

**Minutes of Committee**  
**Monday, October 26, 2009**  
**8:36 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Stop Sign Request- Winthrop and Hagens
- 2) Other Business- Power Mart Liquor License Request

Members Present: Wagner, Pezza

Elected Official Present: DiCianni, Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Bacidore, Doherty, Storino, Panico, Keating (item #1)

Guest: Richard Gerdy, Lisa Miceli, Mickie Mostardi, Luke Casson

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1 Stop Sign Request- Winthrop and Hagans

Keating was present to review and respond to the Committee's questions regarding the intersection study of Winthrop and Hagans Ave. The results of the study revealed a high rate of right angle collisions and limited sight distance on the south side of the intersections, along with other data meeting the warrants of a four way stop control. Several residents were present expressing concerns that a four way stop at that intersection would create significant traffic congestion at certain times of the day. The discussion then focused on alternatives to having a four way stop at the intersection, keeping it a two way stop. Subsequent to this discussion, the Committee did not sign the report and requested that back to back stop signs be installed to increase visibility, traffic enforcement for speeding autos, and the speed trailer deployed. Following the implementation of these recommendations, the intersection will be monitored and re-evaluated.

Item #2 Other Business / Power Mart Liquor License Request

Mr. Luke Casson, representative of Power Mart (Lake St and West Ave) addressed the Committee presenting an overview of Power Marts business plan and request a liquor license for the sale of packaged liquor, including high end liquor as well as beer and wine. He explained that Power Mart is not simply a mini mart gas station, it is much more. That it is unique in size, approx. 3300 square feet, and items offered for sale, other than gas. He further explained that the sale of liquor would be in a separate enclosed area with its own cashier specifically for the sale of liquor and would not be responsible for the sale of gas. Also, this site will serve as a training center for other Power Marts, therefore having a significant number of staff on duty. Casson further related that liquor sales are estimated to be approx. 28% of the business and closure of the bank loan would be dependent upon acquiring a liquor license. The discussion then focused on separation of the liquor sales within the store, staffing, restricting the high end liquor to 750 ml bottles as a minimum, and the uniqueness of the business plan. During discussion the Committee expressed reservations and concern regarding allowing a business of this type to sell liquor. The discussions then focused on the creation of a license unique to this business and to begin with only the sale of beer and wine. The business will be monitored and evaluated for a period of time before deciding on a license for the sale of spirits. Also, Alderman Wagner and Chief Neubauer will conduct site visits at the Elmhurst location and other Power Mart locations currently operating with the sale of alcohol. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee directed staff to prepare a draft report and license for the sale of beer and wine for the next Committee meeting. They instructed Mr. Casson to begin the application process with the City Clerk and Police Department.