

Minutes of Committee
Monday, May 10, 2010
7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Liquor License Change Request: Cuvee Cellars
- 2) Stop Sign Request: Fair and Webster Avenues
- 3) Other Business
 - a. Yield/Stop Sign Request: Stratford and Ridge
 - b. Bensenville Fire Protection District Request
 - c. Jackson School – Traffic Related Issues
 - d. Police Department: New K-9 Purchase
 - e. Cool Cars Parking Issues

Members Present: Wagner and Pezza

Elected Official Present: Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp, Doherty, Wallace, Panico

Guest: Craig Edgerley, John Tremback

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1: Representatives of Cuvee Cellars Edgerley & Tremback were present to respond to Committee and Staff questions regarding their request to change the current liquor license. Cuvee Cellars current licenses are WBB & PL categories. In that such a small portion of their business is the off premise sale of premium spirits they request to eliminate the PL license and create a new liquor license in the "WBBS" class allowing the continued sale of bottled wine and beer off premise and at the same time the on-premise sale of beer, wine, and premium spirits. Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee signed the report.

Item #2 Subsequent to a brief discussion the Committee signed the report supporting Staff's recommendation to install stop signs on the Webster Avenue approaches to Fair Avenue.

Item #3

Other Business:

- 3-a) Chief Kopp informed the Committee that per request the Engineering division performed a study at the intersection of Stratford & Ridge Ave. for yield or stop signs. Subsequent to the review and analysis none of the required warrants were met.
- 3-b) Chief Kopp informed the Committee of the Bensenville Fire Protection Districts request for a 6-month extension to negotiate a new contract.
- 3-c) Chief Neubauer informed the Committee that City Staff will be meeting with the new principal of Jackson school on May 18th regarding traffic related issues.
- 3-d) Chief Neubauer informed the Committee that the Police Department has begun the process to purchase and train a new dog for the Police Department's K-9 unit. The new dog will replace the current K-9 which is nearing retirement due to the age of the dog. The funds to purchase and train the new K-9 will come from the Police Department's forfeiture account, not the City's general funds.
- 3-e) Subsequent to a question from Pezza regarding parking enforcement for the City Center's 'Cool Cars' events, discussion ensued in which Chief Neubauer provided explanation of parking enforcement of the downtown business district. Also, Chief Kopp advised additional parking will come on line when the new parking deck is completed for businesses on both the north, and south side of the tracks.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief