

From: Jim J. Graf
Posted At: Tuesday, July 19, 2005 9:40 AM
Conversation: FYI
Posted To: Microsoft Office Outlook Embedded Message

Subject: RE: FYI

Thanks Bill for being fiscally responsible when it comes to working with the City's limited dollars. Sharing services help us get more bang for our buck. Thanks again. Jim Graf.

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From: fst833@charter.net [mailto:fst833@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2005 9:26 AM
To: Mayor@ci.sheboygan.wi.us
Cc: SHart@ci.sheboygan.wi.us; Jim J. Graf; vickymeyer@charter.net; marilyn@milwpc.com; gbcerda@aol.com; reneesuscha@yahoo.com; rcmann@charter.net
Subject: FYI

Mayor

I just spoke with Mike Lanser's staff at LTC.
Mike is on vacation in the Northwoods.

However they told me that the Gun range was planned as part of their Public Safety building, but they too have been holding off to see what the city and county are going to do.

The Dean of that area of study is Rich Hoerth.
He is very interested in speaking with the proper city/county officials on this matter.
He can be reached at 693-1237.

Again my concern is not so much where its built, but rather that we build 1 and not 3!

Thanks

Bill

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From: Richard Suscha [reneesuscha@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Tuesday, July 19, 2005 11:19 AM
Conversation: RE: FYI
Posted To: CS-Archive
Subject: Fwd: RE: FYI

I think it would be great to build a shooting range jointly with the county and LTC. Obviously, LTC doesn't need to pay for the evidence storage, so that would be paid jointly with the City and the County.

What if we put the weight room/exercise facility at the same location? Maybe we could charge a membership fee to Kohler, Elkhart Lake, and other law enforcement agencies for their use of the shooting range and private gym. This could offset the maintenance fees for the facility.

Renee

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From: Richard Suscha [lakeviewmansion@hotmail.com]
Posted At: Saturday, August 20, 2005 1:51 PM
Conversation: Finance Committee Meeting on 8/22/05
Posted To: CS-Archive

Subject: RE: Finance Committee Meeting on 8/22/05

Jim,

I'm not sure if you are aware that PP & S authorized Rich Gebhart to check into what it would cost to hire consultants to analyze our Table of Organization for the police dept., fire dept. and public works. Once we find the money to pay for this, it will be easier to see which departments need to be down-sized and which ones could be expanded. I believe there might be value in hiring one more building inspector, if that inspector could bring in enough money to cover their salary and benefits.

As for the 5th fire station, I think it would be a great "shared service" if we moved it two miles further south. I believe there is some interest in the town of Wilson to have a staffed fire station and I think they should pick up half the costs. Why should we build it at the current site, knowing that under the Mutual Aid Act, we would put out all of their fires at no cost?

It's your choice when you want to talk about this. I will be there on Monday, but if you want to hold it for Bill, that's fine.

Renee

>From: "Jim J. Graf" <GRAFJJG@co.sheboygan.wi.us>
>To:
xlakeviewmansion@hotmail.com>, <gene.davis@kohler.com>, <fst833@charter.net>, <marilyn@milwpc.com>
>CC: <mayor@ci.sheboygan.wi.us>
>Subject: Finance Committee Meeting on 8/22/05
>Date: Fri, 19 Aug 2005 10:03:01 -0500

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>At the Finance Committee Meeting on 8/22 I am planning to discuss a
>draft resolution to reconsider Capitol Improvements in 2005, as well as
>developing a resolution to RECIND the resolution for the borrowing of
>funds for the 5th Fire Station. In the case of the Fire Station, do we
>build and not hire any additional fire fighters or do we not build and
>hire the additional fire fighters or do we do neither? Just trying to
>get your thoughts on the above, and warn you that it is on the agenda
>for Monday's meeting. Thanks for the help, Jim G

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From: Richard Suscha [lakeviewmansion@hotmail.com]
Posted At: Monday, August 29, 2005 2:17 PM
Conversation: police merge with sheriff department
Posted To: CS-Archive

Subject: police merge with sheriff department

Jim,

Perhaps Carter sent the article below to you as well. Should we save the taxpayers \$17 million and contract with the county for our police services? Do you think this would work in Sheboygan?

Renee

Editorial : New law lets metro police force dance an overdue debut

> There ' s a not-too-distant day when the metro Winnebago County police
>force protects all citizens, regardless of whether they live in or
>outside its major cities.

>A law signed by Gov. Jim Doyle has opened the way for this to happen.
>Cities and villages of more than 5,000 people can contract for police services
>with their county sheriff's department. The cost savings and timing of
>levy tax limits on local governments make this a well-timed idea worth
>trying .

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>Years ago, independent studies by the Kettl Commission and other
>committees have said Wisconsin government needs to get up to date. One
>of the best ways mentioned almost routinely was to merge city police
>and county sheriff's departments. While this law doesn't actually merge
>departments, it makes it possible for the county force to cover cities.

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>Cities and counties both gain a lot from the decision to create a metro
>department . For cities, public safety becomes a contracted service
>rather than individual line items for labor, health insurance,
>pensions, banked sick and vacation days, equipment and so on.

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>County sheriff's departments gain an influence of higher numbers.
>They'll present a larger bloc for negotiating lower drug and health
>care provider costs.
>Some things won't change. We'll probably need close to the same number
>of police officers for the city and county as we do now.

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>But the savings on our tax bills will show in one major area: having
>one office for the various functions of law enforcement rather than two
>now. Detectives, patrol, booking, evidence collection, accounting and maintenance all
>will work as one office, not two as they do between cities and counties
>now.

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>In fact, one of the largest labor cost savings for taxpayers will be in
>having one administration to oversee law enforcement and not two. This
>administrative savings often is a main reason that companies merge or
>downsize. That potential savings alone makes it smart sense for cities
>like Oshkosh and Neenah to contract for protection with the Winnebago
>County Sheriff's Department.

>Menasha
>may need special intervention; its boundaries cross three counties.

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>The Oshkosh Common Council shouldn't waste time locally to investigate
>this option. Turn up the volume on this discussion. Examine and
>publicize the potential savings to the city for contracting with the county.

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>Winnebago County is ready for one law enforcement force. Sheriff
>Michael Brooks has been talking for years about merging detective
>departments between city and county. This new law makes possible an
>efficient form of government whose time has more than come.

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>The Final Thought: Cities and villages of Wisconsin should seriously
>consider contracting their police services to county governments.

From: Richard Suscha [reneesuscha@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Sunday, February 26, 2006 12:22 AM
Conversation: New Police Facility
Posted To: CS-Archive
Subject: RE: New Police Facility

Jim,

I got this message sent back to me without any comments from you. Did you say anything?

Vicky and I met with Helmke unexpectedly on Friday. He's willing to cooperate and do anything that the County Board tells him to do.

I was thinking about meeting with the Chairman of their Law Committee, Michael Ogea. Do you know him? **Do you think he might be open to the concept of Metropolice?** I thought I might start with him and see if he would like to introduce this concept to the County Board, OR if maybe a joint meeting between their Law Committee & our PP & S committee might be in order.

Let me know what you think. Renee

"Jim J. Graf <GRAFJJG@co.sheboygan.wLus>

wrote: Jim,

Vicky and I will be meeting with Sheriff Helmke next week. I'd like to put this on the PP & S agenda for our first meeting in March, once we have some more information. Would that screw up the time line?

I hope you put it on the finance agenda next week. That way you can be the bad guy and I can coast for two weeks! If there is a rush, I can add it to the PP & S agenda on Friday or Monday, just let me know.

Renee

"Jim J. Graf <GRAFJJG@co.sheboygan.wLus> wrote:

Just got off the phone with DC Wojjs. He reported to me that John Sabinash said the cost estimate for construction was based on about a 35,000 sq. ft station. The D.C. said they would need a minimum of 64,000 sq. ft. he estimated the cost to be an additional \$1.5 million of construction cost. According to Rich G. an additional \$120,000 would be needed to cover the additional debt service for the Police Facility. I asked him to put something on our finance agenda to discuss this situation. Sounds good to me. Discussion of the additional cost for the police station should be on the Finance Agenda for Monday. See you on Monday. Have a great weekend. Jim G

-- Original Message-----
From: Richard Suscha [mailto:reneesuscha@yahoo.com]

7/24/2006

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 10:50 PM
To: Jim J. Graf
Subject: Re: New Police Facility

I believe that if we are going to share any services with the County, as far as law enforcement, now is the time to look at these, including: joint dispatch, turning over detective division to the sheriff, and moving the maintenance division to the municipal service building. If you have the opportunity since you are both on PP&S maybe you could discuss some of the above suggestions at you committee.

Thanks for you help. Jim G.

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From: Richard Suscha [reneesuscha@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Thursday, May 11, 2006 10:09 AM
Conversation: Law Enforcement Study Committee Resolution
Posted To: CS-Archive
Subject: Law Enforcement Study Committee Resolution

Hello,

Attached is the resolution that will be on the agenda Monday night. Thanks for your support.

Renee

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Resolution No. _ By Alderpersons Bohren, Graf, Meyer, Montemeyer, Manny & Kliejunas

A RESOLUTION authorizing the formation of a Metropolitan Law Enforcement Services Study Committee to review the opportunities and challenges of the possibility of contracting with the Sheboygan County Sheriff for law enforcement services.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 40 provides for the County Sheriff Department to provide law enforcement services to municipalities, and

WHEREAS, 80% of the Sheboygan Citizens who participated in the Citizen Budget process agree the City should share services and costs by merging the police and sheriff departments, and

WHEREAS, Future revenues the City of Sheboygan receives may not be able to keep pace with the continued cost increases of the City of Sheboygan police department, and there may be substantial savings to the taxpayers by contracting with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services, and

WHEREAS, a study of the opportunities and challenges of the possibility of joining forces with the County Sheriff will give the Common Council and the city taxpayers a basis to make an informed decision,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Common Council hereby establishes a Metropolitan Law Enforcement Services Study Committee for the purpose of reviewing the opportunities and challenges of the possibility of contracting with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services pursuant to Wisconsin Act 40, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the committee will have public input scheduled at the beginning and end of each meeting, and the committee will reach a recommendation within four months. The committee will research the issue, meet with consultants if deemed necessary, develop an action plan including the advantages and disadvantages of combined law enforcement services, and make a recommendation. A recommendation to move ahead will result in their action plan being presented to the full Common Council and Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors at a joint meeting for further consideration, discussion and possible implementation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the composition of the voting members of the committee shall consist of 8 people who are residents of the City of Sheboygan, one County Board Supervisor from outside the city, and shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council. The specific composition of the committee shall consist of:

Voting Members

- *Two Alderpersons
- *One Accountant (CPA)
- *One Business Leader
- *One Labor Leader
- *One School District Representative
- *One Citizen at Large
- *One County Board Supervisor who represents the City of Sheboygan
- *One County Board Supervisor who represents Sheboygan County

Non-Voting Members

- *One Sheboygan Police Department Representative
- *One Sheboygan County Sheriff Department Representative
- *Sheboygan City Attorney
- *Sheboygan County Corporate Counsel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the committee shall be temporary and shall automatically dissolve when it presents its final recommendation to the Common Council.

From: Richard Suscha [reneesuscha@yahoo.com]
Posted At: Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:33 PM
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Subject: RE: Law Enforcement Study Committee Resolution

PRIVATE COMMENTS. NOT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. Jim,

I spent hours with Jim Bohrn, Eldon, and Jean Kliejunas incorporating their suggestions and addressing their concerns. After jumping through hoops for Eldon, he decided this morning that this issue should go to the Committee of the Whole instead of a special study group.

I think it's imperative that we have input from County Supervisors right from the start. I think some of the walls that were built between the City and County are from unilateral decisions or from decisions made by department heads without the input from Council. This study group incorporates all the stakeholders, something I think is essential to get buy-in from everyone involved.

Another problem with going with the COW right from the start is the way Silas runs meetings. He loves to let the public speak for as long as they want. I think the police union (and potentially all unions) would fill the Council Chambers with complainers. This would slow down the entire process.

So, a long answer to your short question is that Steve McLean advised me not to have more than 8 authors on this document, but this was before Baumann resigned. At the last minute, I decided it would look better if I left my name off of this resolution. The people who agreed to author it are Bohren, Manny, Montemeyer, Meyer, Kleijunas, and you.

I would guess, and this is only a guess, that after a full discussion on the floor maybe Eldon, Radtke and I might vote in favor of this.

We'll have to wait until Monday to see how it goes.

Renee

"Jim J. Graf <GRAFJJG@co.sheboygan.wi.us> wrote:

The Resolution looks good to me, were other council members contacted or only the ones listed? Jim G

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