

## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### **Legislation, Licensing & Communications Committee**

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Grimm, Krill, Subotich, Sullivan, Treis - 6

ALSO PRESENT: Capt. J. Sutter, Police; T. Wontorek, City Administrator;  
A. Kesner, City Atty.; B. Aldana, Asst. City Atty.

Ald. Treis as chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

#### **Update from the Assessor regarding Legislative Council Committee on Property Tax exemptions**

Ms. Aldana stated that she prepared a resolution to support the changes discussed in the last meeting. Ms. Aldana stated that the tax exemptions were not intended to benefit high end housing. The proposal indicates that facilities will maintain tax exempt status if rent money received is used for benevolence, facilities would be required to file annual reports to remain tax exempt, and facilities that are qualified as benevolent will have to pay a fee for municipal services. The Board of Tax Exemptions (BOTE) proposal has been included and it attempts to provide a standardized statewide procedure.

Ald. Sullivan stated that the idea of a statewide board seemed odd and he questioned whether there would be direct municipal representation. Ms. Aldana stated that resources are a driving factor for BOTE because some municipalities do not have attorneys on staff, and that the idea is to create uniformity amongst the State's municipalities.

Ald. Sullivan stated that requiring payments for municipal service, in lieu of taxes, could be a difficult issue, and that the legislative body will be viewed as taxing church and housing organizations. Ald. Sullivan stated that he would like to review the Columbus Park case.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Birschel  
to hold until the next meeting. - 6

#### **Operator license application of Adam B. Krueger, 6735 W. Hillside Lane, Wauwatosa**

Capt. Sutter stated that the police have concerns because Mr. Krueger only disclosed one conviction and the record check found a few more convictions from the same year.

Mr. Krueger stated that he did not remember the other convictions and that he was young, he is regretful, and currently feels the impact of the convictions.

Ald. Sullivan stated that because Mr. Krueger has more than one conviction which he failed to disclose, he would vote to deny the application.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Subotich  
to recommend denial.

Ald Grimm stated that three years have passed since Mr. Krueger's last conviction and he favored approving with a review in six months.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 5, Noes: 1 (Grimm)

**Memo from the Administrative Intern regarding operator license application revisions**

Mr. Wontorek stated that the intern worked with the Police Department and the City Clerk's office to create a uniform law violations question for both applications.

Ald. Sullivan asked for clarification on the phrasing "include all traffic offenses, regardless of age". Mr. Kesner stated that juvenile offenses while 17 years of age can be disclosed and traffic offenses can be disclosed from any age, however, a person cannot be asked to disclose criminal offenses that occurred before reaching 17 years of age.

Ald. Krill stated that OWI offenses are not specifically mentioned in the new wording. Mr. Kesner said the phrase "and alcohol related offenses" can be added.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Krill  
to recommend approval with changes to wording. – 6

**Review of the Spring Newsletter**

Mr. Wontorek presented an updated version of the newsletter that included an article on curb appeal, and two remodeling articles combined into one. Ald. Sullivan was concerned that the title "Storm Water Fee Increase" may cause a negative citizen response. Mr. Wontorek proposed changing the title to "Storm Water Fee Update".

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Birschel  
to approve with content suggestions discussed. – 6

**Operator license application of Michelle A. Borden, 3560 N. Frederick, Shorewood**  
**Operator license application of Nicole Collier, 360 Concord Drive, Brookfield**  
**Operator license application of Boback Fotouhi, 2176 N. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Wauwatosa**  
**Operator license application of Francisco Martinez-Perez, 9220 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee**  
**Operator license application of Eric A. Sampson, 405 Sheffield Road, Waukesha**  
**Operator license application of Kristine R. Simon, 1813 E. Greenwich Avenue, Milwaukee**

The applicants failed to appear. It was the consensus of the committee to ask the applicants to appear at the next meeting.

**Licenses forwarded for review**

There were no licenses for review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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