

**Minutes of Committee**  
**Monday, October 24th, 2011**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Sunday Hours for Liquor Sales – “Pouring”
- 2) St. Patrick’s Day Parade Date Change Discussion
- 3) Traffic Issues:
  - a. Mitchell/McKinley: 4-way stop request
  - b. Armitage/Oaklawn/Highview: 4-way stop request (follow-up)
  - c. St. Charles Rd/West Ave: intersection review (complaint of traffic back-up on West)
- 4) Other Business – Chicago Blackhawks Event at YMCA

Members Present: Wagner, Bram, Pezza

Elected Officials Present: DiCianni, Spencer

City Staff Present: Kopp, Bacidore, Tiberi, Anaszewicz, Storino

Guests:

Jim Blessing	Pints
Gus Ramios	Elmhurst Public House
Brent Coulter	Coulter Transportation Consulting
Brenda Fitzharris	Fitz’s Spare Keys
Margie Fitzharris	Fitz’s Spare Keys
Kevin Diamond	120 S. Kenmore
John R. Quigley	Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

Item #1           Committee discussed the request by local liquor establishments to change serving hours on Sunday's from 12:00 pm to 11:00 am. Kopp advised committee that Chief Neubauer had no concerns with the change in hours and that other communities have the same hours with no problems.

Representatives from three liquor establishments were in attendance to support the change and one written correspondence supporting change was reviewed.

Staff was directed to write report supporting the change and to request suspension of rules to have report and ordinance change approved on the same night.

Item #2           Chairman Wagner reported the desire of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee to move date of the 2012 St. Patrick's Day parade from March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Diamond spoke in favor of the change which would allow for the opportunity to schedule bigger acts and bands for the event.

Public Safety had no problems with the change of date and the Committee agreed that the change would be beneficial. Kopp advised Committee that the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee would be presenting their plan for the event at a later committee meeting.

Item #3a           Mitchell/McKinley: 4-way stop request:  
The Committee members were updated on traffic review by City's traffic consultant Brent Coulter of Coulter Transportation Consulting. He reviewed his findings and advised Committee that the intersection did not meet warrants for a 4-way stop.

The Committee discussed concerns with school children crossing the intersection and the danger a 4-way stop may create if drivers were to ignore the stop signs. Staff reported that recent directed patrols resulted in 2 citations and 2 warnings for speeding being issued. Brett Coulter was asked if other "speed reducing" measures such as speed humps could help with slowing traffic down. He reported that these types of devices may or may not slow traffic and in many cases they are removed after complaints by residents. Brent Coulter also reported that a ½ mile stretch of neighborhood street without control is not common practice in a modern subdivision and that with a grid type system like Elmhurst alternating intersection control has been a practice Chicago has used and has been successful in reducing accidents on neighborhood streets.

Alderman Wagner directed Staff to write report supporting 4-way stop sign. After report is written it will be reviewed by Committee.

- Item #3b     Armitage/Oaklawn/Highview: 4-way stop request:  
The Committee reviewed the traffic report by Brent Coulter and agreed with findings that no additional stop signs were warranted and instructed Staff to implement suggestions for installation pedestrian signs as proposed.
- Item #3c     St. Charles Rd/West Ave- intersection review (complaint of traffic back-up on West):  
Committee reviewed the traffic report by Brent Coulter. The Committee agreed with Coulter's findings and directed Staff to make a request to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a signal engineer to evaluate conditions at this intersection. Committee requested other intersections along St. Charles Road be reviewed for possible changes which could reduce backups.
- Item #4     Alderman Wagner reported that the committee for the Chicago Black Hawks event at the YMCA on December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be coming to a future Committee meeting to request possible liquor sales at event. The sale of alcohol would be used to offset event costs.

The Committee was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
Submitted by Jeffery Bacidore, Deputy Fire Chief