

**SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2018**

The Special and Contact Committee met Monday, September 24, 2018. At 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre.

In attendance were Special and Contact Committee Members, Chairman Mr. Dan Lanzer, Mrs. Aimee May, Mrs. Cheryl Ramos, and Alternate John Zucal.

Guests were Mayor Joel Day, President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Law Director Marvin Fete, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Safety Director Greg Popham, Councilperson Dean Holland, Councilperson Rob Maurer, Councilperson Kelly Ricklic, Police Chief Mike Goodwin, Fire Chief Jim Parrish.

The Special & Contact Committee meeting at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers in regard to:
A Proposed False Alarm Ordinance, a proposal from Walter Drane for online codified ordinances, the MWCD Partners in Watershed, and the public defender agreement for indigent defense.

Chairman Lanzer made the following comment:

I have four things on the Agenda tonight and the first thing that we're going to talk about is a request from the fire and police chief for a false alarm ordinance.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish made the following statement:

We're having some issues around the City with false alarms. Our goal is not to discourage people from installing burglar alarms and fire alarms but they also need to maintain them. This sample ordinance would give them two false alarms a year, after that the Safety Director will send them a letter notifying them that they had two alarms and there's a fee or a possible \$500. Fire calls average about \$250 every time we're called out. A hotel in the area has had 43 false alarm calls. There's a fire alarm installed right by the shower in the rooms and it goes off when guests take a shower and open the door. We have a new system that we implemented last year that whenever we have a false alarm a report ends up at the fire prevention officer's door and he goes out and checks on it the next day.

Police Chief Goodwin made the following statement:

We get several hundred alarms a year in residential and several hundred a year in businesses. Going on false alarm calls takes officers off the road. We keep going back to the same houses all the time when all they have to do is re-adjust the motion sensor.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

I would ask the Committee to consider including in this legislation if a company is working on the system and fails to call in to report that there may be a false alarm coming in that they too can be fined.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish made the following comment:

Several cities have a permitting process where when a company is working on a fire or burglar alarm system they have to stop by the fire department and fill out a permit, which notifies the department that the alarm is being worked on. Right now New Philadelphia doesn't have anything like that.

MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ADD PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-2018 TO THE
AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
3 YEAS
ORDINANCE 22-2018 WILL BE ADDED TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Lanzer made the following statement:

The next item on the Agenda is the Walter Drane Codified Ordinance online. After having a discussion with Jeff Erb the way the City posts Codified Ordinances online now you can search with key words. Mr. Erb said it takes approximately \$100 per year for this system. The Walter Drane online system costs over \$2,000.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

If we maybe have Mr. Erb add some instructions on the website.

MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO TABLE THIS PROPOSAL
3 YEAS
THE WALTER DRANE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN TABLED

Mr. Lanzer made the following statement:

The next item on the agenda is MWCD Partners in Watershed.

Mayor Day made the following statement:

This is for a big stone to go on the banks of the river by the boat ramps. The cost is approximately \$45,000 for both locations and the grant reimburses 100%. The deadline is November 8, 2018.

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 27-2018 TO TONIGHT'S
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS
RESOLUTION 27-2018 WILL BE ADDED TO TONIGHT'S COUNCIL AGENDA

Mr. Lanzer made the following statement:

The next item up for discussion is the public defender agreement for indigent funds.

MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 21-2018 TO THE OCTOBER
8, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS
ORDINANCE 21-2018 WILL BE ADDED TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2018 COUNCIL
AGENDA

Mrs. May made a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Lanzer, Committee Chairman
Special and Contact Committee