



MINUTES OF THE PROTECTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020, 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

I. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom Meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

Present: Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, Excused: John VanderLeest

Also present: Deputy City Attorney Joanne Bungert, Chief Andrew Smith, Lt. Steve Mahoney, Chief of Staff Celestine Jeffreys, Alder Barb Dorff, Alder Jesse Brunette, Alder Brian Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the September 28, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee meeting.
Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve. Motion carried.
Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Consideration with possible action on a request by Ald. Brian Johnson for the Green Bay Police Department to provide a report on the surge of recent gun violence and other violent crimes in our community. A candid conversation around data, community comparisons, policing strategies and support needed from council and our community to understand and respond to the growing number of incidents is encouraged.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to close the floor. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to receive and place on file a request by Ald. Brian Johnson for the Green Bay Police Department to provide a report on the surge of recent gun violence and other violent crimes in our community. A candid conversation around data, community comparisons, policing strategies and support needed from council and our community to understand and respond to the growing number of incidents is encouraged. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Tar Escapades, LLP at 2657 University Ave.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a change of agent for Tar Escapades, LLP at 2657 University Ave. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

3. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Kwik Trip 420 at 1712 E. Mason St.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve a change of agent for Kwik Trip 420 at 1712 E. Mason St. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

4. Consideration with possible action on a request by Ald. Brunette to refund the re-inspection fees at 2468 West Point and for the city to appeal to the federal government to allow for the property owner's shed to remain, previously discussed at the April 27 and August 10 Protection & Policy Committee meetings.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to hold a request by Ald. Brunette to refund the re-inspection fees at 2468 West Point and for the city to appeal to the federal government to allow for the property owner's shed to remain, previously discussed at the April 27 and August 10 Protection & Policy Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

5. Consideration with possible action on a request by Kittner's Pub at 129 S. Washington St. to amend the liquor license include an outdoor deck, previously discussed at the September 28, 2020 Protection & Policy Committee Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to close the floor. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to recommend that Council waive the ordinance requirements for an outdoor premise and approve request by Kittner's Pub at 129 S. Washington St. to amend the liquor license include an outdoor deck, with the approval of the proper authorities. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

6. Consideration with possible action on "Class A" Liquor and "Class A" Beer license by RKO Enterprise Inc. at 2278 Bay Settlement Road with a license premises description as "small office and walk in cooler area, main open retail space" (Currently licensed as Bay Petro, LLC).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve an application for a "Class A" Liquor and "Class A" Beer license by RKO Enterprise Inc. at 2278 Bay Settlement Road with a license premises description as "small office and walk in cooler area, main open retail space," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Currently licensed as Bay Petro, LLC). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

7. Consideration with possible action on a "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer license by Friends Convenience, Inc. at 1300 S. Military Ave. with a licensed premises description as "WALK IN COOLER, BEHIND COOLER" (Currently licensed as Convenience Store Operations, LLC).

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve an application for a "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Beer license by Friends Convenience, Inc. at 1300 S. Military Ave. with a licensed premises description as "WALK IN COOLER, BEHIND COOLER," with the approval of the proper authorities. (Currently licensed as Convenience Store Operations, LLC). Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

F. INFORMATIONAL.

I. The Liquor Violation Report for October 12, 2020.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to receive and place on file the Liquor Violation Report for October 12, 2020. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

2. Report from the Water Utility Department regarding the lead pipe removal project.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to receive and place on file the Water Utility Department regarding the lead pipe removal project. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Yes- Craig Stevens, Mark Steuer, Kathy Lefebvre, No- None, Abstain- None

Minutes with Verbatim

- Okay, now we're ready.

- Okay.

- Now, we're ready.

- Okay. All right. Welcome to Protection & Policy for October 12th of 2020. I will take the roll call, roll call, all the story, or I'm here. Elder Stevens.

- Here.

- Elder Lefebvre.

- Here.

- Elder Vander Leest is excused. In case we run out, if we need another elder, elder Brunette mentioned he would sit in, but right now we have quorum. I would approval of the agenda. Motion- Pardon? Go ahead. Approved by Stevens. Seconded by Lefebvre. All in favor, please say I. Oh, excuse me. Let me look at the agenda. We're good. We switched it around. Okay. All right. All in favor, please say I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I.

- I. All opposed, that passes unanimously. Let me know when you're ready, Joanne.

- Yep. Approval of the minutes.

- Okay. Approval of the minutes. Motion. So moved by Lefebvre. Do we have a second?

- Second.

- Second by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- I.

- All opposed, that passes unanimously.

- Okay. Item number one in regular business.

- Okay. Let me get through it. All right. Regular business. Number one, consideration with possible action on a request by elder Brian Johnson for the Green Bay police department, excuse me to provide a report on a surge of recent gun violence and other violent crimes in our community. A candid conversation around data, community comparisons policing strategies, and support needed from council and our community to understand and respond to the growing number of incidents is encouraged. So I know elder Johnson brought this up recently and we moved this up to number one on the agenda. So I know Chief Smith is here. Attorney Bungert, do you have anything to say?

- I do not have anything. I defer this to Chief Smith.

- Okay. Alright. Chief Smith, you were here and I know you talked to elder Johnson about this, so the floor is yours.

- All right. So what I'd like to do if it's okay. And you can hear me okay. I'll tell you a little bit about where we are with the shootings in Green Bay and what our strategy is going forward to try and put an end to these shootings which is a real danger to just about everybody when people are shooting indiscriminately. So as of today, we had two shootings over the weekend. One was a car-to-car shooting. We believe that that was a roadway rage incident near Cedar and Erwin street. Another one was a shooting that actually occurred where someone who was actually shot. It was two individuals who we knew knew each other, had a dispute down on Webster. One got shot. The other call they didn't immediately said that, "Hey, I shot my friend." He said, "Take him to hospital," and we have him in custody right now. To give you some perspective of how big the problem is right now. We have a total of, this is verified shootings, not accidental, not unintentional. These are actual shootings. We're looking at 45. We distilled that number down for the year to date. Last year, at this time we had 19. Our average, our usual range for this time of year is between 16 and 19. You can see where well over where we usually are in these shootings. Obviously there are consensual fights about just under two dozen people that we believe are involved in between 60 and 70%. It's a very small group of individuals. These shootings are back and forth. Somebody shoots up somebody's car. Somebody gets mad about that shoots up somebody's house and back and forth shootings between groups of individuals over very minor disputes. This isn't a big drug dispute. This isn't a gang turf war or anything like that. This is individuals who are mad at each other because someone is dating someone else's girlfriend or someone is now dating the girl they used to date or things of that nature. Really ridiculous things, insults, perceived insults, old grudges, things of that nature. So that's kind of where these are all coming from or a good majority of these are coming from. And we're aware who these individuals are. We've identified them. We're building cases on these individuals so that we'll hopefully have enough to prosecute them. But again, it's very difficult because they're not really willing to give information up on other people. And that's kind of where we are. I'll answer any questions about where we're at, unless you want me to jump right into what we're doing as far as our police strategy.

- First committee, do you have any specific questions right now or any of the elders that are here? Anybody at all? Elder Stevens?

- Not at the moment.

- Not at the moment.

- [Lefebvre] I don't have any questions, I just want to say, I think this is just a commentary of what's happening around the country. People are just thinking, "Well, just take a gun and..." they just gradually grab a gun to solve some of their situations where people didn't do that before. Maybe they would have a fight, punch up each other a little bit, but now it's easy. Just guns are available. Let's just grab a gun and solve our problem that way in which it doesn't.

- Right.

- [Lefebvre] So yeah. I just think, yeah, it's a sad commentary of what's happening with our society. And I think the chief, and I do appreciate the email that I received from you and I think that you're really putting in a good strategy, the best that you can in this situation. And I thank you for that.

- Okay. Thank you. Thank you, elder Lefebvre. I don't know if all their Johnson is around. He called in and said, he's in a car traveling. Is he available?

- [Johnson] Yeah, I'm here. I'll just start. Can you hear me?

- Yes. Yes. elder Johnson, if you care to, go ahead.

- [Johnson] Yeah. I mean, I appreciate the initial start that Chief Smith has offered up, I think there's obviously the spree of gun shooting. There's been a number of other violent acts in our community and my district in particular, I've had a number of homicides, direct result of guns. And so, if the chief could also maybe expand on that a little bit and then of course I'm eager to hear the rest of what he's ready to share.

- Thank you, elder. Chief, did you get that?

- What? Homicides? I'm sorry. Did I interrupt you?

- I don't know if he's there, but he's muted. He had talked about the number of homicides that are going on right now. Elder Johnson?

- [Johnson] Yeah, I was just asking, in addition to some of the gun violence that the chief had mentioned accounts for 60 to 70%, if he could also touch on some of the other criminal activity like the homicides.

- Did you get that chief?

- six homicides in Green Bay. That's the highest number since I've been here five years, our average is 1.6. And you may remember there's some years that go by We have zero homicides in Green Bay. So this is a big concern for us. Last year, we had three at this time. Again, this year we have six, five for those involved gunshots. One of those involved a stabbing. Those appear to be unrelated to each other. Sometimes it's a low level narcotics dispute of the double homicide we saw recently was a result of someone I think, got some mental health issues, but that was a big concern for us. As far as the strategy of what we're going to do. But as I mentioned, we're building cases on these nearly two dozen individuals. It's also tough because as elder Lefebvre said society and the way people behave is different than it used to be. We've seen an increase across the country in violent crimes like this, especially shooting in teams, the respect for police over the course of the summer after those incidents that we saw, our detectives are telling me, as recently as today, they're getting zero cooperation from a lot of people. They go to approach someone and try and have a conversation. And it's an expletive and the person stomps off, but we are working on building cases on those individuals that we believe are responsible for this. We're using every that we have available. We're hoping to turn those cases over to the district attorney and to hold people accountable through the criminal justice system for the things that they've done. So the message is, if you committed a crime like this, and you don't think the police are going to be onto you and you don't think you're going to, if you think you're going to get away with it, it's not over yet. We've got some really good detectives that are doing a really good job following up. They're very patient. They're very methodical and they're building those cases. In addition to that, there's a couple other things we're doing. We're putting together a task force of four patrol officers and two detectives that is coming out of our patrol high basically. But those officers are going to redeploy. Their job is going to be to go out there during the times that these shootings are occurring and try and catch those individuals involved, follow up from information from the detectives, find out who's doing it, take them into custody if we can. Take their cars if they're using them to further criminal activity, get the weapons that they have and trying to figure out how they're getting these weapons that they're using, as clearly, they're not going down to the local gun store and buying them, they're getting through illegal means, they're either stolen or bought from someone who is selling them to these individuals, obviously without a license whatnot. So that six person taskforce is going to start up as soon as we can. We already have the detectives working on it. We did interviews for that today. We're going to implement that as early as the middle of this week. Today for a few hours this afternoon we met with some local interventionists, religious leaders, community leaders, and we asked for their help. You may recall a couple of years ago, we had a big rise in shootings. We met with some of the same individuals. And immediately after that meeting, they reached out to the people who involved and our shootings dropped down to zero. And we went a couple months without a shooting. I'm hoping and frankly I'm praying that we are able to reach the right individuals, get ahold of them, the interventionists and the community activists and the religious folks will be able to reach out to these people and convince them to put a lid on it. Stop it now before someone gets hurt stop it now before an innocent child or a bystander or one of them ends up getting hurt. That's our hope. Some of the other things we're looking at is some of the areas that these incidents are occurring. There's some apartment buildings, there are some private property that's owned that is in a pretty bad shape. I think when you have a neighborhood and some of the properties are in

bad shape, it sends a message to people that, "Hey, people don't care about this neighborhood." "Police don't care, community doesn't care." "So I get to do what I want," and that's not the case. So we're working with our folks from the development department to public works, things to that nature so that we can get the environment cleaned up. I went out, walked a foot beat in one of these neighborhoods last week, talked to many of the individuals that live there. They're interested in helping clean up the blighted buildings and blighted properties in their community. So I think if we do that, we build the cases, we work with this taskforce, we work with the intervention to try and stop these kids from doing this, these young people for doing it. And we look at environmental issues that are going on. I'm hoping that that kind of a holistic approach will help us. Again, we think there's about two dozen people involved there from ages of 17 to 26. We've got them identified. We know who they are. It's just a matter of building cases on those. And I think we can stop or solve 60 to 70% of these cases just by that young group of individuals.

- I was going to ask chief, thank you for that. Elder Johnson, I'm going to just chime in a little bit. If you want to come back and you let me know I was going to ask on these individuals chief, you said there were between 17 and 26, generally. Do they live in town? Are they from out of town? What's the dynamic of the folks that we're talking about here? Any idea?

- here.

- Pardon?

- They're from Green Bay. Sometimes they leave town occasionally, but they come back. This group of individuals all know each other. In fact, the odd thing about this is, is an individual may move from one group to another, and they're not gangs by any means. They're just groups of individuals that hang out with each other. It doesn't sound like they do much besides hanging out. They get upset with one person in their group. That person gets mad at the group, goes to the other group. And then all of a sudden we have somebody coming by and shooting someone's car or they'll shoot someone that happens to be driving by from this other group because they're there in the out group. It's completely nonsensical to most of us. I know it's counterintuitive to everything you know about folks and why they would shoot someone else but their disputes, like somebody flashed a sign at somebody or somebody stood at someone else's car one day or they're mad about an issue that happened two years ago where someone's dating a girl who used to date somebody in the other group, and now they're dating someone else, ridiculous things like that that are nonsensical to you and I, but they will result in someone finding a gun or getting a hold of a gun shooting at someone for reasons just as simple as that. This is not out of town people that have come to Green Bay to cause havoc. This is Green Bay folks that our officers have been following for years and years and years in some cases.

- Well, I know we had issues at Fisk parks some years ago with fights and basketball on that. And then the religious community got involved and a few other citizens and that really helped change that up. So I like the fact that you're reaching out to organizations. I think the whole housing issue, in fact elder Stevens and I are going to be working a little bit on an ordinance. So for housing, and I think that we really got to look at what we have in Green Bay and the good, bad and about that. And I think you're right, when bring up the fact when

he went on, there were certain areas in Green Bay where the apartments are in poor shape and people don't care. So we need to try to address that as well as we can. I'm not saying that's the whole answer but I think that's one answer.

- To that point and it looks great. And you turn to one and another one right next to it is completely disheveled. The stairs are broken. There's windows broken. It's clearly that person doesn't take care of it. And the people that are living there are the ones that end up suffering for it. So I reached out to Cheryl Rainier Wiggs this morning, she immediately assigned two inspectors to come in and work with us and take a look at some of these properties. See if there's some things we can do together to mitigate some of these problems.

- And as elder Johnson mentioned, like I said, a bunch of time is coming up and things are always tight, but if there's something at all that we can do to help in some way, some small way, whatever, please don't hesitate. Any other- Oh, go ahead. Oh, okay.

- [Lefebvre] Chief... I'm sorry.

- Go ahead. Go ahead, elder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] I just want to say that I'm really sad to realize that what has happened in the country has turned people negative to all police, our police, from what everything I've seen our police has always been professional, especially under Chief Smith. I give you a lot of credit for making sure that our department is welcoming to all people. And I mean what you did with the demonstrations was great here. And people should not just assume that all cops are bad and they're not. It's a few individuals. And I'm sorry that this has happened that people don't want to cooperate with you.

- Right.

- If I could address that, the vast majority of people in Green Bay have been great. We get huge support from the business community, the religious community here, the neighborhoods, people in Green Bay are great including our older people, our representatives, we've got a lot of support from the mayors and the mayor and the mayor's office. It's just a small group. I think a very vocal individuals here that are again irrationally, I think painting a pretty broad brush on police across their country because of some incidents that are... Are our officer's perfect? Absolutely not. I'm not perfect. Nobody is. We're trying our awful hard out there when we make mistakes, we do what we can to fix it. But I appreciate the support that our elected leaders in Green Bay have given us and me personally over the years, it's been really terrific.

- Elder Johnson, did you want to add anything else? And you're still out there?

- [Johnson] Chief Smith, if you could touch on the resources component a little bit, or the story, you alluded to it. But one of the reasons that I wanted to put this on tonight's agenda is budget season's coming up here. I wanted us to be able to have an open conversation about whether or not there are any needs from the police department that currently aren't being met so that we can have that open conversation about addressing it right now. So if you could maybe respond to that a little bit.

- You know what? I recognize it's a tight budget all the way across the board, the police department wants to do our share. The highest we've ever been in number of officers in Green Bay is 194. I think when Mayor Genrich started we were at 180 right now we're at 185. And my conversations with the mayor, we're trying to bump that up to 187 so that we can add a couple of officers for our mental health unit. As you know, we have two officers work in a mental health unit and a social worker working with the County to get another one. So we could double the size of that unit. I think that's money well spent. There's not a chief of police across the country that doesn't want more police officers including me, but I recognize that we're under tight budget this year. And I'm hoping that we can bump it up to 187 and making some changes in our structure of our department that we're working on. So that by the first of the year, we can have a little bit more, a few more officers and a little bit better ability to respond in a more agile manner when problems like these shooting series arise. So, that'll be a conversation going on over the next month or so as we go through the budget cycle. But I certainly appreciate all the support that you've given me elder Johnson and in the rest of the elders.

- [Johnson] If I could maybe one more followup question and then just a comment afterwards, and I know I'm putting you on the spot with this question chief, but is there anything from a perspective that you think the city of Green Bay should be exploring?

- We're always reevaluating our policies in light of what happened in Minneapolis, we made some changes. We're continually going through our policies on our department. I think the oversight that I get from the police and fire commission, I think they've been very supportive of us and mission that we have. I know there's gonna be at least one change coming up in there. I believe in the police fire commission, but they've been terrific. I keep them apprised of everything and they provide that civilian oversight for the police department that I think is really important. So I met a loss of other policy changes we could make that would be

- [Johnson] Maybe I should be a little bit more specific, chief. When we're talking policy meaning ordinance changes.

- Did you hear that chief?

- The last one.

- Ordinance, ordinance changes. He was talking, are there anything out there that you'd like to see a changed to make it a little better for him?

- that I saw when I was walking through those neighborhoods for a couple hours, that a concern. And I think it's just a matter of that do the inspections working with the property owner to make those repairs so that play some more welcoming environment and the environment that you do care. It's not just a place for people that come in with disregard to the laws. So that's the only thing I can think of as far as ordinances, I know strong firearm ordinances across the board. I know if these individuals that are doing this certainly aren't concerned with obeying ordinances. A little bit, it's a difficulty keeping people here for long periods of time. And I know that COVID is a problem. It's impacted our youth programs. We haven't been able to get the young people into . I know there's no connection with the school. There's very little connection with the school compared to other kids were actually in school. That's been raised as a concern by some of our activists. I'm not sure there's much we can do about that until the kids get back to full time school but I will keep that in mind and I'll work it through with some of my staff and some of my field officers to see if there's anything ordinance wise that they would make a positive change for us.

- Chief you are breaking up a little bit. It's a little hard to hear you completely but I think the tenor would be and maybe elder Johnson and other sort of agree that, if there was a way with some bullet points possibly of the things that you just talked about, if you could share that with council, we would really appreciate that, especially with finance I would think, but if you couldn't do that, we would all need something like that. elder Johnson, do you agree?

- [Johnson] Yeah, and I would just maybe wrap up, elder Steuer , I mean, one thanking the chief for taking the time to put this together. I think he said it on the head with a holistic approach. Police alone, aren't going to solve this problem. And I think getting inspections involved, a neighborhood investment, this was what was the impetus really behind the shipyard neighborhood reinvestment strategy is making appropriate investments in areas that are underperforming in our community that need a little extra help from city government, and at the end of the day we need the community to be a participant as well. I think all the laws in the world aren't gonna necessarily make criminal stop being criminals. But I think if there are some policy things that can make incremental changes in terms of helping our police department, I will wholeheartedly take a look at anything that comes before it. So thanks to the police. I mean, police are doing a phenomenal job. We all know that and fully support everything that they're doing. And I just want to make sure that council is kind of holding up our end of the bargain when it comes to making sure that our police department has appropriate resources. So thanks again chief for giving us the overview.

- Thanks, elder Johnson. That's some good points. So I think the fact that chief, you were talking about adding two more officers, the mental health I think that's a big issue. With many, many things that are going on in society right now. And I think we're often lacking in that area sometimes. And not financial problems whatever. Sometimes it makes it difficult, but I like that thought too. Committee, elder Brunette.

- Thank you. Thank you, chairman Steuer. I was wondering if it would be appropriate if you would be opening the floor up to hear from interested parties. There are a few people I don't recognize from possibly the public or maybe so as Mrs. Jeffrys knows if there are any members of the public would like to speak. Sure. Thank you for that. I'll wait for a second committee. Anything else you want to add? Otherwise, I'll ask us to open the floor. Do we have a motion, like a motion for that please?

- [Lefebvre] I'll make a motion on the floor.

- Okay. By Lefebvre. Do I have a second?

- Second.

- Second by Stevens

- Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed that passes unanimously. The floor is now open. So if you do, I don't know, elder attorney Bungert. Do you want to handle this or do you want me to basically, we're just asking the folks to state their name and address for the record.

- [Bungert] I could handle it if you want, elder.

- Oh, self esteem.

- [Bungert] Yes, here I am.

- You're excellent with this. Believe me. Yeah, go ahead.

- [Bungert] So just give me one second.

- Yes. Thank you.

- [Bungert] Sorry. Okay. Just give me one second. Just to pull up my handy-dandy timer. All right. So thank you everyone, members of the public. So what we can do is if you'd like to speak, please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee. And you'll have three minutes to talk. Anyone who would like to speak from the public, you can go on this item, please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee. Last call. Anyone who would like to speak who is a member of the public, please unmute yourself and state your name and address for the committee. All right. Looks like we don't have anybody.

- All right, I thank your self esteem.

- [Bungert] You're welcome.

- Motion on the floor.

- Okay. Motion by Stevens.

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second by Lefebvre. All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- All opposed. elder Brunette.

- Yeah. First of all, thank you to the community for opening the floor, even though no one from the public spoke. I did notice that there's a lot of interest in the community, and I believe the media may have run stories. So this affects the public, all public in this city. So a couple of comments, first of all, a question for Chief Smith, he said there are 45 verified shootings in the city this year. And if I hear that correctly you said that about 70% of those, 60 to 70% of those shootings are between two dozen people roughly, is that correct?

- Yes. just this afternoon.

- Okay. So if we were to take out, not that it's that easy, obviously, but if we were to remove those shootings which seems to be revolving around a certain group of people or situation, then the number of shootings in the city are not drastically larger than what you would see in a typical year. Is that correct? The way that I'm figuring the numbers out, it doesn't look like aside from this issue, the shootings have ballooned.

- That is correct, sir. Yeah. If it weren't for this group of a couple dozen people that are causing this back and forth I think we'd be right around where we are in a typical year.

- Great. And chief Smith, have members of the public and neighborhoods, business owners, have people been reaching out to the police department or to you with any fearful feelings? "Oh my gosh, what's going on in this city?" "How can we let this happen?" Is that the sort of conversations you've heard or have had?

- I would say in some , I don't think it goes that way across the board in Green Bay, but they read the news reports. They hear about a shooting, they read about a homicide and then the general public is concerned. But I think that the people living in these pockets and neighborhoods, and there's a couple of little small areas where these shootings are occurring. I think they're very concerned about it because they see these folks shooting back and forth indiscriminately and they're worried for themselves and their families.

- Yeah. Chief Smith, how is morale right now in the police patrol area, your officers feel supported by the city, the community. Is there any concerns with, I remember say dozen years ago, five, 10 years ago, crime prevention was a big focus, not just in our city but every city. So the police would do very proactive things. And I know with some of the tensions that have sprung up in different communities, including our own. I've heard my personal conversations with acquaintances I have in police forces that in some departments there's a

hesitation to do a simple traffic stop or preventative policing because they don't want things to escalate. Is that at all the issue in the city?

- Well, I think our officers are very busy. I think our officers are out there working every day and working hard every day and they want to get out there and solve this problem. We held the interviews today for this special position. We opened it up to the entire department. We had 30 officers volunteer to be part of this task force. They want to go out there. They want to go out there and stop these shootings. They want to catch those people that are doing it and hold them accountable. And they want to be able to do it without being tied to the radio. There are so many... Our officers are really busy out there despite the COVID and everything else, they're running from call to call to call. So they're very busy. I think they're a little bit disheartened because of what they see across the country, the negative perception of police, all the anti-police rhetoric that we hear. But I think they recognize that we're a little bit insulated from that here in Green Bay. I get letters. I got a hundred dollars in gift cards to buy pizzas for my officers today. Last week, somebody sent me three gift cards for Dunkin donuts. He said, "Take a couple officers out" "and have coffee with them and donuts." I did that this morning. The little things that people do, the notes from kids and schools, the notes from moms and dads when our cops do things, the notes from other people. I think our officers really feel appreciated here in Green Bay. They can't help, but notice what's happening across the country and all the anti-police rhetoric. But here in Green Bay, like I said, 30 people applied for that job. We're going to be able to pick four of them to go out there and be a part of this. So they want to go out and work. They want to keep busy. They want to solve this problem and keep Green Bay safe. And that's why they're here.

- Yeah. And that's great to hear chief because a lot of times with the things we see in the media, across the country, things can fester. And it's good to know that our police feel that they're supported by the community. I have always felt that-

- Go ahead.

- Yeah. I'm sorry. There's no workflow or anything like that. Our guys are there. They're out in the street, they're out in the field. They're there keeping busy and contacting a lot of people. So I'm not worried about that.

- Yeah. And for my perspective, as a city council member, chief, I commend you because the good, the bad and the ugly, you've never been afraid to voice situations that otherwise might be very sensitive. So I have confidence in your ability as chief and your police force to address some of these issues that are occurring. And unfortunately, we've seen a huge increase in the shootings for what you say has been isolated to perhaps two dozen people. So think about you all the time and your police force in the city. I know it's a very difficult job. If there's any resources or anything you need from the city council and city government, that's a big part of the equation as well. And like I said, I respect you because you've always been very forthright with information. And I think that that's important from a public perception, that we as a city government and our police force, honestly and candidly address situations because otherwise perceptions build and before you know it, the perception is that it's a much bigger problem than perhaps it is. So thank you for the work you do. And I

encourage you keep filling us in as a council and the community so that we gather as a community to help solve the issues from where we sit and from where we stand. So thank you.

- Thank you, sir.

- Thank you elder Brunette. Those are great comments. I concur completely with those as well as many of the other elders too, as well. We are here. We want to work with you, with Chief Smith and your department. I'm going to ask elder Johnson. You said with possible actions. We could come up with something with our committee but I'm going to defer to you to see how we move forward with this, as far as just refer to sounds, et cetera. I'll leave that to you or your ideas. Did you hear me on that? Elder Johnson? Okay.

- He's coming on. He just unmuted.

- Elder Johnson? Hello? I mean, we can-

- [Johnson] Can you hear me now?

- Yes. Yes. Elder Johnson, elder Brunette just spoke. Okay. Good.

- [Johnson] My unmute feature wasn't working.

- I see.

- [Johnson] I'm more than comfortable with receive and place on file. I just thought it was important for us to have a public conversation around the seriousness of the issue. I think it's one of those things that's being talked about in our community. I think gets a better response to that to show the public that the chief is taking action. And he gave us a number of really positive steps that his department's taking. So I think if we do receive a place to file a couple with that, that at any time that we want to receive or hear another update from the chief, we can submit a request at that time.

- All right. Okay. Thank you for that. Okay. Committee.

- I'm going to update the community members, the leaders in the community and the interventionists and the religious leaders. I could include a weekly update on shootings with every weekly police update that I provided a counsel already. If that would be a helpful.

- Well, did you hear that, elder Johnson?

- [Johnson] Yeah, I did. I think that would be terrific. I think things that get measured, get done. So I think if we can, if the chief is willing to give that weekly update not just on the data, but I mean action steps that are being taken as you suggested. I think it shows that we're really working hard to address this issue for the safety of our community.

- Well said, thank you elder Johnson. Thank you, Chief Smith. Committee. Elder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] To make a motion.

- To make a motion?

- [Lefebvre] To make a motion in?

- Yes, go ahead.

- [Lefebvre] To even place on file.

- Okay. Thank you. We have a motion for that. Do we have a second?

- I'll second that, and thank you everybody for the comment.

- You bet. Thank you, elder Stevens. The second. All in favor, please say, I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. That passes unanimously. And again, thank you, chief Smith and the elders, elder Burnett, elder Johnson. Thank you for your insights. So we're good. I'll wait for you, Joanne.

- Yep. One second. I'm trying to get back to my sort of quick screen. Okay. Item number two.

- All right. Number two, consideration with possible action on a change of Asian for tar escapades, LLP at 2657 university Avenue. Staff?

- Yes. Our department has no objections.

- Police.

- The police concur.

- I would entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- By Stevens.

- [Lefebvre] .

- A second by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.
- I.
- [Lefebvre] I.
- I. That passes unanimously.
- Item number three.
- Number three, consideration with possible action on a change of Asian for a quick trip 420 at 17 12 East Mason street, staff?
- Law department has no objection.
- Police?
- The police concur.
- I would entertain a motion.
- [Lefebvre] Motion to accept.
- Okay. By Lefebvre. Do I have a second.
- Second.

- Second by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. That passes unanimously.

- Item number four. Number four, consideration with possible action on a request by elder Brunette to refund the re inspection fees at 2468 West point and for the city to appeal to the federal government to allow for the property owners should to remain previously discussed that the April 27th and August 10th Protection & Policy committee meetings. I did speak with elder Brunette and I would defer to him right now if you cared to-

- Yes, thank you, chairman Steuer. This has come come before this committee a few different times. I spoke to the property owner and he is not able to make the meeting today. He's a truck driver. So he's actually on the East coast. So what I would appreciate the committee to do is simple motion to hold. So he can appear before this committee in person at your next committee meeting. He has some good updates. His interactions with the federal government have been official. At this point, we're not looking to refund anything but a simple hold for two weeks till your next committee meeting.

- Before we do that elder Brunette. Is there anything that the committee needs to look at ahead of time or information that he'll gather for us or just hold it?

- Yeah. He's on top of this as a property owner. It's unfortunate due to his travel. You cannot...

- All right. Okay. Thank you for that.

- Well, I have a question.

- Yes. Go ahead, elder Stevens.

- So elder Brunette, it seems like every time we hold this, he is unable to attend. Would he be able to give you this information direct so we're not continuing-

- Yeah. And that's fine. I'll be completely honest with you, elder Stevens. This kind of snuck up on me. Usually, I review the agenda ahead of time and I noticed it this morning. I don't know where that two month period went but I'm assisting in some level with the federal government. So if he cannot attend, and part of it is COVID related truck driving industry right now is very busy. So it's hard to guarantee his attendance at the moment. And there's another issue that I don't want to divulge a personal detail that, I respect this situation. So yeah, that would be fine. And I get it, at some point we need to make a decision rather than keep deferring. All I'm asking for at this point is two weeks. If he can't make it, then I'll be prepared to speak on his behalf.

- All right. Perfect. Thank you. I'll make a motion to hold. Elder Stevens, to hold, do we have a second?

- I'll second it as long as it's... Yeah, we're going to finally get this resolved. Well, I appreciate elder Burnett doing that as well. So we have a second all in favor, please say I.

- I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed. We will hold up until our next meeting which let me look here, our October 26th. Joanne. I think that's it.

- I think that's correct. Yep.

- Elder Brunette.

- Chairman, Steuer, I know I'm kind of the backup for Corum, but it seems like the three of you will be here, am I able to excuse myself?

- Okay.

- Oh yeah. Yes.

- All right. Thank you very much.

- All right. Take care. Thanks for your input.

- Okay. So-

- [Lefebvre] Chairman-

- Yes. Yes.

- [Lefebvre] I don't know if Barb Dorf is on or not, but I had talked to her earlier and she said she was going to join the meeting too. So if we did need... She might be there, I'm not sure.

- Well, normally we we've talked about this, elders Brunette and Dorf being the president and vice president of the council will make those decisions. So yes, elder Brunette was ready to do that today and elder Dorf would be more than willing to step in as well, but you're not leaving. Are you?

- No, no, no, no, no. She has three items on -

- Oh, I see. I've got one-

- So I'm staying.

- Okay. Sounds good. Thanks. All right, Joanne, when you're ready.

- Yep, item number five.

- Okay. Let me get to that. Number five, consideration with possible action on a request by Kitner's pub at 129 South Washington street to amend the liquor license including an outdoor deck previously discussed at the September 28 2020 protection of policy committee meeting, staff?

- Yes. So this item, we held so that-

- Explanation.

- Could get the certificate of appropriateness granted which was approved with the condition that the premise meets all inspection and building codes. So the remaining items that staff wanted to confirm with the licensee is the type and height of fencing that is planned on the deck. And also to just confirm with the licensee that the access to the deck is exclusive to Kitner's meaning the deck which sits behind the adjacent building was at one point accessible from Al's hamburgers which is the adjacent building to Kitner's. But based on the plans that they've submitted got access point is gone. And the only access point is from Kitners. We just want to make sure that with the deck being part of a licensed premise, that it cannot be accessible from an area that is unlicensed as they wouldn't have any mechanisms or procedures there with respect to carding and verifying ID.

- Is there-

- So if we can open the floor and that would be licensee kind of-

- Motion to open the floor?

- Just want to make sure that whatever printing they have meets the height requirements otherwise we're going to have to do the labor.

- Okay. Elder Stevens, you had made a motion. Elder Stevens to open the floor.

- Yes. Motion to open floor.

- Okay. Do we have a second?

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second. Elder Lefebvre. All in favor, please say, I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. That passes unanimously. That's hard word to say. Okay. Is there anybody for this item that could speak to that and sell esteem? I'll always defer to you on this.

- Thank you elder. So anyone, I think Jim Carmen, Mr. Carmen, are you interested in speaking on this item?

- [Jim Carmen] Yes, I can.

- Okay. Awesome. So please thank you for unmuting yourself and state your name and address for the committee. Elder Steuer, I won't give a three minute because it's not really testimony, so okay. All right.

- Thank you. Go ahead Mr. Carmen.

- [Jim] I'm Jim Carmen, 129 South Washington street Green Bay, Wisconsin, regarding your question about fencing, the deck as you exit a Kitner's pop into the deck, the deck itself is elevated at about a nine foot height and then there'll be a railing completely around the deck and there'll be no means to access the Alex courtyard area other than the deck itself. And there'll be no access from Al's restaurant to the deck.

- Okay. I sit on the landmarks commission and we've talked about this at length as well. And I guess our concern was the hubris as well. The fact that it's not tight space back there, but we moved forward with our decision based on the fact that you would look at those questions that we brought forward and you feel that you've done that.

- [Jim Carmen] Yes, we get to submit the site plan to the building department, along with the exit distances and they approved it based on that.

- Okay. All right. Attorney Bungert, do you have any other-

- I do not have. Nope. I do not have any other followup questions that satisfies what we just want to do-

- Okay. But you're... All right, police. Do you have any concerns with this?

- No, we don't at all.

- Okay. Committee, do you have any questions on this? Otherwise we can move forward.

- [Lefebvre] I'll make a motion that we now accept the revised plans for Kitner's.

- Actually, we need to close the floor.

- Oh, that's true.

- [Lefebvre] Oh, that's right. Yeah. I'm sorry.

- And then we need to do the motion to waive and approve first to close the floor.

- Motion to close the floor.

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- All right. Stevens. Second by Lefebvre. All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed, passes unanimously. Now, we can look at... Go ahead elder Lefebvre.

- [Lefebvre] Well, it should be what, to waive.

- To waive, yes. To wave the ordinance requirements for outdoor premise and to approve the request.

- [Lefebvre] Thank you. That's my that's my motion.

- Second.

- Okay. Second. discussion. All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I. All opposed. That passes unanimously. Attorney Bungert, my screen's locking. Stevens, could you read... Well, wait a minute. I think I'm getting it. All right. Onto the other thing.

- Okay. All right. Item number six. Number six. Consideration with possible action on class A liquor in class A, beer licensed by RKO Enterprise Inc at 2278 based settlement road with a licensed premise is description as small office on walk and cooler area in retail space currently licensed as Bay Petro LLC, staff.

- Law apartment has no objection.

- Police.

- Police concur.

- I would entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed, that passes unanimously.

- And item number seven.

- Seven, consideration with possible action on a class A liquor in class A beer license by friends, convenience inc at 1300 South military Avenue with a licensed premises description as walk in cooler, behind cooler, currently licensed as convenience store operations, LLC, staff.

- Well, the department has no objections.

- Police.

- Police concur. I would entertain a motion.

- Motion to approve.

- Motion by Stevens. Do we have a second?

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second by Lefebvre? Any other discussion? All in favor please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed. That passes unanimously.

- And we are onto the liquor violation-

- The liquor violation report for October 12th, 2020. Lieutenant Mahoney, you know how I feel about this. I'll move forward.

- The most exciting part.

- Yes. Yes. We're here

- For Taverns in Green Bay, we cited the owner for obstructing and maintaining a disorderly house and also the bartender a warning for operating without a license. Our community police are monitoring this establishment working with the owner to make sure there's no issues like happened on this night. And if there are that they're more police friendly and assisting us in finding out who the troublemakers were.

- Okay. They're willing to work with you, it sounds like.

- Yes, they are very much so.

- Okay, good. So that's good to hear. Anything else? Is that it?

- That's all we had on liquor report.

- All right.

- Motion to receive and place on final.

- By Stevens. Do we have a second?

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- Second by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor please say I.

- I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. All opposed, that passes unanimously. So next, we have report from the water utility department regarding the lead pipe removal project, staff is, go ahead staff.

- Yes. I do not have any comments. I believe previously the procedure that was set up by the committee is that water utility would appear to comment if there was something out of the ordinary, otherwise they were to basically present

- The other things were presented, it sounds... Right. It sounds like they've completed their project. It was quite a project, a lot of time and effort and then some monies in that. But it sounds like we've had six, thus we commended a direct report on that. So thank you for that. If anything else does change, I'm sure we'll hear about it. And we can share that. But I think right now they've done a phenomenal, I would appreciate it for that.

- [Lefebvre] And we had, I think he came here twice. The head of the EPA was here to congratulate them on their comment. And I think it was quite accomplishment and they've had other States and cities contacting Green Bay and asking how they did it.

- Right. And director Cox said that she would be willing to work with others. She's very proactive. So I have no doubt that she will be professional and work with anybody else that wants to find out about that.

- [Lefebvre] Yes.

- So when you get a motion here to receive and place on file, anybody?

- Motion receiving placement file.

- Okay. By Steven. So we have a second.

- [Lefebvre] Second.

- By Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say I.

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I.

- I. All opposed that passes unanimously. We need a motion now to adjourn.

- [Lefebvre] I'll make a motion to adjourn.

- By Lefebvre. Seconded by...

- Second.

- By Stevens who hesitated. I don't know.

- [Lefebvre] He wants to go longer.

- Yeah. All in favor please say I.

- I

- [Lefebvre] I.

- I. Our next meeting will be October 26th. Thank you for everything. All the committee and police and the attorney. Thank you much.

- Good night. Thank you.

- Good night.

- Thank you.

- [Lefebvre] Good night everybody.

- You got it. Good night.

- [Lefebvre] Take care.