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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
WARWICK POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

At 7:10 p.m. the Board of Public Safety held its regular session for Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Present were Colonel Stephen McCartney, Chairwoman Leslie Walaska Baxter, Vice Chairman James Paolucci, Assistant Solicitor Joseph Solomon, Jr., and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito. Absent this session was Clerk Thomas McGovern.

1. The minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Colonel Stephen M. McCartney to recommend transfers and reassignments.

ACTION: There were no transfers or reassignments this evening.

3. Colonel Stephen M. McCartney to recommend retirements.

ACTION: There were no retirements to report this evening.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

At 7:30 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

At 7:35 p.m., the Board re-entered Regular Session.

4. Request for Weapons Carry Permit (NEW – EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ACTION: Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:38 p.m., the Board entered Executive Session.

At 7:43 p.m., the Board re-entered Regular Session.

5. Request for Weapons Carry Permit (NEW – EXECUTIVE SESSION)

ACTION: Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Liquor License (Class F)

Kerri Lonardo
To be held at Aspray Boathouse
April 22, 2018
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Liquor License (Class F)

Jann Dana Talbot
To be held at Goddard Park
June 9, 2018
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

ACTION: This item has been withdrawn.

8. Liquor License (New)
Upgrade BL to BV

The Cozy Grill, Inc.
The Cozy Grill
440 Warwick Avenue

Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending city taxes.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, Cozy Grill, anything to add to that?

Mr. Bruce Brown: Yes, I have a few things I'd like to say about that.

Chairwoman Baxter: Are you the owner or are you objecting?

Mr. Brown: I'm a homeowner and own a residence right adjacent to the restaurant.

Chairwoman Baxter: Oh, okay, so are you an objector or do you just have comments?

Mr. Brown: I'm an objector.

Chairwoman Baxter: All right, go ahead.

Mr. Brown: My name is Bruce Brown, good evening every one. I'm the landlord at the rental house at 26 Quinton Street, which is adjacent to the Cozy Grill. I have a few questions I need answered and addressed. First, is so you know the big elephant in the room here is why is the liquor license being considered? I know it already has the BL. The owner has been indicted for operating an organized gambling operation out of his building a couple of years ago with possible connections to a very large marijuana distribution network. I don't know if there's been any resolution on that, or if he's been to trial yet or not, but I don't think that it would be a good idea to extend anything here until that's resolved. [inaudible] the public safety issues, I'm concerned that this a residential area and business area; I know that my tenants feel that they live in an environment, and they want they do right now that will keep their family's safe. There's quite a bit of heavy traffic on Quinton Street during the daytime. But, extending the hours into the night, I think it will be even worse. Someone driving and trying to enter Warwick Avenue from Quinton Street can be quite dangerous. I've driven there myself and when you're pulling out it's a narrow street pulling onto a four lane road and there are some obstructions, not totally obstructed, but when you look to the left, there are signs in the way and so forth. It's a dangerous intersection. I think adding alcohol to that is possibly going to make things worse, as far as accidents and [inaudible] people and property. My tenants next door are also concerned that patrons exiting the Cozy Grill can congregate in the parking lot and more than likely create noise and disturbances after consuming alcohol. This could possibly spill into the street in front of the house. The other issue is the area on Quinton where my house is located has problems with Cozy Grille Patrons parking in front of the house and sometimes blocking the driveway. I realize there's no parking on either side of the street, but I know myself and my tenants choose to ignore this. It's only during the day; we're mostly off to work, kids are in school. But, we've been going with it and trying to be good neighbors. I think it will just get worse if you add alcohol into the mix. I definitely don't think you should grant this extension.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay.

Mr. Brown: I'm okay with what's there now. It's closing at 2:00 p.m.; but going into the night is going to be a real problem for public safety and for the residents of the neighborhood.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, what are, do we know what; no one here is from Cozy Grille right?

Colonel McCartney: I don't think we have anybody here at all.

Chairwoman Baxter: All right, so we don't know what their hours are?

Mr. Brown: I think right now they just do breakfast and lunch. They don't do dinner.

Colonel McCartney: Obviously if they're going for a liquor license, they're probably going to extend their hours. The gentleman is correct.

Vice Chairman Paolucci: Can we have someone come in here?

Chairwoman Baxter: Absolutely.

Colonel McCartney: I would recommend, Madame Chair that you hold this and make sure the gentleman comes in. This gentleman raises an interesting question. I don't think we've had many calls there now, I certainly do understand his point though.

Chairwoman Baxter: Absolutely.

Colonel McCartney: Maybe he needs to come in and give us a level of comfort that how is he going to respond, etc.

ACTION: Due to the objection, along with the fact that no one from the business was present, Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to table this item until the next meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, until the owner is told to come in and discuss as well. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Clerk McGovern voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Liquor License – Class BH (Transferred) MCR Warwick Tenant, LLC
d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn Airport/Warwick
1 Thurber Street

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Liquor License Class BT/BH (New) D'Ambra Warwick Hotel, LLC
d/b/a Hyatt Place Warwick Providence
800 Jefferson Boulevard

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, who is here for D'Ambra?

Mr. Michael D'Ambra: I am.

Chairwoman Baxter: Is it that you're changing owners?

Mr. D'Ambra: No, it's a new hotel we're building.

Chairwoman Baxter: Oh I'm sorry, okay, again; I'm getting my hotels mixed up. So this is the one on Jefferson Boulevard by the parking garage.

Mr. D'Ambra: Yes.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay. Do you know how many people you're going to be employing there?

Mr. Jeff Pitt: Roughly 30.

Chairwoman Baxter: How many rooms?

Mr. Pitt: 125.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay. Are there any questions?

Nothing is heard.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

**11. Live Entertainment (Outside)
Food Truck Night**

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at City Hall
May 3, 2018 & October 18, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Baxter: So that's the same. You park a couple on Post Road and the rest are in the parking lot.

Mr. Weiner: Correct.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, any questions?

Vice Chairman Paolucci: Yeah, how many trucks?

Mr. Weiner: I mean for that event we fluctuate between 10 and 13, depending on the weather and the crowds at the previous events. We'll do the same thing as last year, as far as the entertainment on City Hall steps, and Open Season catering to do the bar in the parking lot. It will be the same as the last two seasons.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, and will Open Season Catering be coming in here for a license?

Mr. Weiner: They have a Class P, statewide license that's been approved as part of this process.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, I just didn't remember how it went last year.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending fire and traffic. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending fire and traffic. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Live Entertainment (Outside)
Food Truck Night

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at the Gamm Theater
1245 Jefferson Boulevard
September 6, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Baxter: Is this related to an opening night for the Gamm also?

Mr. Weiner: Yeah, so this is one of the two new locations that we're doing this year. The Gamm approached us excited to be in Warwick and excited in their new space, looking to add an event. After looking at the calendar, it looks like replacing one of the existing events made more sense. The time of year works for them and the night works for them. It kind of gives them more exposure to pull our event over to that location, so they're happy to hear that.

Chairwoman Baxter: Are they doing anything that night too?

Mr. Weiner: Yes. We're still trying to decide if we'll just do our outdoor entertainment or if they will be doing something on their stage too. They may do an open house tour of their facility. We'll probably move the bar inside to their lobby rather than doing it outside so that it will create as much traffic inside as possible.

Chairwoman Baxter: Okay, any questions about that?

Nothing is heard.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending fire and traffic. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending fire and traffic. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Game of Chance/Raffle

Michael Imbruglia
Rhode Island Philatelic Society
Held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church
March 24, 2107

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Game of Chance/Raffle

Cindy Ferri
St. Joseph Cemetery Fund
10/10 Club
St. John & James Parish
To be held at Valley Country Club
April 8, 2018

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. Game of Chance/Raffle

Frederick DiGiacomo
Pontiac Registry.com
To be held at Crowne Plaza
September 22, 2018

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending Rhode Island State Police approval. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. Private Detective (Renewal)

Charles Haskell
Reliable Source Investigating
1643 Warwick Avenue, Suite 137

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Itinerant Vendor - Food Truck Night

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at Norwood Library
May 17, 2018 & August 2, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Baxter: Anything to add to Norwood?

Mr. Weiner: Just a question to ask about what the building approval is about that. That sounds different about the other two events.

Colonel McCartney: Well, you're holding it at the Norwood Library.

Mr. Weiner: So we're holding it at the Norwood Library location, but we're still outside.

Colonel McCartney: It still has to be cleared through building. I've got to have some assurances that building has no problems.

Mr. Weiner: Okay, so yeah, it's the same event that we did last year. We closed that little triangle part of the street and did it outside [inaudible] the street.

Colonel McCartney: As long as building doesn't have any objections then that's fine. That's all you've got to get.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Itinerant Vendor - Food Truck Night

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at Pontiac Park
June 7, 2018 & October 4, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Colonel McCartney: I want to be a little emphatic also; approval pending traffic. I want to have Mr. Weiner to have a meeting with either Captain Hopkins or Sergeant Kelly. We've spent an extensive amount of time doing traffic studies down there in the Pontiac area. I know what you want to do. We have some concerns about that. That is a main thoroughfare going through that neighborhood, and it's going to create a lot of problems. That's a potential option, I'm not saying it's off the table, but I want you to sit down with the traffic men and see what we can work out there. I'm going to make it pending traffic and they can get back to me with approval so that I can get back to Madame Chair and say we're good to go. They have some options for you and I want you to meet with them so you can discuss those options. I think I'm being as fair as I can be there.

Mr. Weiner: Yeah, so our concern or hope at that location is that we can certainly do the event in the park, without closing the street, with pulling the trucks into the park around the perimeter.

Colonel McCartney: That's one of the options, but we certainly want to be fair to you. We want to take a look at everything. So, what I would like you to do is if you meet with Captain Hopkins and Sergeant Kelly, they can review everything with you. We've got some time here. We're not talking about til the month of June anyway, so I'm sure we have some time to work that out.

Mr. Weiner: Our primary reason for wanting to do that was to two things; one, expecting that a big crowd will be walking in through the neighborhood. This would actually prevent them from having to cross that road. Secondly, with the three retail stores, they really want to be engaged and be part of the event, so we felt like by closing the street we could move the event closer to them.

Colonel McCartney: I'm not going to say we're shutting it down. We've just got to evaluate all of the concerns and we're trying to do our due diligence here too on it because we want to make sure, because that is a main thoroughfare there. The night's we're talking about, we're getting into the summer time and things get a little bit hairy when you start doing that. Like I said, I'm not going to take it off the table, but I would prefer to have you get together with my traffic people and see what would be; how we can work it, how best for you, and at the same time, we can accomplish public safety.

Chairwoman Baxter: Any questions?

Vice Chairman Paolucci: Here's a question for all of your events; do you have rain dates?

Mr. Weiner: Because we're doing the event every other Thursday, the first and third Thursday, we don't have rain dates. We try to do the events rain or shine, unless there's a thunderstorm or something like that coming in. We've found that there's a high percentage of people that come out in rainy weather because it's what they have planned or they're expecting. There aren't that many open dates to have as rain dates. That's part of why try to start early in May and go til the end of October, so that if we do have a rain out or two.

Vice Chairman Paolucci: So you have no rain dates?

Mr. Weiner: I think I did put in for one rain date. There was an open Thursday in August. August have five Thursdays, so I think we requested to have that one rain date approved to have a replacement for any of the dates that might get rained out.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

19. Itinerant Vendor - Food Truck Night

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at Rocky Point Park
June 21, 2018 & July 19, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Itinerant Vendor - Food Truck Night

Eric Weiner
P&EE Consulting, Inc.
d/b/a FoodTrucksIn.com
To be held at Conimicut Park
August 16, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, traffic, and parks and recreation. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

21. Midnight to 5 am (New/Transferred)

MRC Warwick Tenant, LLC
d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn
Providence/Warwick
1 Thurber Street

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Midnight to 5am (New/Transferred)

D'Ambra Warwick Hotel LLC
d/b/a Hyatt Place Warwick Providence
800 Jefferson Boulevard

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

23. Midnight to 5am (New)

Hoxsie Four Corp.
d/b/a Dunkin' Donuts
1582 Warwick Avenue

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

24. Rooming House (New)

D'Ambra Warwick Hotel LLC
d/b/a Hyatt Place Warwick Providence
800 Jefferson Boulevard

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

25. Rooming House (New/Transferred)

MRC Warwick Tenant, LLC
d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn
Providence/Warwick
1 Thurber Street

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending building, fire, city and state taxes. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

26. Food Truck (Peddler - Citywide)

Levi Medina
d/b/a Portu-Galo

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending fire. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter, Vice Chairman Paolucci, and Clerk McGovern voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

27. Flower Vendor

Gary Frazier
New England Lemonade
Sales to be held at Dockside Seafood
March 31 & April 1, 2018

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

28. Vendor (General)

Giotto Shelton, DeGiotto Rope
NELA Event
Held at Crowne Plaza, March 16-18, 2018

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval with a provisional issued. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve with a provisional issued. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

29. Vendor (General) Joe Conforti, The Shoe Guy
NELA Event
Held at Crowne Plaza, March 16-18, 2018

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval with a provisional issued. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve with a provisional issued. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

30. Arts & Crafts Justin Perault
Peace and Progress Community Outreach
To be held at Rocky Point
September 14-16, 2018

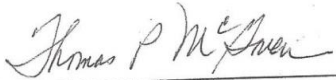
ACTION: This item has been withdrawn.

31. Parade (5k) Kerri Friel
Pan Mass Challenge
“We Will” 5k Race
To be held May 5, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Starting & Ending at John Brown Francis

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending traffic. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending traffic. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

32. Parade (Bike Run) Julie Ann Brunelle
American Legion Post #43
Steak Fry & Poker Run
To be held June 24, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., 11:00 run
Starting & Ending at the Post
662 West Shore Road

ACTION: Colonel McCartney recommended approval pending traffic and Rhode Island Department of Transportation approval. Chairwoman Baxter made a motion to approve pending traffic and Rhode Island Department of Transportation approval. Vice Chairman Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairwoman Baxter and Vice Chairman Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.



Thomas P. McGovern, Clerk