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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
September 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MINUTES

At 6:01 p.m. the Board opened its session for Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Present were Chief Peter McMichael, Assistant Fire Chief Alan Gouveia, Colonel Bradford Connor, Chairman Charlie Benson, Vice Chairman Mike Gilbert, Clerk Jim Paolucci, Solicitor Mike Ursillo, Assistant Solicitor Wyatt Brochu, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito.

1. Call to Order – Board Chairperson
2. Roll Call – Board Clerk

FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

1. The fire session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Based on the approval of the matter held in executive session, Chief Peter McMichael to recommend the following promotions, effective Sunday, September 17, 2023:

Lieutenant Justin Eccles to Captain
Firefighter Kyle Sullivan to Lieutenant

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 6:02 p.m. the Board went into executive session.

At 6:09 p.m. the Board closed its executive fire session, sealed the minutes, and reentered regular session.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion regarding death benefits of Captain Patrick T. Crowley. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend that Shannon Crowley, widow of Captain Patrick T. Crowley, receive service-connected pension benefits under Fire Pension II at a rate of 50 percent, and his two sons Colton and Andrew receive 10 percent each, through their 18th year. These benefits will be retroactive, effective August 13, 2023.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 6:15 p.m. the Board entered its police regular session.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

Board Business Police Department - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action
and/or Vote:

1. The police session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. The following assignments/reassignments/transfers took place on Monday, August 28, 20223:

Detective Evan E. Johnson assigned to the First Platoon, Detective Division, Criminal Investigation Unit.

Detective Thomas R. Paine assigned to the First Platoon, Detective Division, Financial Crimes Unit.

Detective Brian M. Murray from the First Platoon, Detective Division/BCI Unit/Property Room to the First Platoon, Detective Division/BCI Unit.

Detective Karen Haarr from the First Platoon, Detective Division/Criminal Investigation Unit to the First Platoon, Detective Division/BCI Unit/Property Room.

Officer Michael P. Rocchio from the Second Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the First Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Cameron R. Schneck from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the Second Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Connor W. Craig from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the Second Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Sydney R. Davis reassigned from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division/Field Training Officer Program to the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Officer Nathan J. Skawinski reassigned from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division/Field Training Officer Program to the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

The following reassignment took effect at 0700 hours, Monday, September 11, 2023:

Sergeant Nelson Carreiro from temporary assignment First Platoon, Prosecution Division to the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Letter of intent to retire from Detective Theodore A. Bulis, Jr., effective Saturday, December 2, 2023 with a pension rate of 50.005 percent. Detective Bulis was sworn in to the department on Sunday, November 30, 2003, and will have served 20 years at the time of his retirement.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses are subject to receipt of all required paperwork, all State and Local permits, and compliance with all stipulations, rules and regulations as required by the Board of Public Safety.

1. Liquor License (Class BV – New)

Korean BBQ, Inc.
d/b/a Korean BBQ
1800 Post Road, Unit 24

Jeff Caffry: Good evening. I'm Jeff Caffry. I'm the attorney for Korean BBQ. My office is at 300 Centerville Road, here in Warwick. I have Steven Cao with me as well, who is the proprietor. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have. Everything right now is very early in the building stages. He's doing substantial renovations to the property at Post Road; I don't think we'll be opening up until after the 1st of the year. So, he's still in the permitting, engineering, and that process; but we wanted to be sure that we were eligible to get a liquor license before we invested a significant amount of money into the build outs at the restaurant. It is going to be a regular tableside dining with a, obviously a liquor license and a central bar, as well as a service bar. The menu will be predominantly Korean BBQ and Asian cuisine; something a little different for the area, although they're starting to pop up in some of the larger cities throughout the country. It's part of a franchise that's emanated from Korea. Um, Mr. Cao plans on being the proprietor. He plans on working there. As with all franchises, they will bring in staff and personnel to train everybody. We will be sure that the appropriate people are TIPS certified, and everybody meets all of the requirements of the ordinances for the City.

Chairman Benson: That's in the Airport Plaza?

Mr. Caffry: Correct.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How many tables do you think you'll have?

Mr. Caffry: Steven, what are you thinking capacity wise?

Mr. Cao: I think it's 20 tables.

Mr. Caffry: So, I think anywhere from 80 to 100 people. Does that sound right?

Mr. Cao: The seating is 120.

Chairman Benson: Is it a full liquor license?

Mr. Caffry: Yes, it will be a full liquor license.

Chairman Benson: What are your hours going to be?

Mr. Cao: Because they have some in Boston, New York, Manhattan, they open at 4:00 or 5:00 until 1:00.

Chairman Benson: Okay. There won't be a bar in the place, will there?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: He said there would be a bar.

Chairman Benson: Oh, there will be a bar.

Mr. Cao: We have the bar [inaudible].

Mr. Caffry: There will be a bar, but it's more like a bar for people waiting for their tables. It's not going to be a bar in the sense of operating a bar room. I know it's a little difficult to conceptualize because we don't really have any plans for you to review, but its predominantly going to be a restaurant with a bar for the patrons as they are waiting for tables, and perhaps the occasional after dinner drink.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Any intention of live music at any point in the future? He's not turning it into a night club, it's strictly going to be a restaurant?

Mr. Caffry: Correct. No plans for any live entertainment.

Chairman Benson: Is there a lot of takeout involved?

Mr. Caffry: Do you have takeout?

Mr. Cao: I don't think - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: Or do you anticipate people just sitting?

Mr. Cao: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Where about in this plaza is this?

Mr. Caffry: It's all the way at the far left hand corner, so if you're on Airport Road, it's the far left. There's ample parking and plenty of space there, so.

Chairman Benson: What was there before?

Mr. Caffry: Do you know what was there before, Steven?

Mr. Cao: They said it was like a burger.

Mr. Caffry: A burger joint? Yeah, it was a restaurant. There's been a lot of endeavors in that location, but they just don't seem to stick. This will be different.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: He signed a five year lease?

Mr. Caffry: Yes.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire, state tax, liquor liability insurance, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, state tax, liquor liability insurance, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Liquor License (Class BL – Transfer)

From: Filippou’s Twisted Pizza III, LLC
To: MSE Food Group, Inc.
d/b/a Filippou’s Twisted Pizza III
1690 West Shore Road

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire, state tax, liquor liability insurance, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, state tax, liquor liability insurance, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Liquor License (Class F)

Selene Byron
You Rock School of Music
Being held in Pawtuxet Park
September 17, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending the hiring of a detail. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending the hiring of a detail. Vice Chairman Benson seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

4. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Selene Byron
You Rock School of Music
Being held in Pawtuxet Park
September 17, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire and traffic. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire and traffic. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

5. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Robert DelBonis
Renegades
2077 West Shore Road
September 3,10,17,24
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Second Class Victualer (New)

Spartan Food Enterprises, Inc.
d/b/a Dimitri’s Pizza
2105 Warwick Avenue

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Second Class Victualer (New)

David Thomas
d/b/a Country Soul
400 Warwick Avenue, #16

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building, fire, state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building, fire, state tax, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

8. Game of Chance/Raffle

Christine Elizabeth
Higher Ground International
Crowne Plaza
September 22, 2023

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Game of Chance/Raffle

John Bradshaw
Karen Bradshaw Memorial Charity Fund
Potowomut Country Club
September 25, 2023

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Game of Chance/Raffle

James Kelleher
St. Andrews Society of RI
Crowne Plaza
October 22, 2023

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

11. Game of Chance/Raffle

Lisa D'Ambra
RI Brain & Spine Tumor Foundation
74 Zachariah Place
November 1-30, 2023

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Private Detective (Renewal)

Jennifer MacLeod
JM Investigations

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Parade

Melodi Landi
Furry Fellas Pet Service
City Park
October 22, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Bazaar

Ruth Napolitano
Friends of the Warwick Animal Shelter
Airport Professional Park
October 14, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending fire. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. Block Party

Shawn Dow
Bad Mouth Bikes
2329 Post Road
September 16, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Shawn Dow
Bad Mouth Bikes
2329 Post Road
September 16, 2023
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Block Party

Vincent Gebhart
Cowesett Heights Neighborhood Assn.
161,165,185 S. Cobble Hill Road
September 16, 2023
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Mobile Food Peddler (New)

Michael Heffernan
2 Guys Brewin’

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

19. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Joanne Miller
Conimicut Village Association
Arts & Crafts Festival
Donovan Park
September 30, 2023 (rain date Oct. 1)
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Arts & Crafts

Conimicut Village Art Festival
Donovan Park
September 30, 2023 (rain date Oct. 1)
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Vendors:

Mary Tanana

Groovity Designs

Jacqueline Cote
Caitlin Tripp
Paula Bolis
Patty Hopkinson
Daren Rathbun
Jeanne Cherry
Christine Kellerman
Bethany Fontaine-Nelson
Theresa Boudreau
Jonathon Dolan
Katy Annulli
Pam Porter
Lori Dolan
Edward Fay
Erin Masse
Merri Lassotovitch

Jack Cote Art
Art by Caitlin
Gansett Glass
Funky Bijoux
Daren's Photos
Steanne's Stuff
Moonstone Art
Craft Simply
Articles
Pawtuxet Flagworks
Kat's Kreations
Seashell Beginnings
Tabby Kat Candles
Ed Fay Art
Paw Pack by Erin
Gull Cottage Crafts

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

- 21.** Discussion with Ms. Ranae Jackson regarding her request for an exception to City Ordinance O-11-5, Section 4-11, allowing her to house more than three cats allowed per the ordinance.

Chairman Benson: Okay, you have more than three cats?

Ms. Jackson: Yes, my sister wanted to reside with me, with the cost of rent being so high. So, she's renting a room from me. I co-parent with someone who's not, who wanted proof that I'm allowed to have the cats. So, I called Heather at the Police Department and she said it wasn't an issue. However, I needed something in writing that states I'm allowed to have my sister bring her cats while she resides with me. That's why I'm here. So, I reported myself basically, asking if I can please have my sister's cats come reside with us while she stays with me.

Chairman Benson: How many cats are there?

Ms. Jackson: Two.

Chairman Benson: Just two cats?

Ms. Jackson's Sister: Well my two cats.

Ms. Jackson: So I have my three cats, which is the allotment. Then she's in her rental space and wants to have her two cats with her, because she's going to be residing with me.

Chairman Benson: How long are you going to be residing there?

Ms. Jackson: We're not sure as of right now.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Where is the house?

Ms. Jackson: On Glenbrook Road in Warwick. Right in Hoxsie.

Chairman Benson: In Hoxsie? Okay.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What's the address?

Ms. Jackson: 88 Glenbrook Road.

Colonel Connor: You called it a rental space. Is it a separate unit?

Ms. Jackson: Yeah, so it's a finished basement.

Colonel Connor: Okay.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Um, and all you people, I assume, are neighbors?

Women in Audience: No, we're a different cat situation.

Ms. Jackson: All my neighbors are fine with it. They asked me, why did I get this letter about your cats?

Chairman Benson: Okay, so you people are here for that cat situation.

Ms. Jackson: There's no abutters here.

Chairman Benson: Okay, I was confused. So, you have three and you have two.

Ms. Jackson: I have three. My daughter has one and I have two. Then she wants to be living there with her two cats.

Chairman Benson: Are they there currently?

Ms. Jackson: Yes. We were told that they had to move in before I could even file this.

Chairman Benson: Okay. Um, letters were sent to all your neighbors?

Ms. Jackson: Yes.

Chairman Benson: And there's nobody here for this tonight? Okay.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, you called Animal Control to see if it was legal for your sister to move in with her two cats?

Ms. Jackson: Correct.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Were you aware of the ordinance at the time that you called?

Ms. Jackson: No I wasn't. My son's father told me about it, because he knew that law and I did not. I thought it was six animals total, but it's three cats, three dogs. So, for example, had they been dogs, they wouldn't have been over the number, but I didn't know. So, once he brought it to my attention, I called and asked. The woman's name was Heather. She said don't even tell me about it. They're indoor cats, nobody cares. Then I said, the thing is, I need something in writing to prove to my son's father that I'm allowed to have my sister keep her cats, and I'd hate for her to have to give up her cats just to survive in this economy right now. That's why she is residing with me, because it's too costly for her to get her own rental space somewhere in the state right now.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Does he reside in Warwick?

Ms. Jackson: No, he's in Bristol.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: But he's objecting to you having more than the allotted number - -

Ms. Jackson [Interposing]: He just wants something in writing and is just trying to be difficult.

Chairman Benson: One thing. Don't take what Heather told you as the truth, because it's not something not to worry about, because it's an ordinance.

Ms. Jackson: Okay.

Chairman Benson: So, you know, there's times that; not too often, that an exception, but it's usually for something; it's usually if someone is going to be breeding the cats or something like that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Or if it's for reasons, like you know, she's moving in temporarily for six months for medical care for someone that's ill, or you signed a one year lease with a house that's being built and you're only going to be there a short period of time.

Ms. Jackson: It's probably going to be, like if we had to guess, a year or something. Heather mentioned if we did need to come back that we can just let you know that she's still staying, because we don't know how long it's going to be. Either way, I would hate for her to get rid of her cats, when they're indoors. It's not like we have the cats roaming the neighborhood.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I'd be curious, and obviously you can't answer this; it would be a question for the Animal Control officer - -

Ms. Jackson [Interposing]: She felt bad.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Hang on, hear me out. I would be curious as to why she told you that you needed to come before the Board if she was essentially giving you an informal blessing. I'm not exactly sure about that.

Ms. Jackson: I'll explain further. So, she gave me the informal blessing and said they're inside the house. It's not like they're dogs damaging another neighbor's yard, so to speak. So, she said just don't say anything about it basically. At that point I said well that's the problem. I co-parent with someone who just wants to be difficult on frequent occasions. They want to see something in writing that I'm allowed to have my sister's two cats residing there. So she said she could put me on this meeting; so that we could have something in writing that states that I'm allowed to have my sister there with the two cats. So, she was basically giving me an informal blessing, but I needed to come here because I need something in writing just to appease my co-parent.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I'm assuming she didn't give you anything in writing officially from her; no police report, no - -

Ms. Jackson [Interposing]: No nothing like that. She just put me on this - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: [Inaudible]

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I know exactly who she's talking about, I'm just curious - -

Ms. Jackson [Interposing]: She just put me on the docket here so that I could hopefully get your approval to allow this, because if not, my sister would have to give up her animals and with this economy right now, and her not being able to get her own rental space, that would just be devastating. Her husband literally passed away and she's had his cat since he passed. So, this would be a very sensitive thing. So, I'm just doing that I can so that she doesn't have to get rid of her cats. Technically, she's a tenant to me so I feel personally that she shouldn't have to sacrifice her cats to have a roof over her head. She's going to provide for her own cats.

Clerk Paolucci: Can you tell me a little bit about your day to day life? Are you both working, are the cats inside or outside?

Ms. Jackson: So, the cats all stay inside. She works during the day. I work at nighttime. Somebody's always home. We have multiple large litter boxes, and we have such a big house that we have room for all of that to be separated. All the cats have plenty of space to play, hide. It's a very spacious house.

Clerk Paolucci: Are they all up to date on their vaccinations?

Ms. Jackson: Honestly, mine; I've had my house cats so long, I think mine went about a year and a half ago. They don't go outside.

Clerk Paolucci: How old are the cats? Are they kittens?

Ms. Jackson: So, my daughter's cat is almost two years old. My two cats were rescue cats, so if we had to guess, they're between seven and nine. One of her cats is very elderly. Her other cat is six.

Sister: My husband's cat is the older one. We never knew how old she was. She was abused and given to him. He committed suicide four years ago and I've been taking care of the cat by myself since then. She is old. She may not live very much longer. My cat is six years old.

Clerk Paolucci: There's three people occupying the dwelling right now?

Ms. Jackson: So it's my daughter, my son, 50/50, Bristol and Warwick he resides and then myself and my sister.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: You own the property and then you rent to your sister?

Ms. Jackson: I own the property. I just moved from my current property into that bigger space. My mom just passed away.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Sorry to hear that.

Ms. Jackson: So, we've had an interesting time this summer.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I just had a question for the solicitor. Is there any legal precedence or legal cases on this topic that you might be aware of in terms of someone that is subletting a property in Warwick? Does that provide any variation or wiggle room?

Assistant Solicitor Brochu: I was actually just reviewing the ordinance. So, it basically says an application would need to be made based on the number of cats. Did you receive a report from Animal Control?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: No, I was just going to mention that to the Chair.

Assistant Solicitor Brochu: The standard is it will not constitute a health hazard or a nuisance.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Yeah, I have not seen any report from Animal Control.

Ms. Jackson: There's no report because I reported myself.

Vice Chairman Gilbert. Understood. She, at that point, should have probably filled out a report and sent something to the Board from her, in her official capacity, explaining whether she was either for or against this, and what her reasons were. We're not experts in cats.

Ms. Jackson: She just told me to bring a check for the abutters. That's the only thing she specified to me, so I brought a blank one so that I could fill it out the way I needed to.

Chairman Benson: But we don't take checks, so you'd have to do it with um - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: Licensing.

Chairman Benson: Licensing. But, um, unfortunately the ordinance is the ordinance. I feel bad for the situation you're in, but I think one thing we could maybe do, if the Board is in agreement with it. We could hold this off until the next meeting, and ask the Animal Control officer to go out there to give us an idea of the situation. It might help us a little bit, you know, to verify all of the information that they're indoor cats, that it's not a health hazard. I don't know if that's going to guarantee anything, but at least, you know, at this point to me; we get a lot of people, as you can see, come in here with wanting to get around the ordinance. I think since I've been on, I don't think we've awarded one - -

Ms. Jackson [Interposing]: I could have said nothing, obviously - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: You could have, yeah.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Which the Board appreciates, but what we're looking for is something from Animal Control, in her official capacity, to speak to whether or not this would be a reason whether or not this would be a reason to grant a variance to the ordinance.

Ms. Jackson: Do I get back in touch with her?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: No. We will take care of that.

Chairman Benson: What we're going to do is, we're going to make a motion; I'm going to suggest we make a motion to hold off on this until, we have a meeting in two weeks, but we'll wait a month. Then, the Chief will ask the Animal Control officer to go out there. She'll set something up with you and you can show her the situation. We'll have a better understanding of what's going on at that point.

Ms. Jackson: So if she feels that it's a good environment, so to speak, then it should be able to go forward?

Chairman Benson: I'm not saying that. I'm saying that if, that would at least make us understand the situation that's going on. I can't guarantee anything.

Ms. Jackson: It just seems so strange to me. It's like she's renting from me; why should she give up her animals?

Clerk Paolucci: Right now, this is up for discussion, so you'll have to fill out an application.

Ms. Jackson: I won't have to pay for the abutters that they send to, right?

Clerk Paolucci: They are going to give you all of the information. Then they're going to be notified, and then the abutters have a chance to come in. If no one comes in, there's no complaints, then you're all set.

Ms. Jackson: Okay. Yeah, they told me I had to pay by today, so I wanted to make sure I was doing the right thing.

Clerk Paolucci: This is up for discussion only, so we don't have to - -

Chairman Benson [Interposing]: Yeah, we're really not going to make the motion. So what we're going to do is table this until the first meeting in October.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: October 10th.

Chairman Benson: October 10th, same time, same place. That will at least give us a better understanding of what is going on. I can't guarantee you that it's going to make any difference, but at least it's something; especially with indoor cats.

Ms. Jackson: All right. So, October 10th I come here again?

Chairman Benson: Right.

Ms. Jackson: I don't have to do anything? Just show up?

Chairman Benson: Right.

Ms. Jackson: I won't be violated for not paying on time?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I believe what the Clerk just said, there's going to be an application process. You're asking for basically a variance. You're asking for a variance in the ordinance.

Ms. Jackson: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, check in with Licensing to see whether or not she needs you to fill out an application. You might have to pay for the abutters - -

Colonel Connor [Interposing]: It does indicate that the payment is due, for the certified mail. So the certified mailing has already gone out.

Crosstalk is heard.

Chairman Benson: You can do the check. Lisa can give it; you can fill it out and give it to Lisa. She knows the amount that's due for the certified mailings, and then she can give it to Heather.

Clerk Paolucci: Did she fill out an application already?

Colonel Connor: I'm not sure that there is an application.

Recording Secretary Ferolito: There is no application.

Colonel Connor: There's nobody here against this?

Chairman Benson: No, there's nobody here against this.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to table this item until the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 meeting. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Discussion with Ms. Karen Currier regarding her exception to City Ordinance O-11-5, Sec. 4-11, allowing her to house more than the three cats allowed per this ordinance. This item was tabled from the meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Chairman Benson: You were going to come back and let us know what's going on. Did you get a - -

Ms. Currier [Interposing]: No, we decided to put a stop to the licensing and we're going to be moving.

Chairman Benson: Okay. So when are you moving?

Ms. Currier: Hopefully October 1st. Just in the off chance, I've started placing some of the cats. I've put one in a home already. Um, so just in the off chance I can't get out right on the 1st, I have a plan in place.

Chairman Benson: We also had a letter from the landlord. Is that the landlord?

Ms. Currier: I know, I know.

Eirine Dolos: I'm here.

Chairman Benson: You don't approve of it?

Ms. Currier: She initially approved it when I first came, so she changed her mind.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So how many cats right now do you have?

Ms. Currier: Seven.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So you housed one. You had eight, and now you have seven? You've started placing some of those others?

Ms. Currier: Yeah, I have someone that can take two or three of the other ones. Then I have the other people I have to contact.

Eirine Dolos: Excuse me, my name is Eirine Dolos, this is my daughter Maria. Two weeks ago, the maintenance man and my husband went into the house, as agreed that we would do spot checks. My husband did not count the cats. Jerry Levesque, the maintenance man did. He said there were in excess of 14 cats. That's counting the kittens, and I guess they don't count as cats, but 14 total - -

Ms. Currier [Interposing]: They're gone. I placed those kittens.

Ms. Dolos: Then three dogs; well, maybe not that time, but there's also been a German Shepherd in the house.

Ms. Currier [Interposing]: And she's gone.

Ms. Dolos: A big huge picture on the window, telling - -

Maria Dolos [Interposing]: I guess my question is if by October 1st they haven't left yet, and they're still all of those animals in the house, what do we do? There's always spot checks and there's always more than what's being said, so we're concerned for insurance purposes, the neighbors complaining. So, we just don't know what we can do at that point.

Chairman Benson: Okay, um, number one, all the animals don't count. The dogs are separate from the cats. As long as she doesn't have four dogs there - -

Ms. Currier [Interposing]: We have one dog.

Chairman Benson: Okay. You're getting rid of them now. When you say you think you're moving by October 1st, what's the situation?

Gentleman in Audience: We don't want to be anywhere near her.

Ms. Currier: We just want to go. I'm speaking with, um, someone in Lenox, Mass. and um just have to finalize everything. He's good to go, he knows about the cats.

Chairman Benson: How about if we do - -

Maria Dolos: Can I ask, is there a lease signed?

Ms. Currier: There is no signed lease, not yet.

Maria Dolos: They broke the lease in July, saying they weren't going to pay any more.

Eirine Dolos: That's neither here nor there; there's a court case on that tomorrow.

Assistant Solicitor Brochu: So are you withdrawing your request?

Ms. Currier: Yes.

Chairman Benson: If there's any problems, call Animal Control. We're going to give it until October 1st. If they're not out, and they still have all those cats, then we're going to have to come back to the October 10th meeting, and there could be fines.

ACTION: No action was taken, as this request was withdrawn.

23. Discussion and possible action taken regarding a disturbance at Grid Iron Ale House & Grille on Friday, August 4, 2023.

Colonel Connor: Chairman. Item number 23 is discussion and possible action taken regarding a disturbance at the Grid Iron, which occurred on Friday, October 4th (sic). It appears that they had a disturbance inside the building, at which time they had allowed people to leave and then they subsequently contacted the police department some time after closing at approximately 1:48 a.m. The issue in question is had they contacted us at the onset of this disturbance, it probably would have been taken care of more appropriately.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: First question, has either of you signed in yet?

Arthur Tattrie: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are you the owner?

Mr. Tattrie: I am the owner.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay, would you mind signing in please?

Chairman Benson: How many of you are here for this?

Mr. Tattrie: Me and my wife.

Chairman Benson: Okay. You were there that night?

Mr. Tattrie: I was there that night. I was actually bartending with two other bartenders, and we had a dog guy on. I believe this was, Chief, you had said October, it was August 4th right?

Colonel Connor: August 4th.

Mr. Tattrie: Yeah because I just got the letter yesterday. I didn't even know there was a problem. I did call somebody her and I think they told me a little bit about it. I had called that night, later on, because there was someone sleeping outside. This kid, Albert DeSilva, was in there earlier. He came in about midnight. He had a couple of drinks and was acting off. I didn't know at that point that he had a fight with his girlfriend it sounds. He was shut off. He started to talk to people that he didn't know. There was no physical altercation. Um, I've been bartending like 30 years. My bartenders know when to call when there is an actual physical altercation. Um, as he was walking around, I told him he needed to get an Uber. He went outside. He gave me his keys. I made sure his door was locked and his keys were behind the bar. I told him that he had to get an Uber, or we would even pay for an Uber so he could get home. So, um, at the end of the night when we were closing up I looked on the cameras and he was out sleeping next to his car. He never called for a ride or anything else. So, then I called the cops. I said, I told Albert repeatedly that you can't stay here. If you don't get a ride; and then as they came, his girlfriend showed

up at the same time. They talked to me. They talked to him. Then he let the girlfriend drive both of them home. They knew them by name as soon as they drove up. Apparently they get in fights a lot. That night me and the door guy had him outside, no physical altercation, and they're both banned from the place, and I thought that was the end of it. All bartenders know that we are absolutely supposed to call the cops if there is any physical altercation. It was a busy night and I thought everything was handled okay.

Chairman Benson: Okay. You said when he came at midnight, you served him a couple of drinks and then shut him off.

Mr. Tattrie: Yes. There are some people that come in there, whether it's a bad day, or someone that's on medication that have one or two drinks. He seemed fine. As soon as he had two drinks he was not fine. He was acting funny. I told the bartenders, I was the bartender at the time also, that he couldn't drink anymore. When he started talking to other customers, that's when I told him he had to wait outside and I took his keys because I didn't want him to sneak to his car. He has been in on and off, probably comes in once a month, I know who he is.

Chairman Benson: Are you and the other bartenders TIPS certified?

Mr. Tattrie: We are all TIPS certified, yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Were you the one that made the call that night to dispatch?

Mr. Tattire: I called. I would never leave someone outside in our parking lot. Even if they never came in.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I'm just asking. Did you make the call to dispatch?

Mr. Tattrie: I made the call to dispatch.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Do you remember what you told them?

Mr. Tattrie: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: All right. There's a copy of the call right here, and I did see the police report as well, I don't know if you had a chance to see it. I circled the highlighted section for you. It says RP, which refers to you as the reporting person - -

Mr. Tattrie [Interposing]: There was a disturbance at the bar, yeah.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Yeah, earlier in the night. So the dispatcher - -

Mr. Tattrie [Interposing]: Well, at midnight, yes, and I called at 12:30.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: You just told us that there was no disturbance that you were aware of when someone was sleeping outside.

Mr. Tattrie: That's a disturbance - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: No, I'm not trying to trick you.

Mr. Tattrie: Whether it's a restaurant or a bar, I worked in them since the mid '80s. If there's a physical altercation, I've called the cops. If I'm doing something wrong; when I said a disturbance, it was because he was verbally bothering people. There was no physical altercation. If I called on every verbal altercation, every bar in Warwick would be calling all the time. I didn't even think they would be judging me that way, I was worried about the person so I called the cops.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Listen, so we appreciate the fact that you called. We're trying to make sure that you're aware of the ordinance, that you complied with the ordinance, and that you did the right thing and called. This section that I circled here on the call says that you stated that he previously caused a disturbance at the bar. That leaves us with some questions. If he caused a disturbance an hour earlier, why weren't we called, the police department not we; why wasn't the police department called then, as opposed to waiting til 2:00 a.m. or whatever time it was called in.

Mr. Tattrie: I guess my definition of disturbance can mean different things. If there's a small disturbance, if it's wicked small, I won't even kick them out. I'll say you guys can't talk to one another. If you guys come in contact again you have to leave the bar. That's why we have a door guy. He's very calm, very professional.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Was the door guy on this night?

Mr. Tattrie: Yes, George was on. He helped me out. Albert was verbally mean to him. But, he went when we told him to and he stayed outside.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Chief, are you aware of any other, as far as the last six months, twelve months, for the Grid Iron as far as any other violations?

Colonel Connor: We do go there occasionally for disturbances, but it's usually because the bar calls us. No liquor law violations. Just your typical bar type stuff.

Chairman Benson: The disturbances that you know of, are they physical disturbances?

Colonel Connor: There have been fights, but they've called.

Mr. Tattrie: I've worked in a lot of bars, and we don't get a lot, but if there was ever a fight; I'm actually there more at night now because there was a fight maybe six months ago, and we called the cops, and one of my bartenders was actually hit. Those kids all got pressed charges and everything else. Every single

bartender in my place actually knows, and they actually go out of their way. They'll actually pay their own money to get an Uber so someone doesn't have to drive home.

Colonel Connor: So I think this is why our agency brought this to the attention of the Board of Public Safety; just because there have been some calls there. You guys do call. However, on this occasion, I understand the difference between disturbances might be a little subjective, but you called and said there was a disturbance earlier. The officer reports that he spoke to you; he was causing a disturbance earlier, he was walking up to a black male, used the N word, he was asked to leave. His girlfriend slapped him in the face. So, you add all this up and we're curious why we got called an hour and forty minutes later. That's all. I think that's the reason why you're here tonight.

Mr. Tattrie: When we kicked him out, he did say the N word to George. I brought George inside and I apologized for him. A patron, maybe about 1:15, said that the girlfriend had slapped him. She was not there by that time.

Colonel Connor: So he passes out on the side of the building. We find, or you find him at almost 2:00 a.m. So that's our problem. If we had gotten called earlier, no harm no foul. We get him and make sure he gets somewhere safe. He doesn't die of alcohol poisoning on the side of the road, he doesn't get into any more trouble, he doesn't wander into traffic, he doesn't get into a car. That's all we're saying.

Chairman Benson: The girlfriend was never in the bar, right?

Mr. Tattrie: The girlfriend came in the bar and we immediately asked her to leave, because she was mad at him.

Chairman Benson: Did she come in while he was in there?

Mr. Tattrie: Yes.

Chairman Benson: And she got out - -

Mr. Tattrie [Interposing]: She immediately got out, and apparently at some point; a customer at 1:15 did tell me, but I didn't see that, that at one point she slapped him. I have no knowledge of that. She left, even when I called, he was all alone. He was walking around ten minutes before that. I guess I shouldn't do that. He was talking to his mom, excuse me, his mom. He was trying to get a ride. It wasn't until like ten minutes past where he's now sleeping on the sidewalk, which is not good at all. Nobody would pick him up. I guess I'll call earlier from now on.

Clerk Paolucci: Just to let you know, even if you don't serve him a drink, if he comes in intoxicated you're still responsible for his well-being. You can't just let him go out the door and close the door behind him. You need to know to call the police. He could wander into traffic like the Chief had said.

Mr. Tattrie: So I should give him limited time to get a ride, and if he won't leave - -

Clerk Paolucci [Interposing]: Make sure if he calls for a ride you confirm that he's called for a ride.

Chairman Benson: Or just have the doorman keep an eye, if he's outside.

Mr. Tattrie: It's very busy. Like, I'm constantly going around asking do you need a ride, do you need a ride. But this is all short period. He came in at 12:00 and I called you guys at 1:45. He wasn't in the building more than a half hour. But then, yes, he was outside. We have, and I don't know if the other bars have this problem; but, we have homeless people that come in and they'll randomly, not physically, talk to you and your wife, and you and your wife don't really want to talk to them. Then eventually they wander off. Am I supposed to call on them?

Chairman Benson: If they're highly intoxicated.

Mr. Tattrie: They don't drink in there. Homeless people, it's hard, not to be mean.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: If someone walks in there and they're highly intoxicated; whether you served them or not, you're responsible for their well-being.

Mr. Tattrie: I know that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So if somebody walks in, whether it's a homeless person or any person, for that matter; and they appear to be, I'm going to use your term, off; that's the term you used earlier, which I'm assuming someone that's high on drugs, intoxicated with alcohol, or maybe having a mental health issue. As soon as they walk in, if you think there's something wrong with them, especially to include being intoxicated, then I would say yes, as the bar owner, once you put eyes on them and recognize that there's something wrong with them, then you have the responsibility to call.

Mr. Tattrie: We usually do call on those situations.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So you did the right thing, just to be clear. I'm not saying you did the wrong thing calling when you found him sleeping. My only concern is that, based on what the Chief pointed out, and based on the police report, and the information provided to the dispatcher, this probably could've been nipped in the bud earlier. Your own words, what the dispatcher typed in, this male caused a disturbance earlier in the bar. That's why I wanted you to clarify what you meant by that, whether it was a physical disturbance, an argument with a girlfriend, walking around bothering patrons - -

Mr. Tattrie [Interposing]: Normally, any physical situation, we'll call the cops.

Chairman Benson: All set?

Vice Chairman Gilbert: I am.

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to issue a verbal warning. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

24. Public Comment – None

At 7:01 p.m. the Board entered executive session.

At 7:13 p.m. the Board closed its executive session and sealed the minutes.

POLICE EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1.** Board Business - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote; Possible Motion(s) to convene into Closed/Executive Session; The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (3) regarding matters of security – Applications pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 11-47-11 and City of Warwick Ordinance Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 6-72: Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote from Executive Session concerning the following Applications:

- a.** Applicant 1 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (RENEWAL - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

- b.** Applicant 2 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (RENEWAL - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

- c.** Applicant 3 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (RENEWAL - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

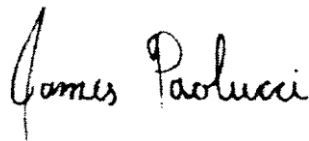
- d.** Applicant 4 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (NEW - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

- e. Applicant 5 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (NEW - EXECUTIVE)

ACTION: Chairman Benson made a motion to approve. Vice Chairman Gilbert seconded the motion. Chairman Benson, Vice Chairman Gilbert, and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:14 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.



James Paolucci, Clerk