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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 26, 2021

The Public Safety Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 5:00 p.m. Committee members present: Chair Seidler, Vice Chair Palmer, and Member Ketchum. Others present: William Lanham, Tom Connelly, Rose Humway-Warmuth, and Brenda J. Delbert.

The following matters were discussed:

Rental Inspection Program:

Mr. Seidler presented the draft rental inspection program. The proposal is a self-inspection with different categories broken down into levels based on severity. The properties would be registered once a year. Mr. Seidler indicates there will be no decision made today and he wants to hear the opinions of the community before proceeding. Mr. Palmer states he is not in support of fees being associated with program. The following individuals spoke in favor of the program: Linda Yost, Lou Smith, John Basil, Ed Jagaczewski, Chyenne Little, David Watkins, and Nancy Bates. The following individuals spoke against the program: Alex Coogan, Elisa Campiti, Morgan Wood, and Pam Fleming. The main support was for living conditions offered to tenants. Opposition came from landlords citing government overreach and financial feasibility. Mr. Seidler asks for another work session next week to continue discussion and take consideration of revisions.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Seidler, seconded by Ms. Ketchum, moved to adjourn. Time: 6:23 p.m.