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Art, Entertainment, and Tourism Committee

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Minutes – July 5, 2017, 6:45 PM
Hudson City Hall

Present:

Chair- John Friedman
Council members Rector, O'Hara & Keith

[As no quorum was convened at the last scheduled meeting of the Committee (June 7, 2017) no minutes were created or filed. JKF]

There being no new mass gathering permits to review or discuss, nor any news regarding the Summerfest's improper use of the City's waterfront park without remuneration, the first order of business was a discussion of potential changes to the fee structure for use of City resources for mass gatherings.

The discussion included ideas such as:

- Street closing fees based on time, place and duration such that more desirable locations and times would cost more as would longer-duration uses;
- Requiring street closures to take place after 5PM; and
- Film permits for production companies.

The discussion, including the audience, ranged over the relative merits and efficacy of using money stimulus to direct outcomes/behavior, and how even if it works it wouldn't otherwise help the affected merchants.

The discussion then ranged to the advisability of the City financing any mass gatherings. The Chair shared manpower costs provided by both the HPD and DPW for mass gathering event tasks and time. The Committee agreed that the one-time costs were of less consequence than the long-term (i.e. retirement benefit) costs of the events especially since they often involve overtime. The Committee also took notice that several of the largest beneficiaries of the City's financial largesse are also the largest cost centers for mass gatherings. The recommendation was made from the audience that, rather than divide \$20k over many applicants, it would be more appropriate to have a Community Day, perhaps at the riverfront, where civic organizations could have booths, there could be refreshments and entertainment. The Committee enthusiastically embraced this idea. The chair asked the members to draft (with A. Howard Esq.'s help if needed) proposals for next month's meeting. Copies of the HPD and DPW communications containing the costs, etc. are appended to these minutes.

There being no update on the lodging tax, the next order of business was new business. Only item was raised, and that was a question about the street closure alluded to in the

Endless Love Temple's mass gathering permit recently filed. The chair said he would ask the City Clerk to seek clarification and report back to the Committee.

There being no further business before the Committee, on proper second and motion, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Friedman

Chairman

Branda/John-

Here's some data for you ...

Overtime rate varies depending on the officer assigned. With our retirements, we will be getting younger and our average rate will soon decrease. Currently our rates range between \$34.67 and \$55.92 per hour

The Fireman's Parade 5/20/17 caused 33.5 hours of OT – costing the city \$1,412 dollars

Flag Day 6/10/17 caused 154.75 hours of OT – costing the city \$7,567.59

OUT Hudson Parade 6/17/17 caused 23 hours of OT – costing the city \$1019.32

A Climate Change Rally 4/29/17 caused 8 hours OT – costing city \$404.88

A movie shoot 5/5/17 caused 7 hours OT – costing city \$307.44 (company to reimburse)

An Islamic Vigil 2/3/17 caused 2 hours OT – costing city \$111.19

A Planned Parenthood Rally 3/18/17 caused 1 hour OT – costing city \$34.67

Services that may cause OT – street closures & traffic control (supplemented by Hudson Fire Dept. for large events), planning meetings, bomb sweep with NYSP/CCSO, honor guard (if we are participating), detectives deployed if there is a suspected criminal problem, secure areas (fireworks, railroad crossing)

Please let me know if more information is needed

Chief 845-416-2010

From: **branda.c.maholtz** bmaholtz@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: DPW costs for Mass Gathering and other Special Events
Date: June 7, 2017 at 12:44 PM
To: John friedman john@jkflaw.com



wasn't sure if you were CCed here.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: DPW Superintendent <dpwsupt@mhccable.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 12:20 PM
Subject: Re: DPW costs for Mass Gathering and other Special Events
To: "branda.c.maholtz" <bmaholtz@gmail.com>

No parking signs typically take 6 man hours to install

Garbage cans out city wide 6 man hours

Garbage cans emptied and retrieved and cleaned 10 man hours + tipping fee for disposal

Barricades 3 man hours each to set out as well as pick-up

Bathroom prep 2 man hours and clean-up 4 man hours.

Prep is usually standard time. All other services are typically at OT. Figure 20 & 30; with fringe excluded.

Banners already have a fee assessed and are part of a separate application.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 7, 2017, at 11:46, branda.c.maholtz <bmaholtz@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello Rob,

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> The AET committee is discussing potential changes to the fees associated with Mass Gathering/Other

> Events like Film Production. As part of the current application, applicants are to denote if DPW is required along with police, emergency, etc.

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> Do you have a cost structure set up for the types of services DPW provides for events or is it based on the hourly wages or something else?

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> I suppose it would be helpful to have a breakdown of the services DPW does for events:

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> No parking signage, put up and takedown

> Banner/lights/ installation, etc.

> Waterfront Restrooms

> Street closures/barricade

> Waste removal/clean-up

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> I'm sure there is more that you guys might be in charge of for events, but that's what I could think of.

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> Please correct any wrong information I have here.

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> Please reply to all so that John and Rick are CCed as well.

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> Thanks for your time and attention,

> Branda Maholtz

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