

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**May 8, 2017
4:30 P.M.**

CONFERENCE ROOM D - COUNTY SQUARE

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Lynn Ballard
Vice Chairman Xanthe Norris
Councilor Mike Barnes
Councilor Fred Payne
Councilor Bob Taylor

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey D. Wile, Assistant County Attorney
John E. Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator
Helen E. Wood, Clerk to Public Safety Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Lynn Ballard
Chairman

INVOCATION:

Xanthe Norris
Vice Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Norris moved to approve the minutes of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services' meeting of March 14, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

REVIEW ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ALLOW THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

Counselor Taylor made a motion to place the Ordinance regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the late night and early morning hours with the attendant health and safety problems which may arise, and that the on-premises sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages be restricted between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M on the table for discussion.

Chairman Ballard stated, prior to discussion, that he had contacted all six of the mayors of the municipalities in the County. They were invited to join the Committee regarding this Ordinance and its effect on the municipalities. Two mayors responded, one Municipality (Greenville) already had an ordinance regarding this issue which was very positive. The other mayor stated he would advise administration of this Committee meeting. The other four mayors no contact/correspondence was received.

Discussion began with the clarification of prohibition regarding treating all establishments the same regarding the on-premises consumption of all alcoholic beverages which shall be prohibited from operating between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M be it an owner, operator, employee or agent. No person or establishment shall be in possession of alcoholic beverages during these hours with a clarification regarding establishments.

Clarification regarding penalties of any person, firm, corporation or agent who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished within the jurisdictional limits of magistrate's court.

ACTION: Counselor Taylor made motion to send the ordinance to County Council for first reading. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Counselor Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen E. Wood, Clerk to Public Safety Committee