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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2024

1. Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Drzewiecki at 5:04 PM.

Present: Alderpersons Andrew Drzewiecki, Bruce Bailey, Shirley Saryan

Also present: Christopher Geary, City Attorney

2. Approval of the July 15, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion by Alderperson Bailey, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and recommendation to update ambulance and car accident billing rates under ordinance 2922.

Dan Weber, Battalion Chief, discussed the Fire Department's recommendation to update the ambulance fees and car accident response fees from Ordinance 2922. These fees have not been updated since 2019, and they are looking to go to a bundled ambulance fee structure instead of the current itemized billing structure. The current billing company has seen private insurance companies follow Medicare by denying itemized ambulance charges. The billing company is recommending them to go to a bundled rate to better recoup the costs of services.

Dan Weber discussed their current car accident billing rates. The department is looking to partner with Fire Recovery, USA to assist in recovering the costs of car accident and car fire responses. Currently, they are billing car accidents in-house and have not had much success with reimbursement. Fire Recovery USA is widely used throughout the country and Milwaukee County. By utilizing this company, they will be able to recoup much needed costs of those responses, which includes the cost of wear and tear on their heavy pieces and the cost of the supplies used on scene.

Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to recommend that the ambulance rates be moved to a bundled bill as well as move forward with hiring Fire Recovery, USA to handle accident insurance billing rates under Ordinance 2922 to Common Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation as to alcohol licensing ordinance amendments.

Attorney Geary discussed that Gina Vlach, City Planner, and the Department of Neighborhood Services created an analysis of the current sizes of the existing retail alcohol establishments. They found that 10,000 square feet was a good separation between the definition of a small and large retailer. Since the state alcohol license form does not require the applicant to disclose the square footage of their business, the zoning application will need this requirement added. Currently, the City has 10 small (under 10,000 sq ft) and 15 large (over 10,000 sq ft) retailers. The committee would need to decide what the quota limit should be. Alderperson Drzewiecki proposed possibly getting recommendations from Plan Commission and the Mayor before setting the quota.

Class A license regulations in the ordinance involve having more than 50% of a retailer's square footage used for grocery/non-alcohol sales. This would put a limit on the types of businesses that could apply for a Class A license.

Other regulations included in the ordinance involve not allowing Class "B" licenses to be issued to

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entities that are physically connected to a gas station. There must be a hard barrier between the two businesses and separate ownership. Attorney Geary discussed the intricacies of having two separate owners and how that could affect license approvals.

Attorney Geary discussed video gambling machine regulations and how they relate to gas stations and restaurants having a Class "B" license.

Attorney Geary explained that having a barrier between the two businesses means that they could be in the same building but would need separate doors from the outside.

Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to recommend the current ordinance draft for alcohol licensing to the Mayor and Common Council for review and possible approval. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjourn.

Motion by Alderperson Bailey, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to adjourn at 5:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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