



# CITY OF WAUWATOSA

## LEGISLATION, LICENSING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES • DECEMBER 10, 2013

Regular Meeting

Committee Room #2

7:00 PM

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

### LLC COMMITTEE ITEMS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Peter Donegan	Alderman	Present	
John Dubinski	Alderman	Present	
Gregory Walz-Chojnacki	Alderman	Present	
Joel Tilleson	Alderman	Excused	
Brian Ewerdt	Alderman	Present	
Donald Birschel	Alderman	Late	7:17 PM
Alan Kesner	City Attorney	Present	
Barry Weber	Police Chief	Present	
Anthony Brown	Asst. to Administrator	Present	
James Archambo	City Administrator	Present	

#### 1. Presentation regarding the use of automated license plate readers

Ald. Donegan asked Chief Weber to familiarize the committee on the proposed legislation regarding the use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology.

The concerns with the proposed legislation as currently written:

- \* Would effectively ban the use of ALPR systems in almost all circumstances, rendering the technology useless. Banning the use of ALPR systems would eliminate the valuable public safety uses of this technology including:
  - a. AMBER Alert vehicles, missing/abducted children, missing elderly/endangered adults, stolen vehicles felony vehicles and other vehicles used in the commission of a crime etc.
- \* Would limit the use of ALPR systems to only active criminal investigation of an identified suspect
- \* A 48 hour retention schedule would limit law enforcement's ability to search for and locate suspects

Chief Weber explained that the law targets a few specific areas that have raised concerns in the law enforcement community. Specifically:

- \* Data retention period
- \* Security and access to the data
- \* When the data can be searched
- \* When the equipment can be turned on

After much discussion among Chief Weber, the committee members and Mr. Kesner, it was the consensus of the committee to recommend the drafting of a resolution to support and promote a law that puts reasonable safeguards in place to ensure LPR data is not used inappropriately. Those safeguards could include:

- \* Require a written policy which restricts the use of LPR systems and LPR data to lawfully authorized individuals and for legitimate law enforcement purposes; and providing for severe penalties for the misuse or improper release of data.
- \* Require training addressing constitutional, civil rights and privacy concerns.
- \* Set a reasonable and best practice retention period of six months to one year.
- \* Restrict the release of LPR data (include LPR data in the list of public records exempt from disclosure)

under 19.36)

Chief Weber and Mr. Kesner agreed to draft a resolution to present to the LLC committee on January 7, 2014.

2. Review of the winter 2013 newsletter

Mr. Brown was present to answer any questions and note any suggestions and revisions to the newsletter.

Ald. Walz-Chojnacki asked Mr. Brown for a quarterly report of the newsletter's website viewings.

Moved by Ald. Walz-Chojnacki, seconded by Ald. Dubinski to recommend approval of the 2013 winter newsletter - 5

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Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk