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Minutes of the Police and Fire Committee Meeting held February 3, 2025, at 7:31 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Winiarski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Nahorn, Ms. Harmych, President Wasilk, Auditor Phillips, Treasurer Ramsey, Assistant Law Director Ward, Law Director Pecora, Deputy Auditor DeSan, and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys. Mr. Wachholz was absent and excused earlier.

Chair Winiarski said the information was provided by Mr. Janik and Police Chief Cawthon, so he asked him to speak to this.

A-25-04 Amending the noise ordinance

Mr. Janik explained how this proposed ordinance was devised with himself, Chief Cawthon and input by Building Inspector came to be. He asked for suggestions and questions if anyone had any. This will be a "work in progress." Mrs. Wasilk recommended the way in which this can be amended to make sure that everything is clear. Mr. Janik motioned to make the amendments as suggested by the Building Inspector and Mr. Ward. (As per attachment to the Agenda Request. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mayor Costilow said as far as the noise ordinance is concerned, there are problems with that section so that should be included with the motion. He also spoke to the time frame of deliveries as some businesses deliver all night. Mr. Pecora also spoke to some of the recommendations being proposed. Roll call vote on the first motion 6-0. Mr. Janik motioned to amend the proposal to strike Item B and amend Item E to strike the word temporary. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Roll call vote 6-0 to amend the proposal.

Mr. Dembinski spoke to item 3 (c) which talks about animals. In 2020 we added Section 505.09 (a) about barking dogs and other nuisance animals and he does not want the two to conflict. Section 2 (e) that mentions that workers can't work on holidays, he does not think that contractors have to know which are our holidays. He feels that could be struck. Since this a work in progress, he feels he would like to see this item tabled until another committee meeting and have

a copy of the changes that are being proposed provided to us by our law department. Mrs. Wasilk agreed with delaying and seeing the corrected version at the next meeting. Mayor also spoke to night work by contractors, such as will be done per the two ordinances we spoke to earlier this evening. Some reference needs to be made for road programs. Also, for emergency work that needs to be done by perhaps our water or electric departments.

Mr. Janik motioned to table this until the committee meeting on the 17th and to include A-25-05. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Mr. Dembinski said he liked these work sessions. Chair Winiarski called for the vote for A-25-04. Vote 6-0 to table A-25-04.

A-25-05 Amending Section 509.11 of the Codified

Mr. Janik said the Building Department did give us updates and suggestions for item 3. He made this in a form of a motion. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Vote 6-0. Mr. Janik motioned to table this until 2/17/25 so the law department can provide us with the revisions. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Vote 6-0 to table.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P. M.

Chuck Winiarski, Chairman
Police and Fire Committee