



CITY COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee

**Monday, August 20, 2007
Meeting Report**

Committee Members in Attendance: D. Sterner, Chair, S. Fuhs, S. Marmarou

Others Attending: C. Younger, R. Shafer, V. Krall, T. Krall, L. Churchill, L. Kelleher

Public Safety Committee Chair, Dennis Sterner, called the meeting order.

MESSAGE-SPAS

The owner of the East West Massage Therapy Centers explained the necessary qualifications a therapeutic massage therapist must have. He pointed out the ways to identify suspect or non-therapeutic massage centers.

Due to the time needed to cover this topic the discussion will be continued after the work session.

ENFORCEMENT OF CURFEW ORDINANCE

Mr. Churchill stated that a report would be presented at the September Public Safety Committee meeting.

ENFORCEMENT OF DISRUPTIVE TENANT ORDINANCE

A detailed report on disruptive conduct reports was distributed to Committee members. Captain Shafer stated that generally officers give people a break prior to citation. However, when repeat calls for service to a specific address is identified officers are instructed to file a DCR.

Mr. Churchill stated that since the enforcement of the Disruptive Conduct Tenant Ordinance no evictions have taken place proving that the issuance of a DCR corrects errant behavior. He explained the notification process used when a DCR is filed is as follows:

- Police provide notification to codes

- Codes provides notification about the DCR to the landlord
- Data is entered into the Hanson system

The Public Safety Committee was recessed at 7:00 pm.

The Public Safety Committee reconvened at approximately 9:00 pm.

MESSAGE-SPAS

Vicki Krall distributed material on the Ocean and Sports Spas located on Lancaster Ave. She also distributed material obtained from the internet about these spas. It was noted that these spas are suspect.

Ms. Kelleher explained that the City has two ordinances in place to address this issue. The first is the Massage Therapy Ordinance which defines the need for massage therapists operating in the City to have specific licenses and certifications. The Adult Business Ordinance places limitations on where and how adult businesses can operate in the City. Captain Shafer reported on investigations into suspect massage therapy businesses. Ms. Krall noted the specialized training used in York which is coordinated with the Department of Justice.

The Committee suggested that when discovering a suspect organization a fine should be issued to the landlord and the operator. The need to identify an effective method to close the businesses down was discussed.

An update on the enforcement of this ordinance will be discussed at the September Public Safety Committee meeting.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.