

Minutes of Committee
Monday, November 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst and Bensenville Fire Protection District #1
- 2) Resolution to Adopt A Statement Of Interoperability
- 3) Draft Report: AT&T Project Lightspeed
- 4) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, Nybo

Elected Official Present: Clerk Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Doherty, Bacidore, Spiroff, and Panico

Guest: None

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- 1) Kopp addressed the Committee providing an overview and additional information regarding prior and proposed agreement between the City of Elmhurst and the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 for fire protection services. Due to a tax cap in the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1, the City of Elmhurst has not been compensated in the full amount for several years; a referendum would be needed to raise the present tax rate/cap. The discussion then focused on the decision to continue the agreement only receiving partial payment for services or to cancel the agreement. If the City cancels the agreement for District #1, the State Fire Marshall can assign a Fire Protection District or municipal fire department (Elmhurst) to service an unprotected area. Also, regardless of the agreement, the Elmhurst Fire Department would respond to the area for calls under mutual aid. Therefore there is a possibility that Elmhurst would continue to provide fire service to the area and not receive any funding. Nybo proposed to cancel the agreement due to District #1 not paying the full amount for prior agreements and those monies owed that are not paid. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed Staff to prepare documents to cancel the agreement, determine what the current agreement is with Bensenville Fire Protection District #2 is, and research what the State Fire Marshall may do if Elmhurst cancels the agreement, then report back to the Committee by next meeting.
- 2) Neubauer addressed the Committee providing a brief history and information regarding DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm), the F.C.C. mandate for interoperability by the year 2013, the 700 MHZ digital radio system, and contracted with the ETSB, Motorola, and DuComm for the 700 MHZ system. The discussion then focused on the DuPage County Municipalities to support this project by signing onto one common resolution and statement of interoperability. The two sample resolutions before the Committee were discussed, one from the DuPage County Mayors and Managers, the other containing an addendum from DuComm, modifying the first that addressed the need to comply with the national model of interoperability (Project Safecom) Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee decided to forward the second resolution containing the addendum to council for approval.
- 3) Spiroff addressed the Committee regarding the draft report and draft ordinances for the AT&T Project Lightspeed. During the subsequent discussion, Nybo proposed adding a provision to the draft ordinance for a control box replacement program so as new technology is developed that allows for smaller control boxes, the larger (older) ones are replaced. Upon further review of the draft report, several changes are to be made. The Committee agreed to phone in signatures to approve the report.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief