Minutes of Committee
Monday, September 22, 2008
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

1) Draft Report: Bensenville Fire Protection District #1

2) Other Business
   A. City Centre Tree Lighting
   B. Sustainability Report
   C. Howard Street No Parking sign (s) request

Members Present:	Mulliner and Bram
Elected Official Present:	Spencer
City Staff Present:	Kopp, Doherty, Mahoney, Panico
Guest:	Peter Giraldi, Mike Kuhlman, Jerri Lynn Fox, William Fox, Theodore Sepsis, Kathy Sepsis, Allyn and Peggy Austin, Paul De Snickele, Liz Eder, Marilyn Anderson, Donavan Heinz (Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 President) , Ken Weiss

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Chief Kopp provided the Committee and guests with an overview of the draft report and a historical review of the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 agreement with the City of Elmhurst.

   During subsequent discussion, Mr. D. Heinz, Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 Board President, addressed the Committee. Mr. Heinz advised the Committee it is the opinion of Fire District #1's attorney that "Country Club Highlands" residents are in compliance with the 1988 agreement and have not fallen behind in their payments. Further discussion focused on the payment schedule and how the 1992 tax cap legislation has affected it.

   Mulliner restated the purpose of the Notice of Termination of fire services was to initiate discussion to review the present agreement and to begin the process of negotiating a new agreement that would allow the City of Elmhurst to continue providing fire and ambulance services to the residents of Country Club Highlands. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to reword portions of the draft report and have it placed on the next Council meeting consent agenda.

2. Other Business:
   A. Mulliner advised the City Centre tree lighting is scheduled for November 28, 2008.

   B. Chief Kopp provided an update of the sustainability report. Subsequent to a brief discussion, the DP&Z committee will prepare a draft report for the PA& S Committee review and signature.

   C. Bram inquired as to the status of the Howard Street "No Parking" sign request. Chief Kopp advises it is in the petition stage of the process.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief