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Office of the City Administrator

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Lower Conference Room

Minutes

I) Call to Order

Present:

Chair Dale Mayr
Alderman Gregg Bach
Alderman Kathleen Schneider

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Schoenemann, City Attorney Sajdak, City Clerk Fochs, Inspections Supervisor Golden, and Executive Assistant Enea

II) Approval of Minutes

1. June Meeting Minutes

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

MOVED BY: Alderman Schneider

SECONDED BY: Alderman Bach

AYES: Mayr, Bach, Schneider

III) Discussion Items

1. Regulation of Door to Door Peddling

City Clerk Fochs explained to the Committee the steps peddlers must go through to acquire a license before being allowed to go door-to-door. After receiving a favorable background check from the Police Department, each approved business with their respective sales associates are placed on the City's [website](#) so residents have the ability to verify that the peddler visiting their neighborhood has been vetted by the Police Department. Some restrictions for peddlers include carrying their license with them while selling, wearing a photo ID issued by the company they represent, and refraining from soliciting before 9:00 AM nor after 7:00 PM. Farmers are exempt from needing to apply for a license. The Committee agreed that the restrictions looked reasonable and thought a Weekly Bulletin article informing residents of such would be helpful.

2. Inspections Permitting for 1 & 2 Family Dwellings

Inspections Supervisor Golden informed the Committee that currently homeowners can do their own building , HVAC, and plumbing (inside of the house) work. Homeowners cannot perform their own electrical work, it must be done by a master electrician or licensed journeyman. The Committee discussed some work that residents are able to do and some work they weren't able to do under the current code. For instance, residents are able to swap out use for use (i.e. light fixtures), but cannot install a new ceiling fan. Residents don't know some modifications are illegal, it was asked if a chart could be created to make it easier to understand? Inspections Supervisor Golden stated it is better for homeowners to call and ask if unsure in order to get the correct information. If a handyman does not pull a permit, the homeowner is charged double. A lot of times homeowners don't find out until they go to sell their house. With the complicated and lethal nature of electricity, the Committee was satisfied with leaving the requirements as is, limiting the ability of homeowners to be able to do their own work.

IV) Work Calendar

At the August meeting, the Committee will discuss the Architectural Board.

V) Adjourn

Alderman Bach moved to adjourn at 6:30pm and Alderwoman Schneider seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Enea
Executive Assistant