

Minutes of Committee
Monday, September 12, 2011
7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) Disposition of Stop Sign Request – Montrose and Sunnyside Avenues
- 2) Disposition of Stop Sign Request – Adelia Street and Lawndale Avenues
- 3) Other Business
 - a. Police Department Staffing Issues
 - b. Solicitor’s Hours – Resident question

Members Present: Wagner, Bram, Pezza

Elected Officials Present: DiCianni, Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Bacidore, Panico

Guest: None

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1 Subsequent to a brief discussion Bram advised he wished to speak to the City Engineer for points of clarification regarding warrants being met to change from a yield to a stop sign. He will phone his signature in. Both Wagner and Pezza signed the report.

Item #2 Subsequent to the Committee’s review and discussion of the report, Staff was directed to have Engineering conduct further study regarding traffic counts and speeds and to obtain further data to determine if the stop sign should be on Adelia in addition to/instead of Lawndale. The Committee tabled this item to the next meeting in two weeks.

- Item #3-a Chief Neubauer addressed the Committee regarding the police department's staffing update. Chief Neubauer advised the Committee that he and City Manager Grabowski met on several occasions to discuss the police department's staffing. Currently there are several vacancies having 64 officers with 2 in the police academy for a total of 66 officers. The 2 recruit officers will not be eligible for solo patrol until February, 2012. The 2011-2012 Police Department budget provided for 69 officers. Also, there are several officers eligible for retirement therefore continued training of new officers is vital for continuity of police services. Chief Neubauer presented a report to the Committee requesting that two officers be hired which would bring the police department's strength to 68 officers. During subsequent discussion Chief Neubauer responded to the Committee's questions regarding the application, hiring and training process of police officers and the role of part time officers. Subsequent to this discussion the Committee signed the report.
- Item #3-b Pezza addressed Staff regarding the hours solicitors could operate in response to a resident's question.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief