

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Alderperson Robert La Fave, Alderperson Joseph Heidemann, Alderperson Grazia Perrella

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chair Alderperson Zach Rust, Alderperson Daniel Peterson

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fire Chief Eric Montellano, Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Salzman, Captain Joel Kuszynski, Assistant City Attorney Audrey Kratz, Paralegal Melissa Garcia

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Meyer, Bryan Kelly, Drew Phillips

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Alderperson Robert La Fave called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

MINUTES

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2025.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Perrella.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Res. No. 165-24-25 (2-17-25) A Resolution authorizing acceptance of the 2025 Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement Grant and establishing an appropriation in the 2025 budget for grant funds received.

Bryan Kelly and Drew Phillips provided the committee with details as to why they felt language within the resolution should be changed. Captain Joel Kuszyński also spoke regarding this annual grant and the language in the resolution.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPT RES. NO. 165-24-25.

Motion made by Alderperson Perrella, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.

MOTION TO AMEND RES. NO. 165-24-25 TO CHANGE THE GRANT AMOUNT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000, AND TO AMEND THE LAST SENTENCE IN THE FIRST WHEREAS CLAUSE TO READ "SHEBOYGAN COUNTY DOT DATA FROM 2021-2023 SUGGESTS A STRONG CORRELATION BETWEEN MOTORIST VIOLATIONS AND SUCH CRASHES;" AND TO AMEND THE SECOND WHEREAS CLAUSE IN THE FOURTH LINE TO READ ". . . ADDITIONAL PATROLS ENGAGING IN HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ENDANGERING VULNERABLE ROAD USERS".

Motion made by Alderperson Perrella, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPT RES. NO. 165-24-25 AS AMENDED.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.

7. Res. No. 162-24-25 (2-17-25) A Resolution approving the 2025 City of Sheboygan Emergency Management and Response Plan.

Fire Chief Eric Montellano and Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Salzman discussed the Emergency Management and Response Plan and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPT RES. NO. 162-24-25.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Perrella.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.

8. R. O. No. 117-24-25 (2-27-25) by City Clerk submitting a liquor license application.

MOTION TO DENY "CLASS B" LIQUOR LICENSE APP. NO. 3713 (PENA INC. – CAFÉ BELLA) DUE TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTIES INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A LIQUOR LICENSE AND NO AVAILABLE LICENSES DUE TO THE QUOTA IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE LICENSE WOULD NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION, IT WOULD BE MORE JUST TO ALLOW ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THE LICENSE THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ONCE THE CURRENT LICENSEE ENDS HIS LEASE FOR THE CURRENT PREMISES. THE APPLICANT IS ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THAT PROCESS, AND THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS AFFECTING THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE UNDER THAT PROCESS.

Motion made by Alderperson Perrella, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.
Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on March 12, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

10. Motion to adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:08 PM.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Perrella.

Voting Yea: Vice Chair La Fave, Alderperson Heidemann, Alderperson Perrella.