

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

May 6, 2026

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Davis, Chair• Brad Blanke• Rita Haase• Jonathan Lampe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Chief Brower• Andrew Beyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Kaliebe• John Katisch• Danielle Taylor• Stefanie Broere• Terry Schultz• Tom Baker

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

- Terry Schultz – Concerns about the 9th Street change from one-way to two-way.
- Tom Baker – Concerns about the 9th Street change from one-way to two-way.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Public Safety & Welfare minutes from April 1, 2026
[04.01.2026 Public Safety Minutes.pdf](#) (1.80 MB)

MOTION: Approve the minutes from April 1, 2026 (Blanke/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

4. BUSINESS

- A. Review and take action: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V. of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials; Sections 319-35, 319-36, and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances
- [Legal Memorandum on Massage Establishment Ordinances DRAFT - legal.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - [MEMO - Ordinance.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)
 - [Massage Parlor Ordinance 04.24.26 with Legal Edits Mayor.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)
 - [Massage Ordinance - Sponsored by Dana Davis R.1.pdf](#) (0.04 MB)

DISCUSSION:

- Watertown citizen, Danielle Taylor spoke for 3 minutes expressing concerns with the proposed Massage Establishment License ordinance.
- Haase expressed concerns that the ordinance may be too onerous and restrictive to legitimate massage establishments.
- Blanke wondered if the proposed ordinance duplicated state laws for licensed massage therapists.
- Chief Brower explained how an ordinance that licensed the business operations of massage establishments could help drive illicit massage ordinance out of town.

- Davis explained that the state of WI licenses massage and bodyworks therapists. The proposed ordinance licenses the business owners. The organized crime networks that run illicit massage establishments would be regulated by the proposed ordinance.
- After the committee debated the ordinance for about an hour and fifteen minutes a motion was made to postpone the motion until the June meeting.

MOTION: Postpone the motion until the June Public Safety & Welfare Committee meeting. (Lampe/Haase/Unanimous Approval)

B. Review and take possible action: Bus parking near the intersection of Richards Avenue and Thomas Avenue (Washington Park)

- [2026.0430 Washington Park Parking.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)
- [Capture.pdf](#) (0.09 MB)
- [Email.pdf](#) (0.64 MB)

DISCUSSION:

- Mr. Kaliebe spoke for 3 minutes to explain the problem with bus parking on Richards Avenue.
- The committee discussed available options to prevent busses from impacting the visibility of the crosswalk.

MOTION: Amend 500-9 to add Richard Avenue with correct parameters as determined by the Engineering Dept. (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

C. Review and take action: Amend Section 428-7(A) (Special Event Definitions)) and 428-7(C) (Special Event Exemptions)

- [2026 MEMO SPECIAL EVENT CODE.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)
- [Amend Section 428-7\(A\) \(Special Event Definitions\) \) and 428-7\(C\) \(Special Event Exemptions\).pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

DISCUSSION:

- Davis reminded the committee that a motion was made at the April meeting to direct the questions generated on this topic to the Attorney.
- Davis met with the Attorney and City Clerk as directed by the committee. She explained that the primary reason for the revisions is due to the Attorney's opinion that regulating special events on private property may not be enforceable unless the Special Event is using public resources (blocking the sidewalk, impacting parking, interfering with traffic, requiring public services, etc.)

MOTION: Recommend the ordinance to Council with a positive endorsement. (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

D. Review and take action: Special Event - Entertainment Night St Marks

- [MEMO ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- [2026-09 APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (1.29 MB)
- [2026-09 MAP.pdf](#) (0.37 MB)

MOTION: Approve Entertainment Night St. Marks. (Lampe/Davis/Unanimous Approval)

E. Review and take action: Special Event - Memorial Day Celebration

- [MEMO MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- [2026-08 APPLICATION.pdf](#) (1.47 MB)

- c. [2026-08 MAP.pdf](#) (0.41 MB)

MOTION: Approve Memorial Day Celebration (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous Approval)

F. Review and take action: Special Event - Vietnam Wall Dedication

- a. [MEMO VIETNAM WALL DEDICATION.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-10 APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (1.37 MB)
- c. [2026-10 MAP.pdf](#) (2.82 MB)

MOTION: Approve Vietnam Wall Dedication pending a review by the staff of the extraordinary fees listed in the memo.

G. Review and take action: Special Event - Share the Love

- a. [MEMO SHARE THE LOVE.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
- b. [2026-07 APPLICATION Redacted.pdf](#) (1.28 MB)
- c. [2026-07 MAP.pdf](#) (0.11 MB)

MOTION: Approve Share the Love Special Event. (Blanke/Lampe/Unanimous approval)

5. ADJOURN

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Lampe and seconded by Haase to adjourn. Motion was supported unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.