

**Minutes of Committee**  
**Monday, February 8, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Police Request: Bicycle Donations
- 2) York and Vallette Business Association: Farmer's Market
- 3) Pedi cabs in Elmhurst: Draft Report
- 4) A. Michigan and Gladys Traffic  
B. Regulation of Pawn Shops and Payday Loan Establishments
- 5) Police Department Purchase: Replacement Vehicles

Members Present: Nybo and Pezza

Elected Official Present: None

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Doherty, Storino, Mahoney, Panico

Guest: Steve Hier, Greg Harman, Bob Hoel, Don Whistler, Gary Gilbert, Bill Paschen

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- Item #1 Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee; Mr. Gary Gilbert from “Working Bikes Cooperative” was present along with members of the Elmhurst Bike Task Force in support of the proposal. Chief Neubauer provided the Committee with an overview of the proposal to dispose of bicycles collected by the Police Department that are abandon, lost and unclaimed. The Elmhurst Bike Task Force recommended disposal of these bikes through a non-profit organization “Working Bikes Cooperative”. This organization repairs bikes and sends them to underdeveloped nations. Approximately 50-70 bikes are collected yearly. In the past the Police Department auctioned off these bikes which proved labor intensive and not cost effective. Currently the Police Department uses a service, “Property Room .Com” to dispose of the bikes, which is similar to an eBay sale. In 2009 the Police Department’s portion of the sale was less than \$500.00. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee signed the report.
- Item #2 Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee advising them that Jason Janes, who submitted the request for the “Farmers Market”, was unable to be at the meeting. This request is the same as in years past to use the municipal parking lot at Vallette and York. It will begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through October 27<sup>th</sup>, each Wednesday between 7:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. The Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce will provide necessary event insurance and work with the City attorney prior to the event. Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee signed the report.
- Item#3 Note: Item #3 was moved to the end of the agenda per Alderman Nybo.
- Item #4A This item was withdrawn from the agenda to allow further time to conduct traffic analysis which was not conducted due to inclement weather.
- Item #4B Chief Neubauer advised the Committee that there are state laws which regulate pawnshops, however a local ordinance providing further requirements would insure public safety in future pawning businesses. Chief Neubauer identified a few highlights from the proposed ordinance such as; a licensing fee of \$5,000.00 which would cover the Police Department personnel costs regarding daily checks of pawn sheets, background investigation of owners and employees, mandatory membership to “LEADS” on line.com (national depository of pawned items), expansion of individuals prohibited from pawning items and prohibition of pawning firearms. The discussion then focused on this ordinance applying to any existing pawnshop business in the City. City Attorney Storino advised he believes it may, however further research into the question would be needed. He will do so and report back to the Committee. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee signed the report.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #5 Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee providing an overview of the report for the purchase of four squad cars scheduled for replacement for the Police Department. The discussion focused on the particulars regarding scheduled replacement of police vehicles such as production schedules of the manufacture of police vehicles, cost savings, mileage counts of replaced police vehicles, the above average wear and tear of an emergency police vehicle and the verity of ways replaced police vehicles are disposed of that benefit the city. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee signed the report.

Item#3 Chief Neubauer addressed and responded to the Committees questions. Mr. Paschen was also present. Chief Neubauer advised the Committee that a pedi cab is a bicycle based rickshaw that carries up to 2 adults. Mr. Paschen presented this as a business concept which would enhance the downtown and spring road business districts. A review of pedi cabs in similar communities of Naperville and Chicago was conducted. Chief Neubauer recommended following the Naperville model which allows a limited number of pedi cabs to one company for the first year, and requires pedi cabs be licensed, both the company and individual drivers. Further discussion focused on recommended requirements such as; background check on drivers, licensing of the vehicles, minimum age of 18 years for drivers, appropriate public liability and property insurance with City named as an insured, and proper required mechanical lighting and safety equipment. Mr. Paschen is to provide a detailed business plan. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee signed the report.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.  
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief