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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, July 13, 2004

PRESENT: Alds. Becker, Heins, Kopischke, Krol, Subotich, Sullivan, Treis -7

ALSO N. Welch, Community Dev. Dir.; A. Kesner, City Attorney; Capt. J. Sutter, Lt. D. Weiss,
PRESENT: Police; T. Wontorek, City Admin.; Ald. Maher

Ald. Heins as Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Proposed Ordinance – Water Rates and Rules

The committee reviewed the proposed ordinance repealing and recreating Chapter 13.04 of the Code related to water rates and rules.

The Chair indicated a concern with citing a specific rate within Section 13.04.120, Rates—Public Service. Mr. Kesner said that he will discuss that section with the Water Superintendent and remove the reference, if appropriate. He noted that other sections of the ordinance relating to rates reference the Public Service Commission, since they set the rates.

Ald. Krol asked about Section 13.04.150, Bills—Inability to read meter—Charge. Mr. Kesner said this wording is unchanged and is not a penalty but refers merely to computing the charge for water service.

Ald. Sullivan said he would like to review a copy of the ordinance showing insertions and deletions, which was inadvertently omitted from the committee's packets. Mr. Kesner clarified that the ordinance does not make any changes in rates since rates are under the purview of the Public Service Commission. It cleans up ordinance references to rates and does not add or remove any fees with the exception of eliminating a fee that has never been applicable.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Becker to recommend to Council approval of the ordinance subject to any changes regarding references to rates that are deemed necessary by the City Attorney. Ayes: 6; Present: 1 (Sullivan)

Land Divisions – 10000 Innovation Drive and 10457 Watertown Plank Road

The committee reviewed requests by Keith Redding of Irgens Development Partners for land divisions by certified survey map in the Research Park Planned Development District at 10000 Innovation Drive and at 10457 Watertown Plank Road. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of both requests.

Ms. Welch reported that these requests follow previous land divisions by certified survey map, all of which are in connection with development of the new GE Healthcare parcel in the Research Park. Two acres at the

southern end of Medical College property at 10000 Innovation Drive will be added to the GE Healthcare parcel, and two acres at 10457 Watertown Plank Road will be added to the Medical College property. Jim Bentz of Irgens Development, 10201 Innovation Drive, was present.

Moved by Ald. Kopischke, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend to Council approval of the land division at 10000 Innovation Drive. Ayes: 7

Moved by Ald. Kopischke, seconded by Ald. Krol to recommend to Council approval of the land division at 20457 Watertown Plank Road. Ayes: 7

Report on Police Response to Greek Festival

Capt. Sutter said that he was asked by the City Administrator to speak tonight on police response to the Greek Festival at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 9400 W. Congress Street, which was held July 8-11. He explained that a detailed report has not yet been prepared. Lt. Weiss, who was in charge of coordination for the event and was on the grounds all four days, was also present.

Aside from the night of Saturday, July 10th, Capt. Sutter indicated that the event was typical of any other event of this scale in terms of crowds and congestion. On Saturday night, some incidents occurred on the church grounds but the more significant ones probably were in the City of Milwaukee just to the east of the 92nd Street Milwaukee-Wauwatosa border. Capt. Sutter detailed some of the disruptions that occurred following a significant influx of a large group around 6 p.m. on Saturday. He described subsequent incidents on the festival grounds involving groups of various sizes. To the best of his knowledge at this time, there were no direct physical assaults. He indicated that it would be inappropriate to comment at this time on more serious events that occurred in Milwaukee.

Capt. Sutter said that it did not appear that festival organizers, including those in attendance tonight, did anything to encourage or perpetuate any of the disturbances. Lt. Weiss has contacted them and will be getting together with them within the next couple of weeks to discuss the event, which typically is done after every festival, at which time suggestions will be presented and ideas discussed. He emphasized the involvement and cooperation of the City of Milwaukee police department in the preplanning stages and throughout the course of the festival.

Lt. Weiss reiterated that festival organizers have, over the years, agreed to any recommendations made by city officials of both Wauwatosa and Milwaukee. Wauwatosa's policing costs have always been reimbursed, and festival organizers have acceded to the department's determination of manpower needs. They have indicated that they will consider all changes that are recommended.

Mr. Kesner explained the constraints of open meeting law as applied to the agenda description of this item. Ensuing comments should be restricted to those of an informational rather than solution-finding nature.

Ald. Maher reported that he received numerous calls and e-mails from Wauwatosa residents, especially those who live near the festival grounds, some supporting the festival and its organizers and others with concerns about reported incidents as well as problems with garbage and cars driven across lawns. His own survey of the area on Monday revealed that the grounds were well cleaned up but there was still some debris on nearby residential streets. He felt that it is imperative to stay on top of this issue and indicated he expects a formal report and would like to be kept apprised and be a part of finding solutions.

C.J. Dykstra, 4247 N. 93rd Street, said he has lived in this neighborhood for six years and attends the festival annually, including three days this year. He agreed that there is still a lot of debris in the area that has typically been cleaned up in years past. He was uncomfortable with the festival organizers' response, as related in news reports, that incidents did not occur on the grounds, which is contrary to what was reported here tonight. He commented on the need to accept some responsibility and work with Milwaukee and Wauwatosa officials.

Thal Athanasiou, 3801 S. 63rd Street, Milwaukee, said he and other representatives of the Greek Festival are here tonight because they care as much as anyone. This is their community where their church has invested in a new cultural center and retirement facility. He spoke of being saddened and angered that their ethnic festival, which has traditionally been one of the best, was ruined or tainted by people who had no reason to be there—people who probably didn't spend any money, were too old for the rides, didn't care about ethnic foods or dance, and were too young to buy beer. He emphasized that they understand neighbors' concerns and try to be responsible when conducting this festival each year.

Ald. Treis said he has attended the festival for many years and was on the grounds on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for about four hours each day. He said that problems have always been corrected through the system that is in place, and he was confident that the garbage mentioned by Mr. Dykstra will be addressed. He reported that he has requested comprehensive reports from the Wauwatosa Police Department, Milwaukee Police Department, and Milwaukee Sheriffs Department, which he will share with fellow alderpersons. He also noted that meetings are being set up to review the event and all information is not yet available.

Moved by Ald. Treis, seconded by Ald. Krol to place this matter in file
for return at a later date when further information is available. Ayes: 7

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

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