

Minutes of Committee
Monday, September 13, 2010
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Discussion: Adelaide Parking Deck Changes
- 2) Bensenville Fire Protection District #1
- 3) Discussion: Salt Creek Greenway Bike Trail
- 4) Ordinance Amending Chapter 51, entitled: "Offenses Against Public Peace, Safety and Morals"
- 5) DuPage County Emergency Telephone System Board
- 6) Discussion: Foreign Fire Tax
- 7) Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest
- 8) Other Business

Members Present: Wagner, Nybo, Pezza

Elected Official Present: DiCianni, Spencer, Gutenkauf (part), Hipskind (part), Healy (part)

City Staff Present: Borchert, Trosien, C. Johnson, Storino, Neubauer, Kopp, Bacidore, Buenz, Panico

Guests: Donald Whistler, Tom Falkenberg, Francis Wenig, Stephen Folos, Jeri Lynn Fox, Peggy & Allyn Austin, Bert Monsen, Robert Sweeney, Peter Gosche, Ed Hilderbran, Frank & Debra Catalano, Carolyn Kimble, Amy Viola, Deborah Ronnebeck, Barbara Hourihan, Queena Chu, Pat Staats, Marge Tarvid, Frank Orlita, George Jeffens, L. Donovan Heinz, Mi Schulte, Kathy Lynch, Jim Turner, Paul Michele, Peter Giralli, Loretta Shatava, Tom Paravok, Joan Driggs, John R. Quigley

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

- Item #1: Mr. Borchert began the discussion addressing the Committee and guests providing a background and overview of the parking system in the Central Business District and the opening of the new parking deck on First Street. A Power Point along with a handout given to the Committee was presented to help illustrate current parking allocations throughout the central business district. Mr. Borchert further explained the proposed relocation of commuter parking spaces in the Adelaide parking deck was to accommodate consumer needs for the Central Business District in particular businesses located south of the rail road tracks. During further discussion Mr. Borchert responded to questions from the Committee and guests present. Chairman Wagner then provided guests the opportunity to comment and respond. A number of guests spoke out against moving commuter spots from the Adelaide deck and several spoke in favor of moving some commuter spots to allow for employee spaces. Nybo then spoke to the current distribution of employee, commuter, daily, and permit parking spaces between parking facilities located on the north side and south side of the tracks. He further suggested that a complete review of the current distribution be done to fairly assess and allocate specific types of spaces between the parking facilities, also review revenues from specific types of parking spaces for further analysis. Pezza concurred with Nybo and suggested leaving the Adelaide parking deck as is until the review and analysis is complete. Committee directed Staff to complete the suggested review and analysis and report back.
- Item #2: Kopp presented an overview of the draft report and explained the process of establishing two special service areas and ordinances for contracted fire protection services from the City of Elmhurst to Country Club Highlands unincorporated area south of Grand Ave to the Committee and guests. During further discussion Kopp and Borchert responded to questions and comments from guests and Committee. In response to a question regarding the fire protection contract, Borchert explained that this process will allow for the contractual obligations to be fulfilled if the residents wished to contract with the City of Elmhurst for fire protection services. Subsequent to discussion the Committee signed the report.
- Item #3: Kopp provided the Committee with an overview of the Traffic Engineering Consultant's (B. Coulter) proposal for engineering services on Street/Trail interface for Salt Creek Greenway Bike Trail to address resident concerns regarding bike traffic on their streets.
- Item #4: Neubauer presented the Committee with an overview of the proposed addition of an ordinance to specifically deal with Retail Theft / Shoplifting. Neubauer explained that this addition will provide officers a charging alternative when dealing with these types of retail theft incidents. Subsequent to responding to questions and further discussion the Committee signed the report.

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- Item #5: Neubauer and Kopp addressed the Committee providing an overview of the DuPage County Interoperable Emergency Dispatch Radio System and draft report. They also gave a historical review of the project and the DuPage Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) funding to assist in paying for the project. To further offset costs to the City, radios will be partially paid for with Department of Homeland Security Public Safety Interoperability Communications (PSIC) grant funds. Subsequent to conducting an engineering study of developing their own digital system and determining it to be cost prohibitive, the ETSB board approved a contract for the STARCOM21 700/800 MHz radio system, which is owned and maintained by Motorola. This system meets all the necessary federal guidelines. The new digital system will replace the existing analog system and will provide for interoperable radio communication between public safety agencies in DuPage County not available with the current analog technology. Subsequent to further discussion the Committee advised they will phone in signatures so the report can be placed on the next City Council consent agenda.
- Item #6: Kopp advised the Committee of a change in the Foreign Fire Tax ordinance to be consistent with recent legislation changes which allow the Fire Chief to become a voting member.
- Item #7: Kopp and Neubauer advised the Committee that the Knights of Columbus had not yet initiated the process for their class DL liquor license, which was created for them. There was some question as to how many, if any; employees had received the alcohol server training as required. Kopp further advised that the Knights of Columbus had obtained the necessary insurance for the event as required. During subsequent discussion DiCianni's suggested to grant a daily special event license, however set a time limit of 60 days to complete the liquor license process. As a result of further discussion Wagner and Nybo signed the report, Pezza advised she did not feel comfortable and declined to sign at this time.
- Item #8: Nybo advised he has received concerns from residents regarding parking congestion on residential streets in the area just south of the York High School track / Football field during night football games. The congestion prohibits the safe passage of emergency vehicles during these events due to parking on both sides of the street. Neubauer explained he was already in the process of addressing those same concerns and formulating a plan to post temporary prohibited parking signs and evaluate it at the next few football games. During further discussion there was question as to charging the school district for the signs and posting of same. Subsequent to discussion the Committee directed Staff to report back as to results of the temporary signage.

The Committee was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief