



MINUTES OF THE PROTECTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, 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, John VanderLeest, Kathy Lefebvre, Also Present: Alder Barbara Dorff, Assistant City Attorney Joanne Bungert, I.T. Director Mike Hronek, Human Resources Director Joseph Faulds, Lt. Steve Mahoney

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to Approve.
Motion Passed.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

I. Approval of the minutes from the July 26, 2021 Protection & Policy Committee Meeting.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to Approve.
Motion Passed.

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

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

I. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Walgreens Co. at 1165 W. Mason.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve a change of agent for Walgreens Co. at 1165 W. Mason.

Motion Passed.

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

2. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Walgreen's Inc. at 2204 University Ave.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a change of agent for Walgreen's Inc. at 2204 University Ave.

Motion Passed.

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

3. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent at Ultimate Mart, LLC at 1819 Main St.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. John VanderLeest to approve a change of agent at Ultimate Mart, LLC at 1819 Main St.

Motion Passed.

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

4. Consideration with possible action on a request by I.T. Department to discontinue use of Green Bay Public Television Channel 4 in lieu of repairing malfunctioning equipment, previously discussed at the July 26 Protection & Policy meeting and referred back to committee at the August 3, 2021 Common Council meeting.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a request by I.T. Department to discontinue use of Green Bay Public Television Channel 4 in lieu of repairing malfunctioning equipment and for staff to reach out to local stations to see the possibility of airing the meetings.

Motion Passed.

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

5. Consideration with possible action on a request by Tux 2, Inc. (Blue Collar) to temporarily extend their license premises to the outside parking lot on October 2 for the Grand Opening.

Moved by Ald. Craig Stevens, seconded by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre to approve a request by Tux 2, Inc. (Blue Collar) to temporarily extend their license premises to the outside parking lot on October 2 for the Grand Opening, subject to complaint.

Motion Passed.

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

F. INFORMATIONAL.

I. The Liquor Violation Report for August 9, 2021.

Moved by Ald. John VanderLeest, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to Receive and Place on File The Liquor Violation Report for August 9, 2021.

Motion Passed.

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

G. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Ald. Kathy Lefebvre, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to Adjourn.

Motion Passed.

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

Minutes With Verbatim

- [Steve] I am recording now.

- Okay. Are we ready, Attorney?

- [Joanne] I think so, can everybody hear me?

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Yeah.

- [Joanne] Okay. For some reason, my video connection went away. So as long as you can hear me though, Director Faulds is actually going to be running the CivicClerk portion of the meeting today. So you have four staff members running the meeting. But I'll, obviously, I will still be here advising and giving recommendations for staff. So, Joe, if you're ready to start the meeting time, we can move forward.

- [Joe] Ready.

- Okay.

- Okay.

- Thank you. Welcome to Protection and Policy for August 9th, 2021, 5:30 PM. We will have a roll call. Alder Steuer, I am here. Alder Lefebvre?

- Here.

- Alder Vander Leest?

- Here.

- And Alder Stevens?

- Here.

- All present and accounted for. I'll just wait for you, Joe.

- [Joe] We're all set.

- Okay. All right. Next will be approval of the minutes. Do we have a motion?

- Motion to approve.

- Motion to approve, second.
- Motion by Vander Leest, seconded by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimously. We're waiting for you, Joe. We ready to go? Mr. Faulds? You're muted, Joe.
- [Joe] Yeah, we're ready. Yep, we're good.
- Okay.
- All right, we'll get ya. Number one, regular business. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Walgreens Company at 1165 West Mason. Staff?
- [Joanne] Yes, staff recommendation is we don't have any objections.
- Okay, Police?
- [Steven] The Police concur.
- Okay. Do we have a motion, please?
- I'll make a motion.
- I'll second.
- Motion by Lefebvre, seconded by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- [Joe] Give me one second, hold on here. Did I miss the approval of the agenda and the approval of the minutes?
- I didn't think we did the minutes.
- [Joe] We didn't do the minutes.
- Did we do do the--
- Yeah we did.
- Excuse me, did I skip that? Did I skip the agenda?
- No, you skipped the minutes.

- [Joe] No, we did the agenda, we didn't do the minutes.
- Oh, I thought we did approval of the minutes.
- Yeah, I thought I moved?
- No, the agenda.
- We didn't do, so we didn't do the agenda?
- No no.
- We did the minutes.
- No no, I approved the minutes.
- Yeah, so Joe, that's my fault. Let's go back to the approval of the agenda. I'm almost sure we did the minutes. My fault.
- [Joe] That's all right.
- I'm doing it left-handed, if you notice?
- We also did the agenda. Craig, Alder Stevens moved and Alder Vander Leest--
- No, Vander Leest did it and I seconded.
- Seconded, remember?
- I thought we were doing okay here. Just let me know when you're ready, Joe.
- [Joe] Yeah, we're ready to go.
- Okay. So number one has been voted on and gone. So number two, consideration with possible action on a change of agent for Walgreens, Inc., at 2204 University Avenue. Staff?
- [Joanne] Yes. Law Department has no objections on this item as well.
- Okay. And Police?
- [Steve] The Police concur.
- I'll entertain a--
- Motion to approve.
- Okay, go ahead. Who had the motion?

- Motion to approve.
- Motion by Vander Leest to approve. Do we have a second?
- Second.
- Second by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimously.
- [Joe] And we're good.
- All right. Number three. Consideration with possible action on a change of agent at Ultimate Mart, LLC, at 1819 Main Street. Staff?
- [Joanne] Yes, Law Department has no objections.
- And Police?
- The Police concur.
- I will entertain a--
- Motion to approve.
- Motion by Stevens. Do we have a second?
- Second.
- Second by Vander Leest. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimously.
- [Joe] And, sorry, what item was that for?
- Number three.
- [Joe] Okay.
- All three motions, one, two and three, all passed unanimously.
- [Joe] Sounds good. Thank you. Now we're all set for four.
- Number four. Consideration with possible action on a request by the IT department to discontinue

use of Green Bay Public Television Channel 4 in lieu of repairing malfunctioning equipment. Previously discussed at the July 26th Protection and Policy meeting and referred back to committee at the August 3rd, 2021, Common Council meeting. I will just make one quick comment. I spoke with Director Hronek this afternoon. We've talked about this at previous meetings. And we can have the discussion again. I think the thought was for folks, some of the folks on council, and committee members who said, we wanted transparency to make sure everybody in Green Bay had access to our meetings. We don't always have all the committee meetings on there, but our council meetings. And a lot of times those meetings are after the fact. We have the meetings, they're not live-streamed. So I feel very confident that Director Hronek and his group, his department is doing a great job trying to move forward. I think for me, I feel confident in the sense that most folks that have television would have Spectrum, and it's on Spectrum. So if they don't have Spectrum then there might be a little bit of an issue. But he'd mentioned too that he cannot get ahold of data from Spectrum on this. We were looking for that and he said unequivocally that he cannot get that. So I will defer, I'll ask the committee if you have any other comments on that. And then Director Hronek, I'd like you to chime in as well. Okay, Alder Lefebvre?

- I think what we should find out, who has AT&T. DISH? If we could contact them, they would tell us, I mean, we should be able to find out how many people they service in the area. Because there's enough people who have DISH and who have AT&T. So, they wouldn't be able to get it. Right? It's just on Spectrum.

- Let me ask Director Hronek on that. I know that Mike, you said you had issues with, I mean, the fact that Spectrum, it's hard for you to get data from them. Do you feel the same thing would happen? I don't know if you've checked that, but what Alder Lefebvre brought up, is that something that you think would be in the same vein that way?

- Yeah, I think . Is there a feedback? Okay.

- No, I can hear you.

- I don't think I'd be any more successful with two companies we don't have a previous relationship with either.

- Yeah. But we do know that there are, there's enough people probably that don't have Spectrum in our area. And the County does not, we don't have the County, their meetings are not on anything. They're not even broadcast, because they were, because of closed captioning. So they've been having problems with that. And then also, our council meeting, they're not right away, they're not even the next day. They're what, three, four days later.

- Right, or a week sometimes.

- It is probably more convenient for anybody to get it on channel, turn on your TV and have it, but you have to have Spectrum in order to get it. And I do know there are people who do not have Spectrum in our area.

- One of the other points, too, that was brought up, and Alder Gerlach brought it up last week too, is that I haven't had one call. And we could ask some of the other alders if they've had any calls from the constituents? Director Hronek said he hasn't had, I think maybe one or none. So, I think that's, it's been

in the newspaper. I mean, it's been out there, so it's not like this is a quiet issue. So I think there's been plenty of time over the last number of weeks for people to chime in on this. So, Committee, any other committee members? Alder Stevens or Alder Vander Leest?

- I'd like to make one comment?

- Okay.

- It seems that it's just servicing the people that have a Spectrum. And we're not trying to hide anything. I don't think the City is trying to hide anything. I think there are other avenues where they can view the meetings. I think we've got to kind of take our lead from our Director there, as far as, if it's feasible. He says it's gonna cost us \$10,000 or more to keep it going, just with Spectrum. It's not like we're trying to do anybody a disservice. I don't feel that. I feel that it's one of those things where it's gonna need money to keep it going. If we're just gonna service it for Spectrum, we're not gonna be able to reach all the people. And people that are really interested, I think they'll try to find the other avenues to get on and watch our meetings. That's my thoughts on it. I'm kind of taking the lead from our Director, from Mr. Hronek, and that's where I'm at right now. Thank you.

- Okay. Alder Stevens, did you have something, and then Alder Lefebvre?

- Yeah, I do.

- Okay.

- I thank Mike for everything he's done for us. It's greatly appreciated. I do think there's possibly--

- Craig, I can't hear you. Could you speak up a little bit?

- Can you hear me now?

- Yes! Whoa! All right, go ahead.

- I want to thank Mike for everything he has done for us on this. After giving additional thought, I do think that we might be on a losing battle regarding Spectrum, but if we want to be transparency, I think we could possibly reach out to our local news channels and see if they have substations that they may be willing to pick up our common council. And that would actually take care of Spectrum, DISH, AT&T, and even just regular antenna TV, if one of the stations would be willing to broadcast for us. And that's something we could look at. I think Mike probably could reach out to them to see if any of our local news channels would be willing to pick up local government. That's my thought on it.

- Well, that's sounds interesting. I don't know, Director Hronek, is that something that is possible? I think you've gotta remember too that this is Green Bay and the viewing area for Channel 5 is Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula. It's a big area. So there's a lot of cities in that area. But I like your thought process. Is there anything on that, Director Hronek, that you could answer to? Your thoughts on what Alder Stevens just brought up?

- All I can do is just ask again.

- Mm hm.

- We could send them a digital file relatively easy over the internet.

- Well, a decision tonight though?

- And if they want, I don't know how they do .

- Yeah. Well, is that something, Alder Stevens, that you'd want to put a communication after the fact? 'Cause we're not going to be talking, technically we're not talking about that tonight, but I think it's a possibility for the future, but we're just considering what's on the agenda tonight.

- Well, sure, we could, could we request that this evening for staff to work on that? And then we vote on the remainder of that?

- Yeah, mm hm. Yeah.

- Alder Dorff, what do you think on that? I mean it's, I don't know? Well, we have council, we have council next week, so I guess what I would suggest is if we make a motion tonight, that if you wanted to put that in as a additional item that Director Hronek could check on and bring that forward at council, and we just vote then? Is that something that you would be, the committee could agree to?

- I will. That sounds pretty good.

- Okay, that's--

- So my...

- Go ahead.

- No, I don't mind. Just a question I have to ask, I'll talk to you guys first, but.

- Right. And that would help us I think. That would just give us a little more transparency on that. And they might want to do it. They might want to do it.

- Yeah. I would think that we can make a motion. If Alder Stevens wants to make the motion, I would second that, that we direct staff to look into the possibility of any of the four local channels, if they would be willing to broadcast our.

- Due to the fact that we will be canceling Spectrum.

- Right. Right. Would that be wise? Or would you say it after the fact, Alder Stevens? Are you looking for live streaming?

- I think it would be probably after the fact, but we would have to talk with the local channels first though.

- 'Cause there is live streaming. And you're right, as far as having live, you could have it on, but with

of the programming that TV stations have, that would be impossible.

- But I'm thinking they have have secondaries, you know, with that Channel 2.2.

- Yeah.

- I don't recall who operates that.

- Yeah.

- Well, Alder Dorff?

- So Alder Dorff.

- I just have one thing to say. A person spoke with me, not a constituent, because this person does not live in Green Bay, but I remember that Director Hronek had said maybe he was going to see if one of the universities or technical colleges wanted to take over Channel 4. And so I told this person that might be a possibility, but I didn't think that maybe we would be able to keep it because then we can't live stream, because of the closed captioning rules. So I wondered if Director Hronek is still pursuing that?

- Director?

- I haven't really actively pursued it. It was just a suggestion. Again, I don't have all the equipment to give to these individuals. They would have to make some investment. And the thing which will cost the most is having a fiber connection to the facility, straight from a Charter Communications or Spectrum. We had that existing connection because that used to be our internet service provider when we started our station. So we really didn't pay for that connection. We just paid for our programming equipment. So that's a huge expense. And they might have that connection already, but that would have to be found out also.

- Okay. I just was asking, and I'm not like dedicated to that.

- Sure.

- So that's fine.

- Alder Lefebvre?

- So could we amend, I don't know if that, if we even voted on the motion, but could we amend the motion that Director Hronek would look at any possibility of us, not live streaming, but having the council meetings on a TV channel somewhere.

- Well, we'd have to word it--

- How do you want to word it, 'cause I want them to also, we want them to, wait, I also want--

- Alder Stevens?

- Add that NWTC or UWGB, so how would you word that?
- I'm gonna leave it to Alder Stevens.
- We've got time.
- Okay, Chair.
- Go ahead. Hold on.
- Chair?
- Hold on. Hold on. Alder Vander Leest, one comment, and then I want Alder Stevens. Go ahead.
- Mark, why don't we hold this for 60 days? And then we can get more information. I think we're trying to rush it through. I think if we held it for 60 days, our director would have more time--
- Mm mm, not that long.
- To get all the information. He could talk to some of the other, like the public stations and he could talk to the universities and give him a little more time. We're trying to slam it through. If there's no time frame, I'd say let's hold it for 60 days and bring it back at that time, and we could have all the information.
- All right, well, Director Hronek, do you feel, I'll be, you know, just be honest with us on this. I think you've been doing a very good job moving forward with your thought process on all of this. By holding it again for the third time, it seems, will that cause you much more headache in the sense that you gotta contact all these folks? You mentioned about that fiber optic already to the universities and stuff. This is a \$10,000 investment for us. I just want to look at this particular item. I think we've really talked about it quite a bit already. Do you have any comments on that, Director? As far as, I mean, if we're putting a motion forward and I'm gonna leave it to Alder Stevens, he brought it up, I'd like him to make the motion as he sees fit. And then if there's a little caveat on the end of that, that you could check into, I'd personally prefer to see it go toward council and then we just vote. That's my take, but I, Alder Vander Leest, I appreciate it. That's just my feeling, but we can vote accordingly. Alder Stevens, did you want to make your motion?
- Well, I had a question first.
- Yeah.
- You might be able to answer, even Alder Dorff may be able to answer it. So are we better off doing what Alder Lefebvre said? Or are we better off holding this for 30 days for Mike to get the final answers before we bring it to common council?
- I think part of us wants to just take care of it now. But I like the fact that, instead of 60 days, maybe 30 days. I'm okay with that. I'm okay with that.

- But our motion that we were talking about gave two things to common council. If we held it for 30 days, we would be coming back with one final decision. 'Cause Mike would be able to let us know about if the additional local channels wanted pick it up or not.

- But Mike, would you be able to have that information before council? If you're just gonna have to make a few phone calls? The reason I ask is that if it's slam dunk and all, here's what it is, that we could vote on it right away at council? Or does the committee feel stronger that we delay it for maybe 30 days, get that answer and then go to council? I'm good either way.

- Chair, common council's next week, meaning we're doing committee work on the floor again.

- Right, and that doesn't happen a lot, but it does happen occasionally. I would prefer--

- So we're trying to get away from that?

- Yeah, I know we are.

- It's really easy for me to ask the question to several agencies. But it's gonna be hard for them to give me an answer, because they're making a commitment to do something that it's probably not a one person call. They could take six months making that decision. And they're gonna probably think about the same thing, "Oh boy, this equipment's gonna break. "It's old technology." The way we're viewing it, they're just gonna raise the same questions that we're raising right now, I think, they would because, "Hey, why you getting rid of this?"

- Well, that makes sense. That makes sense. This is an interesting dilemma. Alder Lefebvre, you've got something?

- Yeah, that was my cat, put his tail up. But no, I do have a question for the Director. You said, well, it's gonna be 10,000 for the equipment. Can we get the equipment? And you said down the road, there's other things that might go wrong. Are we kind of, we could spend 10,000 for the one part, and then down the road, we have more things go wrong. And because the equipment's old, are we gonna have problems even getting the equipment?

- I think you can always get a programming device, an encoder, yeah. I think we could always get the required equipment. TV stations aren't going out of business. So yeah, I do believe that. But another argument is, like, I'm the IT department. We're really not a television station. I really would like to take back the IT resources I spend on this TV station. That's more of it for me than, \$10,000 is a lot of money, but the labor and responsibility of it is a lot more.

- Mm hm.

- It all makes sense, mm hm.

- Yeah. And you did say that it's on YouTube.

- Yeah, everything, basically in two, three different locations. You're gonna find all the meetings on YouTube, all the meetings in CivicClerk, which is an excellent product that we invested in. And then you're gonna find snippets of all meetings or some meetings on Facebook, because people just cut

them out of the larger videos we make and they get up on different Facebook sites and things like that.

- Yeah.

- We have better coverage now than we've ever had.

- Yeah.

- So you gotta look at it like that. Is it perfect? Not totally. But we do have quite a bit of full coverage. So, Alder Stevens, do you have enough to move forward on something like this? What's your thought?

- So what is the thought process? We're going to stop Spectrum, and then request Mike to look at additional possible avenues with local channels, or stations, I mean?

- Yeah, I would say that would be good. And let's say we vote on this tonight, we can always, if it comes down to the fact that one of the TV stations. We'll just deal with it at that time.

- Yeah. Okay, so that's a motion then, Alder Stevens? That's a motion then, and I'll second it.

- My motion will be that we will cancel Spectrum, but IT will look into possibly airing local government with our local news stations. And once Mike has his information, he'll get back to us.

- Yeah.

- Okay, do we have a second?

- I'll second that.

- Okay.

- I'll get back to you even if they don't give me an answer.

- Yeah.

- Sure.

- Because that might happen also.

- Yep.

- Okay. And it might be just a moot point, but I think it's a good alternative. And I know Alder Vander Leest, you'd like to wait 60 days, but regardless of what happens at this vote, it can always be revisited down the road if the local stations might want to do something, I'm thinking.

- Mm hm.

- So I feel good with that. So we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Otherwise I'd entertain, or please say aye?

- [All] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimously. Thanks Director Hronek for all your input.
- Yeah.
- Thank you. Thank you.
- You could be on television, really. You said you don't want to, but I think you could.
- No.
- I think it'll be a process for Mike. He'll send out a letter, and we just have to wait for responses.
- Right.
- Yep.
- We'll wait for that. But anyways, thanks for all your input, everybody.
- Mm hm.
- Thank you.
- Okay. You're welcome. Director Faulds, when you're ready.
- [Joe] Yep. We're all set.
- Number five. Consideration of possible action on a request by Tux 2, Inc., Blue Collar, to temporarily extend their license premises to the outside parking lot on October 2nd for their Grand Opening. Staff?
- [Joanne] Yes. Law Department has no objections.
- And Police?
- The Police concur.
- Okay. Where is that located? I just wanted to ask.
- Yeah.
- That's on South Broadway. It's the old Packer City lounge, I believe.
- Okay. All right. Okay. All right. Alder Lefebvre, you had a question?
- No.

- Oh, okay.
- You asked it.
- All right.
- Move to approve.
- I would entertain a motion then.
- [Craig] Motion to approve.
- A motion by Stevens.
- Second.
- Seconded by Lefebvre. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- All opposed? That passes unanimous.
- Mark, do you want to mention the date that the city council is gonna be meeting at--
- Oh yeah, very good point. Our city council meeting will be August 17th, next Tuesday, a week from tomorrow. August 17th at 6:00 PM. These are all, any of this will be finalized on a vote at council. This is all advisory at this time. But thank you for that. So Director Faulds, are we ready?
- [Joe] Yes we are.
- Okay, my favorite part of the report's coming up. The Liquor Violation Report 2021. It's all yours Lieutenant Mahoney.
- Good news, we have no violations. I just want to advise the committee that we are continuing to monitor the Main Street corridor in case any of your constituents are calling. We're working with the bar owners along Main Street to deal with various issues we're having.
- Okay. We appreciate that. Committee, do you have any questions? Otherwise I would entertain a motion.
- Motion to receive and place on file.
- Okay, Alder Vander Leest.
- Do we have a second?
- Second.

- Alder Stevens seconded. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye?
- [All] Aye.
- All opposed. That passes unanimously. Last but not least, adjournment. And Alder Stevens, you said a half hour, we're at 28 minutes.
- Hey, pretty good. I'll move to adjourn.
- Okay, by Lefebvre, do we have a second?
- Second.
- Second by Stevens. Any other discussion? All in favor, please say aye? We got a minute and a half to go. No.
- Aye.
- All right.
- You want to drag it out?
- No.
- No.
- Unless somebody has a little story? But I think we're good. All right. Thanks for all your help, everybody. It was good.
- Have a nice evening, everyone.
- What's that?
- Mark, I hope you end up fine there. It looks like you're mending up pretty good.
- Yeah, it's something else. I feel like, I don't know what movie that was, "The Iron Claw" or whatever it is.
- Good night.
- Who's cutting your lawn, Mark?
- Bye.