

Government Operations Committee

Monday July 6, 2015

Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting

AGENDA

1. FY 16 SNAP Education Grant Funding
 - Please see the attached Council Action page and Council Resolve regarding the grant.
2. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
 - Please see the attached memorandum from Chief Hathaway regarding this grant
3. Approval of final wording for plaque dedicating the Police Station in honor of former Chief Donald J. Winslow.
 - Council Order 15-062 approved the dedication of the Police Station in honor of former Chief Donald Winslow. Working in conjunction with the family of Chief Winslow, the design and wording of the plaque has now been finalized, subject to the final approval of the Government Operations Committee. A copy of the plaque design and wording is attached, and Chief Hathaway will be present to answer any questions.
4. Liquor License Notification Process
 - This is a follow-up discussion from a previous meeting. Please see the attached memorandum from City Solicitor Norman Heitmann, who will be present at the meeting along with the City Clerk to lead the discussion and answer questions
5. Political Signs
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COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 15-

Date: July 13, 2015

Item/Subject: RESOLVE, Accepting and Appropriating \$155,369 for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Grant Program (SNAP ED)

Responsible Department: Health & Community Services

Commentary: This resolve will accept and appropriate \$155,369 for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Grant Program (SNAP ED) through the River Coalition. This will be the fourth year of the grant for the purpose of providing nutrition education to people who are eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the thirteen town Healthy Maine Partnership service area. The grant term is 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016.

Department Head

Manager's Comments:

City Manager

Associated Information: Resolve

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

City Solicitor

Introduced for

- Passage
- First Reading
- Referral

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Assigned to Councilor

CITY OF BANGOR

RESOLVE, Accepting and Appropriating \$155,369 for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Grant Program (SNAP ED)

By the City Council of the City of Bangor:

RESOLVED, THAT \$155,369 in grant funding is hereby accepted and appropriated for the Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for fiscal year 2016 (10-1-15 to 9-30-16)



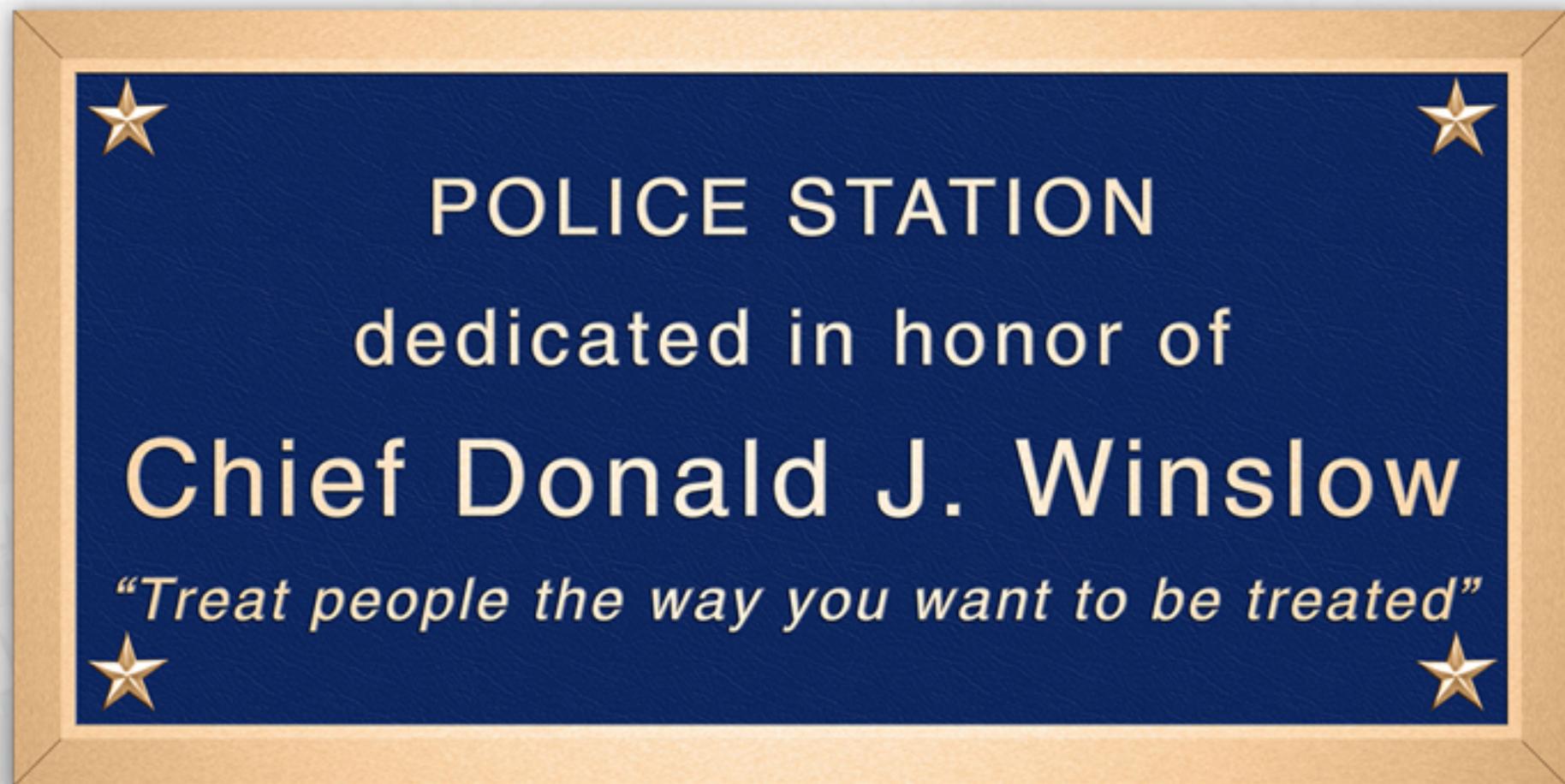
Bangor Police Department

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TO: Government Operations Committee
FR: Mark Hathaway
RE: June 17, 2015
DT: 2015 Byrne Memorial/ Justice Assistance Grant Funding

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and the Bangor Police Department have received notification that \$23,865.00 is available through the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program. This grant requires that these two agencies share the grant. The police department's portion of this grant will be \$13,885.77. The Bangor Police Department intends to use the entire amount in order to purchase traffic enforcement equipment, a precision rifle for the Special Response Team and replacement Tasers the patrol division. There is no match required.

The police department is requesting permission to apply for, accept, and appropriate the funding from this grant.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Government Operations Committee
From: Norman S. Heitmann, III, City Solicitor
Re: Notice of New Liquor License Applications
Date: June 29, 2015

Several meetings ago staff and the Committee discussed whether occupants of a building in which an owner or tenant is requesting a liquor license should be notified beyond the statutory requirements. We also discussed how best to provide any notice.

Staff would recommend that if the Committee wishes to require new liquor license applicants to give notice to others in the building that they put the same notice that is published in the newspaper on the front of the establishment.

MEMORANDUM

To: Government Operations Committee
From: Norman S. Heitmann, III, City Solicitor
Re: campaign signs
Date: June 29, 2015

Several meetings ago the Committee discussed the question of whether there should be limits / restrictions on signage, with the focus of the discussion being political signs. The discussion centered on three items – a ban of signs in the public right-of-way, aesthetics, and public safety. The discussion was continued to a later date with staff asked to make some recommendations to the Committee.

With regard to the suggestion that there be a ban on signs in the right of way, it is problematic for two reasons. The first is that streets are a “traditional public fora” and we would likely face a First Amendment challenge to a ban of political signs. The second reason is that the State allows political signs in the right-of-way. The statute does provide that a municipality may be more strict than the statute, but not inconsistent with it. I would not recommend a complete ban of signs in the public right-of-way.

With regard to aesthetics and safety, each is a substantial government interest and there can be some regulation. The City could consider prohibiting signs in the right-of-way along public parks. The City could also consider prohibiting or regulating (size, shape, and/or duration) signs on median strips and/or at intersections. Keep in mind that any ordinance should be content neutral, narrowly written to meet the significant government interest, and ensure that there are other means by which the message can be communicated to the public.

Staff will be prepared to discuss this in greater detail with the Committee.