

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 5:00 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Rasmussen (C), Herbst, Peckham, Wadinski, and McElhaney

Others Present: Alfonso, Kremer, Rosenberg, Bliven, DeSantis, Van Krey, Larson, Watson Kilian, Neal

Discussion and possible cation on Ordinance Amending Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit

Rasmussen explained the fire pit ordinance was adopted in 2007 for residential properties and because we did not know the impact of allowing these permits at that time the committee wanted to maintain control. If commercial businesses asked for outdoor recreational fire permits the PH&S Committee considered them on a case by case basis. There are now thousands of residential permits issued in the city and the majority of people use them properly. Currently, we only have them at a couple of businesses, but now with the outdoor seating arrangements many businesses are utilizing the requests for commercial outdoor fire pits are increasing.

Rasmussen stated the committee is dependent on city staff who goes and visits with the owners, inspects the site and gives a report for permits such as chicken-keeping, bee keeping, and open fires. She indicated Fire Marshall, Dave DeSantis, inspects requests for open burning to ensure the property can meet the requirements and then makes a recommendation. She explained the proposed change to the ordinance would allow the Clerk's Office to proceed to issue the permit to a commercial business, as they already do with the residential permits, rather than delaying them to committee. She noted there are current requests from both Red Eye Brewing Company and Bull Falls Brewery, which have been inspected by DeSantis and recommended for approval.

Motion by Herbst, second by Peckham to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 17.24.020 Open fire and burning allowed by permit. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Wadinski, second by McElhaney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.