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**LEGISLATION, LICENSING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2006**  
**Committee Room #2**

PRESENT: Aids. Becker, Birschel, Didier, Ewerdt, Hanson – 5

EXCUSED: Ald. Krol

ALSO PRESENT: A. Kesner, Interim City Admin./City Atty.; Police Chief B. Weber

Ald. Becker as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Operator License application by Stephen A. Glazer, 4121 N. 104<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Glazer requested an extension of the committee's request that he submit a letter from his employer regarding his police record.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Hanson to hold this application for 30 days and to request that the owner appear with the applicant at that time – 5

Mr. Glazer said it would be very difficult due to his employer's schedule for his employer to appear, but he would relay the request.

**Operator License application by James C. Galinsky, 500 Sunnyslope Drive, Hartland**

The applicant did not appear for the second time.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Didier to recommend denial of the operator license – 5

**Operator license application by Robert Lara Pena, 12440 MacAlister Way, New Berlin**

Mr. Pena said he didn't disclose some of the offenses on the police record because he couldn't remember the dates and he had forgotten about a couple of them.

Ald. Ewerdt said he was uncomfortable with the amount of offenses that were not disclosed by the applicant.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Birschel to recommend denial of the operator license – 5

**Operator license application by Zeferino Figueroa, 128 Cambridge Avenue, Waukesha**

It was the consensus of the committee that Mr. Figueroa’s police record did not preclude him from being granted an operator’s license.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Ewerdt to recommend approval of the operator license – 5

**Fireworks user permit application by Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center Street**

Andy Zietlow, Wauwatosa West High School, 11400 W. Center Street, said that as the Student Council advisor and organizer of West High School’s homecoming celebrations, he is requesting a fireworks user permit for October 6<sup>th</sup>. The location of the display will be in the West High School football field. Last year was the first fireworks display at West and it was a great success. After working with Bartolotta Fireworks, they have changed the program to include smaller shells and mostly ground displays which will result in a very low altitude display. He has spoken with Asst. Fire Chief Hevey and Bartolotta’s about creating a “safe zone”. He has also spoken with Lt. Weiss and was assured that they have all the people they need to secure the grounds during the celebration.

Ald. Didier asked if there were plans for having an ambulance on site. Mr. Zietlow said that because of the proximity of the stadium, they will have a fire truck on call as they did last year.

Moved by Ald. Didier, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the fireworks user permit application for Wauwatosa West High School for festivities to be held on October 6, 2006 – 5

**Request for city authorization for a referendum question requesting state legislative action on healthcare**

Mr. Kesner reported to the committee that the city received a letter that was sent statewide from Mayor Kevin Crawford of the City of Manitowoc. In the letter, Mayor Crawford asks the Common Councils in each city if they would put the following referendum on the November ballot: “Should the Wisconsin Legislature pass a bill by 2008 that would assure access to quality and affordable healthcare coverage for all Wisconsin individuals and families?” Mr. Kesner said he has spoken with about 15 other cities and about 2/3 plan to place it on their ballots. He noted that there is already an election planned for November so there would be minimal cost to add the referendum.

Ald. Didier expressed concern that with so many issues of importance facing a municipality like Wauwatosa it would seem to be a distraction to take the time to put something on the ballot that, even if passed, will ultimately have very little effect on the issue. She thought that these questions should be taken to the governmental body that can actually take action. Mr. Kesner stressed that this is just an advisory request, but it doesn’t seem to have a specific action being requested.

Ald. Ewerdt thought that the city should avoid putting this type of local referendum question on the ballot. He noted that in at least one other case a petition with a certain number of names was required in order to qualify a local referendum to be placed on the ballot.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Hanson to place the request

for authorization for a referendum question requesting State legislative action on healthcare on file --

Ald. Becker agreed that local referendums should be put on the ballot only after achieving the required number of signatures through the petition process and not by arbitrary decision.

Vote on the motion was Ayes: 5

**Request to invite the National League of Cities and The Urban Institute to conduct “Legislating for Results” training seminar at Wauwatosa Civic Center**

Mr. Kesner said that the National League of Cities (NLC) and The Urban Institute (TUI) are requesting that the City of Wauwatosa host a training seminar. This program offers an opportunity to work with the city as policy makers. They just need an invitation from the city to hold this seminar and for the city to invite other municipalities to participate. Both organizations believe that Wauwatosa’s size is ideal for their training and it would be a good fit. He said there is no cost on the city’s end.

Ald. Maher added that the focus of the seminar would be on the types of budgeting principles he has been stressing since he took office. He has been pushing the city to move in this direction from a budgeting standpoint.

Ald. Becker said the idea interested him when he first read about it. He pointed to the work of the Public Policy Forum that used to be held at City Hall. He said it was excellent and the networking was beneficial. Ald. Maher stressed that the training is focused and primarily looks at programming and budgets. The training stresses that when budgeting, city officials should look at how well services are being provided not just the dollar changes. He believes Council members need more effective tools to be able to evaluate how well programs are working.

Ald. Hanson asked how long the seminars were. Mr. Kesner said the initial literature talks about a half day session. He noted that the NLC and TUI are very prestigious nationally. He said there was some low key promotion involved such as emails.

Moved by Ald. Ewerdt, seconded by Ald. Birschel to recommend extending an invitation to the National League of Cities and The Urban Institute to conduct a “Legislating for Results” training seminar – 5

**License applications forwarded for review**

There were no applications forwarded for review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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