately \$250.00 per buoy for an approximate total cost of \$2000.00. The Boat Patrol Officers determined that 8 buoys would be a more appropriate number. The Department will collaborate with the budget team to determine if ARPA funds are available for this purchase or if the funds will be allocated from the Capital Police Equipment budget. Either way the buoys should be replaced as necessary by next spring's install.

As far as the river cleanup issues. It should be noted that The City of Mequon and Village of Thiensville have a combined committee titled "Milwaukee River Advisory Committee."

<https://www.ci.mequon.wi.us/bc-riveradcomm>

The mission of the River Advisory Committee is to serve as an advisory committee for the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville on issues pertaining to the preservation, improvement and use of the river, generally monitor activities and conditions along the river and act as a clearinghouse for information about the river.

The committee's stated purpose is stated to identify, study and advise the city and the Village of Thiensville on matters of mutual importance concerning the Milwaukee River, its tributaries and adjacent riparian lands, including recommending conservation and regulation policies and enforcement to ensure the continued health of the river system and the reasonable use and enjoyment of the river by recreational users and riverfront property owners.

This committee last met on June 26, 2024, and one of the agenda discussion items was "Shoreline Trash/Debris." The Chairperson, Michael Gross, discussed an interest in leading a river cleanup and working in conjunction with the Milwaukee River Keepers group. The City of Mequon staff liaison for this committee is Parks and Forestry Superintendent Michael Gies. Any additional cleanup or concerns can be brought to the attention of the River Advisory Committee.