

Item 24-0224: Public Safety Ordinance Changes

Safety and Licensing Committee

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Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 02:33

Then we'll move into information items. First which is 24-0224. We do allow public participation and comments. It's a little bit different than Council, but we do expect the same decorum. If you have something to say we'll ask you to come to the microphone, state your name and address, and then give yourself five minutes or less to speak to the item on the agenda that you wish to talk about, which is this one. So, I think it might be prudent to start with public comments. So

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 03:08

I think it would be the Chief.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 03:10

We'll start—sorry, I take that back. We will start with summary by Chief Olson first.

Police Chief Polly Olson 03:21

The safety of our community members and visitors to Appleton remain our number one priority. We constantly evaluate strategies for addressing safety concerns and opportunities to prevent crime. In the last several months, we have addressed loitering and large after bar crowds gathering at the Kwik Trip on North Richmond Street with a strategic closure and barricades. We have stepped up our efforts with an increased presence within licensed establishments. We have conducted additional training with our staff to help them increase their awareness of existing tools available for enforcement.

[There was some question/discussion as to whether or not Chief Olson's microphone was on.]

Police Chief Polly Olson 04:00

It says that it's on. Is this better?

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 04:03

Yes, maybe speak a bit closer.

Police Chief Polly Olson 04:08

Do you want me to start over? Okay. With that in mind, we have determined a few additional ways to increase safety in and around our Class B establishments. The informational item I would like to highlight today is the creation of a new requirement for all Class B establishments to have operable security cameras at customer entrances and exits and to produce requested footage to law enforcement timely. Overall, surveillance cameras contribute to creating a safer and more secure environment for both patrons and staff in taverns by deterring misconduct, providing evidence in case of incidents, and enabling proactive monitoring of behavior. The proposed security camera requirement is specifically directed at entrance and exit points. Nothing in this proposal is intended to discourage tavern owners from exceeding The minimum requirement so that they may provide maximum security and safety to their customers, employees, business, and the public.

Police Chief Polly Olson 05:08

In the memo I've provided to all of you, I highlighted just a few of many examples of incidents where privately owned cameras within licensed establishments have provided critical evidence to major case investigations. It is our belief after having spoken to a number of Class B license holders, most establishments already have camera systems in place which would meet the new ordinance requirements. And I guess at this point, I would welcome any questions anybody would have.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 05:37

Any questions from committee? Go ahead, Alder Van Zeeland.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:41

Thank you, Chair. First off, I want to say, I feel very grateful that we have an administration and a police department that is willing to be proactive and look for ways to try to resolve issues downtown. And also, just to state that, you know, balancing personal freedoms and public safety is always going to be a little bit of a dance. With that being said, I have some questions regarding the proposal that we see here. First and foremost, the memo that we have says that crime could be deterred better with use of video in different establishments, but the two serious cases that are cited here actually had video available. Could you just go into a little bit more why you think adding cameras would deter crime and why they didn't in these cases, perhaps?

Police Chief Polly Olson 06:44

Sure. And I think if it was a requirement for all taverns in the city to have cameras and that information was known by people that use those establishments, that's where the deterrence factor I think, would come in, because they knew coming in and out that they would be recorded. In the case of the two I cited there, again, since it's not a requirement now, I think most people don't know really which establishments have cameras in which don't, and in that case, it can't really serve to deter crime.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 07:18

Okay. And I also wonder—and this might be a question for the attorney. An issue I have with this is that we're treating all license holders the same—doesn't matter the size of their establishment, what kind of business they're doing, or if they really are contributing to this issue that we're having. What kind of leeway do we have? I know liquor licenses and things are state statutes that we follow. So, what leeway do we have when it comes to treating establishments differently?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 07:58

So, there are different approaches that can be undertaken. One of the issues—and you already kind of alluded to the dance of public safety versus personal freedoms. When it comes to that particular balance, sometimes there are different freedoms that are implicated versus others. And I say that to bring up the idea that there is the potential to target things in a different way, but then that potentially opens up for the argument that we're not treating license holders equally, which could be a problem if it's not done correctly.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 08:38

Having said that, there are options out there in terms of ways other communities have sought to address this very or very similar issues throughout the state of Wisconsin. Most of them are based on the classification of the business, but the one that I have found that is a bit more reactive and punitive—there is one in Milwaukee that treats it very similarly, but that one is not at all related to alcohol establishments at all. It's all retail establishments effectively. So that's a different trade off. Any of the different options that are there as I've been looked through and evaluated from a legal perspective (and I'm just speaking from a legal perspective, not an advocacy perspective at this point), there are different tradeoffs to those things. And ultimately, what the best

balance on those tradeoffs is going to be ultimately up to a policy decision, not a legal decision. So, there are there are benefits and potential issues either direction. I think ultimately either one could be done safely.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 09:43

Is there the ability to limit—is there ability to say an establishment needs to proceed with further safety recommendations once they reach a certain level of demerits. If we put something like that into effect? Or limiting certain safety requirements to only the downtown business district versus outside of the district.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 10:15

From a legal perspective, yes. Whether or not those will achieve the same end goals is a different question, and that's not one—at least at this point, I don't think it would be appropriate for me to weigh in on. But from a legal perspective, yes, there is that option.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 10:32

I think I would feel more comfortable looking at ways that if we have establishments that are being troublesome, that we're looking at dealing with those types of establishments. I took a look at the heat map that we have, and I ran that for a year. And it looks like everything that's happening is happening in like a two-block radius. And I have a hard time regulating the entire city based on what's happening in this two-block radius. I also took a look at some of the cases that were referenced here, and I'm wondering if someone can tell me if the individual involved in the shooting in December received an underage drinking ticket? Or if the establishment—sorry, if the establishment received an underage drinking citation.

Police Chief Polly Olson 11:27

What I can say is that any and all ordinance in criminal violations were explored in that situation, and we were not able to issue any tickets.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 11:41

To—we were not able to ticket the establishment even though we have video of an underage individual inside of the establishment?

Police Chief Polly Olson 11:51

The underage individual in question had an ID on them. It was not a valid ID, but again, the establishment did see an ID when the individual went in. So, we didn't feel it was appropriate to hold the establishment accountable when this person did possess an ID even if it wasn't a valid ID.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 12:12

I mean, do we know if this ID looked like this person?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:23

My understanding is a real ID just not his.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 12:26

Right. Correct.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:27

Sufficient enough—

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 12:28

I mean just because I hand someone an ID doesn't mean that ID looks like me or is feasibly the person who is—I guess my point is—

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 12:36

Point of order. Point of order. We're talking about cameras and not IDs.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 12:41

Well, this is this is the case that's referenced here as to why we're looking at these types of changes, and I think that it's relevant, and in let me just wrap up why I'm asking. I'm asking because I'm wondering why we wouldn't be assessing demerit points for having someone who's done something like this, knowing that they provide an ID that was a false ID, but they provided that ID. It—they should have been checking that or making sure that it was the person coming in the door, and that's where I see if we're holding those places accountable, then we don't need to hold the entire College Avenue or the entire city accountable for what's happening in these two blocks. So that's why I'm wondering this, if that makes sense. Like, why we wouldn't be coming down hard on something like this when it's happening in this two-block radius.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 13:38

I can say, based on—the way that tickets come through me is I typically prosecute them in municipal court. They are—when there is sufficient evidence, they are handled severely or they're handled appropriately. My understanding is that in that particular case, there was a strong enough resemblance where based on the assessment of the officers—and I would agree with it based on my assessment—it wouldn't have been a just imposition of points given the circumstances. They did, from what we could tell, what they could, at least in that respect, specifically.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:14

Okay. Okay. I think I will yield to some of my other colleagues that I saw were...

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 14:21

Let me—I just want to kind of chase that just a little—not to get too far into the weeds but chase it a little bit further, the same vein of thought that you were you were traveling down. For the incidences where we've had violent crime or shootings, I guess in those—the Brau Haus incident, the Maritime inci—or the Maritime Bar. In those cases, were those establishments—in all the cases where there was a firearm discharge, were those establishments held responsible if the individual was inside and inebriated or anything? I mean, I guess there is nothing to hold them accountable for, but I think that's what we're trying to go with. If the establishments are the ones that are sort of creating the causality and allowing patrons to get too far inebriated and then that results in conflict once the bars are closing and you've got individuals that are—that shouldn't be as far gone as they are, is there no way to hold those establishments more accountable, or at least help them help themselves to prevent the, you know, I guess the overconsumption and maybe reduce the opportunity for these kinds of things to happen?

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 15:34

Maybe it's a—maybe it's a statement and there's no question there. But that's, I think, where we're trying to go with the conversation, because what this is asking us to do is take away a service from outside the establishments as a means of kind of controlling crowd massing, when what's happening is, you know, based on what's happening is inside these establishments.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:55

I can address the specific incidents you referred to. I believe they're still pending, so there wouldn't be any ability to assess the point—assess points until there's a conviction or an adjudication. And I'm going to keep this to a broad legal perspective on it, but one thing that I have found in prosecuting issues that have come up in the downtown, you know, kind of the College Avenue bar close time, is that when everybody's spilling out and everybody's intoxicated, the ability to trace back who got drunk where and tie that to a particular business establishment is limited. And without the ability to base whatever prosecution or assessment there is on sufficient evidence, it's not something that realistically can be done. Where there's evidence, it will be followed, but sometimes—and frankly, a lot of times—when everybody just gets dumped out of the bars, it becomes very difficult to follow.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 16:53

But but aren't—weren't the incidents at the Brau Haus and Maritime, weren't—didn't those all occur inside the establishments, or were they all...? I feel like those were things that happened within the confines of the establishment and not after people spilled out. And they weren't after bar time; they were 1:30, I think, and

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 17:10

Those are pending.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:11

Okay. So.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 17:13

There can be no points until after there's a conviction or adjudication. So those are kind of a separate ball of wax, but generally speaking for the—

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:22

Okay, I'm gonna—

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 17:23

—people out on side,

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:24

—we'll keep moving. I saw a couple hands. Bill, were you first? Did you want to speak?

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 17:28

No, I didn't have my hand up.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 17:30

Alderson Wolff.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 17:31

Thank you, Chair. So I'm going to step back from the direction my colleagues are going for a second, and just say that, while I see what we're trying to do now, and that is trace people from the place that they were at down to the ending result, I think that in our effort to be more centric towards community policing and building relationships with people and trying to be, you know, more friendly with the diverse groups of our populace. I think that this would hurt because we're trying to basically force businesses to do something that they might be willing to do anyway, without actually having a conversation with them about it. I think this is just going to

create resentment in our community. I don't think that this is a good direction to going as far as what our goals of building with our community are.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 18:41

And just to be clear Alderson, you're speaking to the food truck limitation, not the cameras, correct? Because this is both part of what we're, what we're looking at right now.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 18:51

Kind of both.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 18:52

Okay.

Alderson Nate Wolff (District 12) 18:53

Because, I mean, essentially, we'd be forcing, one, those establishments to, you know, the direction they're going, and they don't want that. And then also, we would be forcing companies to spend money on...

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 19:10

Chair, this is supposed to be an informational item, and I think it's gotten into a deep—an item of debate right now. We are here to be here from the Chief in regards to information. We're here to hear from the audience in regards to information, and not debate the issue in terms of where we necessarily stand. I don't know where I stand until I hear all the information. Simple as that. Thank you for being tolerant with me.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 19:44

That's okay. I—you know, I like to, I like to try to get conversations going so we can begin our work at committee. But yes, you're right, this is an information item. And given the fact that there's public here, I'm sort of giving us a little leeway to have a little bit more interaction in here from our colleagues. Alder Hartzheim, did you want to add anything? What are you over there? **[Note: that last sentence was asking what her microphone number was.]**

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 20:08

Thank you, Chair. I beg to differ with Alderson Siebers. I think this is a place where we should have some of this groundwork discussion because I think this can't—this—we're looking for a way to move forward with this or not. So, all feedback, I think, should be welcome.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 20:24

My concern with this is that we're handing the establishments—the licensed establishments in the city—a stick rather than a carrot. We are wanting them to help the APD, to provide information for them should it be needed. And it's already been established that many of these places already do these things voluntarily. So, then we should penalize them with all these additional things that come with their licensure? I would rather see us explore ways to perhaps, maybe—just throwing this out there, maybe increase across the board our licensure fee for these licenses, and then those establishments who already are established with these camera systems can get some sort of discount of that licensure fee, proving that we're trying to be the assisters. We are trying to help the police department, and that—I think this gets to the point that Alder Wolff was trying to get to, we need to be more of a community working together rather than, Oh, I have to get my liquor license, and in order to do it, I got to do this, that and the other thing, and now I'm against the cops, because I'm peeved off that I've got to have this, like, this extra camera and all this extra footage, et cetera, et cetera. Instead of creating an

adversarial sort of business and APD, I'd rather see us create some sort of cooperative city community APD people individually.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 22:05

And this whole idea, while it is a good idea, because we know that security cameras work, feels like a to—a bridge too far as far as liberties and business ownership. Businesses should be able to choose how they're going to operate, and if they're going to operate in ways that will over serve and cause all these problems, then they will get those demerit points that come with that behavior. And if they don't, they shouldn't be penalized for not having a camera. And that's sort of how my initial feelings of this were, and I'd rather we explore ways to be a community rather than an adversarial sort of relationship. Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 22:54

Chief Olson, could you give us a little insight about the conversation to direct the limitation of food trucks to serve from noon to 4am? I don't have like a clear understanding of the connection, and—between those, you know, public service or, I guess, restaurants that are providing a service to the community at those late hours, and the violent crime that we're trying to sort of get our heads wrapped around. I understand the massing thing, but when I look at the cases that have been presented, or the most recent violent cases, well maybe one of them has had a food truck sort of proximately involved, and I don't know that the other ones have. So, I'm struggling a little bit with the causality of targeting food trucks or their services and limiting, you know, sort of the violent side of what happens in these in these hours in early morning College Avenue. Is there some anecdotal evidence that suggests that this is really key to reducing that kind of activity? Or is it sort of like if we were to take away some of this outside ability for people to linger, it's naturally going to dissipate, and we're going to have fewer incidences of conflict?

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 24:21

Point of order, chair. Can I just ask—I understand that this is listed as public safety items, but I know that the vendor item is actually going to come in front of Municipal Services. Is it appropriate to be discussing that portion of this?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 24:38

I think as an information item as it ties in here, I don't see an issue with it. It is noticed in the memorandum. I don't know that we should spend a lot of time lingering on it, but at least in terms of how it interacts with the bulk of what's being discussed, I think it is properly noticed.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 24:53

And I just don't want other people to be speaking here when they should be speaking at Municipal Services. Thank you.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 25:02

If you would—

Police Chief Polly Olson 25:03

Would you like me to answer at this point?

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 25:04

Briefly, if you feel you have a decent answer.

Police Chief Polly Olson 25:07

And the short answer is "Yes." So, no, there was never any intent, certainly, to target, you know, the food truck businesses. What we found—and I can I can give you evidence dating back to the, well, the 23 years that I've been employed here. 23 years ago, we were dealing with the same issue, but at the time, it wasn't food trucks, it was the food carts, the hotdog stands, that would be mobile along the College Avenue corridor. And people would gather. There'd be long lines, and inevitably somebody would say something wrong, cut a line, whatever the case may be. And when you add alcohol, and you add the time a night and all of those factors, we would have many times fights.

Police Chief Polly Olson 25:50

The difference is that back then many of those fights were just fistfights and they could be resolved by law enforcement pretty quickly, and we could get people to move along or take enforcement action or whatever we needed to do. That's not the time we live in anymore. And regardless of whether or not we want to accept that this is the time that we're living in, now, in the fact that our police department has very limited resources from a staffing perspective, that we cannot continue to move in this manner without having something happen. And we're starting to see those things happen downtown and in our other establishments. It's not just a CBD issue. You know, I can cite other taverns and establishments where we've had, you know, shootings, stabbings, and very violent crime, where people have lost their life. And it's time we have to take some action in order to prevent those things from happening.

Police Chief Polly Olson 26:49

So, for me, in looking at the situation, then in the totality, one of the big issues is that, yes, we have right now one particular food truck that is present downtown through the end of bar close, I think, until three or four in the morning. And it is a collection point for many people to come and get food at the end of the night before they go home—again, under the influence, not making good decisions, getting involved in disturbances. And we've had since November, four or five shootings. So maybe the committee could offer a solution that I'm not thinking of, but at this point, that's what comes to mind as a possible way to move forward.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 27:36

Okay, I appreciate that answer. It's good to have your insight on this before. Alder Doran?

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 27:45

Thank you. I guess I just want to start by asking staff and whoever wants to answer, where did these two specific proposals come from? I mean, is this something staff generated just based on observations? Are these—have we've seen these employed elsewhere and found them to be successful there that we're bringing them the ideas here, I guess?

Police Chief Polly Olson 28:08

So initially, the idea of the camera ordinance actually came from doing a little bit of research and in finding that Minneapolis has a similar ordinance in place that I think they've had—correct me if I'm wrong—but since like 2005. It's been it's been a long time that they've had something like that in place that they've had some success with. So that's where that idea came from initially. As far as the food truck one, again, that came from just 20 plus years of, you know, sitting back and observing the behaviors that are happening in our downtown district.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 28:46

Okay. And then the question, I just want to ask for clarification, from the legal standpoint we're assuming these are both ideas that are within our ability to enforce?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 29:03

I wouldn't say I'm assuming. It's been based on the research that I've done in terms of the constitutional principles, the statutory principles. There's a lot of leeway given to municipalities to regulate the sale of alcohol under Chapter 125.10, and the case law that backs it up. So, there's a lot of leeway provided for in there, and it is largely a local concern. I wouldn't term it necessarily an assumption, but that is based on research—statutory case law. And then again, noting, Chief Olson mentioned that the original genesis of the idea, at least in terms of the camera ordinance, came from what Minneapolis does, but since then locating the various other types of similar ordinances employed throughout Wisconsin. Even with just a non-exhaustive search, there's a number of very similar things already employed by other municipalities. Some of them are more restrictive, some are less, and a lot of them are more and less depending on what particular aspect of it you're talking about. And I'd say what's been drafted as a potential proposal here is pretty middle of the road in terms of what I found and been able to evaluate with respect to what's been employed in other Wisconsin municipalities.

Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 30:21

Okay. And then just another question, just for clarification, because I was a little confused about this. This is on this committee's agenda as an informational item, but we obviously had the food truck proposal as an action item for municipal services that was ended up being held. Do we—I guess I'm just confused why one was an action item and why this is informational.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 30:45

As I understand it, essentially it is so we can do what it is that's happening here is exchanging information. This is a preliminary proposal. The idea was, as I understand it, to continue to take in more information and look for whatever the best solution is, because whatever—and this—I will keep it again, to the legal standpoint. Unless we're doing the best we can to address the actual issue, we're going to run into potential problems in terms of the way it's handled, in terms of how defensible it is, should it be challenged at some point. So, part of the idea is to exchange information and make sure that whatever happens is the best and most effective way to deal with the problem at hand, having considered as much information as possible. So, from a legal standpoint, legislative history is important, and gathering information is important.

Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 31:40

Okay, thank you. And I do appreciate, I guess, staff is trying to address an issue that we know sort of exists. And I appreciate that we're trying to look for, you know, outside the box ideas and things, and that these have come forward for us. I have some real hesitation about both of these. To me just in my initial reading and sort of what I've heard so far, this feels like we're, we're sort of penalizing the wrong people. I think as some of our other colleagues have stated, it just feels—it doesn't feel right. But I'm certainly open to hearing more conversation about this and seeing where it goes, and I'd like to see if there are some other ways that we can perhaps address these issues, because I think as Chief Olson noted, maybe the root of the problem here isn't—the lack of manpower. And we've all talked about this before. And I'm not sure, as much as we pick around the edges of that, that we're really addressing the real issue until we 'til we tackle the hard part upfront.

Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 32:43

My last question, I guess, for now, really, is just to see has anyone from city staff spoken to the, I guess, the bars or these Class B license holders or the food trucks at all? I'm not saying we're asking them for their permission to do this; we don't need that. But has there been any conversation with them about these ideas? Have you gotten any feedback? Or has there been any willingness on their part to work with us to try and find a solution that works for everybody?

Police Chief Polly Olson 33:13

The answer to that is, yes. I think it was last week.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 33:18

Yes.

Police Chief Polly Olson 33:19

So, AC Freeman met with some, through ADI, a meeting and started talking about some of these issues. So yeah, those conversations have started. The feedback that we've gotten and some of the outreach that we've done has been actually very favorable by most of the involved establishments. Like I mentioned in the memo, the vast majority of them already have camera systems in place that would be in compliance. It would just give us a little bit more leverage in terms of the establishments that have cameras and then choose not to cooperate with turning over video when we have violent incidences happen. It gives us a little bit of leverage in order to get those recordings that are key recordings in order for us to be able to have the tools that we need to hold people accountable to the crimes that are happening in the city.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 34:18

If, again, just one more follow up since you mentioned that, Chief. Just for the benefit of myself and maybe my other colleagues, can you just explain to us if we have an incident at an establishment that already has cameras, yet they're unwilling to turn over the video footage they might have, can you just maybe walk us through that process of trying to compel them for that?

Police Chief Polly Olson 34:36

Sure.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 34:36

How that works?

Police Chief Polly Olson 34:37

Yeah, absolutely. So, if say for instance, a downtown estab—establishment has a shooting that happens inside their, on their premise and we want to get the video, of course we ask for permission first because that's always the best way to collect that kind of evidence. However, if they either say that they don't have it, or they don't want to give us permission, then we go through the process of applying for a warrant and then trying to secure the evidence that way.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 35:08

If I can add on to that, that assumes that the offense that's being dealt with is a criminal offense. If it's not criminal, the ability to get a warrant isn't really there. So, the licensing issues that we're talking about, there's no ability to go get a warrant for those types of issues, to hold them accountable that way. So there—that would be something that...

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 35:08

Okay, thank you.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 35:28

One. One more.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 35:30

Thank you, Chair. I just have a question. I'm wondering if—we've had some establishments who seemed to be really willing to work with us. It sounds like they don't want this type of activity going on downtown, either. Have we talked with them? Or are we aware of any programs that might allow some of those establishments who have these kinds of folks frequenting to have access to a metal detector or something like that? If they already have cameras, that's a moot point. Would the next step be something like that? Are you familiar with anything like that?

Police Chief Polly Olson 36:08

The only thing that we've done in the past is in terms of the metal detectors is if we have an establishment that we have violations that have happened, and we may then try to come up with an agreement. I can think of two in the past where we've gotten voluntary compliance, but we've had other evidence of liquor license violations that we've held in order to get them to comply with having the metal detectors there.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 36:39

Okay.

Police Chief Polly Olson 36:40

I'm not sure if that answers your question.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 36:41

It answers it enough, I think, to get this conversation started.