

Minutes of Committee
Monday, September 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 Update
- 2) Traffic Issues – Hillside and Fairfield at Wilson Street
- 3) Al's Hobby Shop Temporary Use of City Parking
- 4) ComEd Vallette Street Substation Grass and Weed Removal Ordinance Update
- 5) Draft Report: Video Gambling in Elmhurst
- 6) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Wagner, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Spencer

City Staff Present: Kopp, Mahoney, Storino, Panico

Guests: Paul Erdman, Paul DeMichele, Nancy Oscar, Jeri Lynn Fox, L. Heinz, Cindy McFarlane, Matthew Sifner, Cooper Kerins, Kenji Kerins, Peter Girald.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- Item #1 Chief Kopp addressed the committee providing a historical overview of the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 (BFPD) one year extension to develop a plan to provide proper funding to continue fire protection services through the City of Elmhurst. Chief Kopp further advised that he has met with members of the BFPD board and State Representative Reboletti to seek a referendum to increase the tax rate to .40 on the February 2010 Ballot. Subsequent to discussion in which a one year or six month extension of the current contract was debated, the committee directed staff to prepare a draft report for a six month extension to the current contract for phone in signatures.
- Item #2 Subsequent to a brief discussion in which the committee members complimented Mr. Coulter (Traffic Consultant) and staff on the comprehensive review, the committee signed the report.
- Item #3 Cindy McFarlane, representative of Al's Hobby Shop, addressed the committee presenting the proposed request to utilize the public parking lot to the rear of the business to host a radio controlled car race event on September 20, 2009. Subsequent to a brief discussion, the committee approved the request pending further operational details finalized with the Police and Public Works departments.
- Item #4 Subsequent to a brief discussion, Alderman Nybo moved to table this item until March 2010.
- Item #5 Subsequent to a brief discussion, the committee signed the report.
- Item #6 Alderman Wagner and Nybo requested information regarding the City's efforts in dealing with skunks. Subsequent to further discussion in which staff responded to questions, staff will provide detailed information for residents on the City of Elmhurst web site's front page under "Eye on Elmhurst" to allow residents easy & direct access to the information.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief