

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Council Chambers, Public Safety Building

Present: Michael Engelberger, Greg Jenson, Dennis Kittleson, Scott Truehl and Mayor Donna Olson

Absent:

Guests: David Eugster, Kathy Vike, Charles Vervort, Police Chief Greg Leck, Planning Director Rodney Scheel, and City Attorney Matt Dregne

Call to Order: Engelberger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Communications:

None

Amending the City of Stoughton Municipal Ordinance Section 14-40(6)(b) - Operation by licensee under Class A or B license; additional city regulations; relating to outdoor consumption areas

Planning Director Scheel explained that the Dave Eugster and Kathy Vike had applied for a conditional use permit in September/ October of 2015. At that time the conditional use permit was approved by the planning commission. He explained that the Council recently changed the current ordinance to change the allowable size of an outdoor consumption area from fifty percent of the attached building size. The current ordinance now says that a capacity must be set by the City Fire Chief or Building Inspector. Jenson stated that there was discussion at the last Council meeting that suggested confusion on how the capacity would be set and how that would apply to the indoor/outdoor area. He noted that he would like to see the capacity to be set for the area as a whole, meaning the combined indoor and outdoor areas.

Attorney Dregne discussed the different language options to the ordinance for the committee to consider and explained the possible addition of language that would allow the applicant to exceed the capacity if there would be a special event held.

Committee discussion included the need to change the ordinance to state that the set capacity would apply to both the indoor and outdoor area of a licensed establishment.

Discussion continued regarding the need to have a way that applicants can exceed the capacity limit for a special event. The committee discussed adding language to the ordinance that would indicate how an applicant could exceed that capacity. The committee agreed to amend the ordinance language to accommodate that.

Motion to amend by Truehl, to add "A permit holder may apply for approval to exceed the otherwise established maximum capacity to accommodate a special event. Applications to exceed the otherwise established maximum capacity shall be referred to the public safety committee for recommendation to the city council, which shall determine whether to approve the application.", second by Jensen. Motion carried 3-2.

Motion by Truehl, to recommend approval of the ordinance by amending the ordinance adding language to designate the capacity of the combined indoor and outdoor to be the legal capacity of the indoor licensed area, second by Kittleson. Motion carried 5-0.

Request for an Outdoor Consumption Permit for Vikester Holdings, LLC d/b/a The Nauti Norske located at 324 S Water St

Committee discussion included amending the resolution for Council to include the date of the application and to recommend to Council for consideration.

Motion by Truehl, to approve the resolution and to move to Council for consideration, second by Jensen. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment:

Motion by Jenson, to adjourn the meeting of the Public Safety Committee, second by Engelberger. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting of the Public Safety Committee adjourned at 7:35 p.m.