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Proposed Repeal of the Extraordinary Events Ordinance

May 8, 2017

Outline of Presentation

- February 13 dinner presentation
- subsequent review
- proposed changes
- next steps



February 13 Presentation

- Purpose and history of the development of the Ordinance
- What's in the Ordinance?
- Justification for declaring an extraordinary event
- History of usage
- Value and policy justification going forward
- Changes under consideration
- Process for recommending changes

- City Manager's Office/CMPD/City Attorney's Office
- Drafted proposed changes
- Sought feedback from several stakeholders

Proposed Changes

- Repeal the Extraordinary Events ordinance
- Amend the Picketing and Public Assembly ordinances to prohibit certain items at pickets with 50+ people and festivals, demonstrations, and parades

Proposed Changes

- Prohibited items:
 - bar, chain, shaft, cable, wire, lumber, or pipe capable of inflicting injury
 - backpack, duffle, cooler carried with to conceal weapon or other prohibited item
 - glass container capable of being filled with a flammable substance carried with intent to injure
 - knives, box cutters, bladed objects, etc.

- Prohibited items (cont.):
 - hammer or crow bar
 - rocks, bricks, bottles
 - projectile device
 - sock or pocket containing weighted material
 - fireworks, smoke bombs, sparklers

Proposed Changes

- Maintains defense to prosecution
 - engaged in, or on way to or from, an activity where object legitimately used;
 - possessed object for that legitimate use; and
 - did not use or attempt to use as a weapon or to injure.
- New - where access is controlled, attendees may be screened to ensure that prohibited items are not brought into the event

- No longer prohibited:
 - moving a vehicle, cart, or float without a permit
 - throwing objects without a permit
 - container or object that may be used as a projectile
 - aerosol container, spray gun, or soaker
 - paint gun, spray paint, non-water soluble fluid

- No longer prohibited (cont.):
 - pepper spray or mace
 - body armor, shield, helmet, gas mask
 - mask or scarf worn to hide identity
 - police scanner
 - animals

- Action on proposed ordinance May 22



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QUESTIONS?