

**Minutes of Committee  
Monday, July 14, 2008  
7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- 1) Metro Paramedic Services Inc Contract Renewal
- 2) Fire Engine Purchase Update
- 3) Parking Restrictions Howard and Melrose
- 4) Resolution: 2016 City of Chicago Olympic Bid
- 5) Traffic Calming in Elmhurst
- 6) Draft Reports:
  - a. Commercial Filming
  - b. Cuvee Cellars Ltd. Liquor License Request
  - c. Parking Restrictions on Elm Street North of First St.
  - d. Parking Restriction Maple Ave between Second and Third
- 7) Other Business

Members Present: Mulliner, Bram, and Nybo

Elected Official Present: Spencer

City Staff Present: Neubauer, Kopp (part), Bacidore, Gandy, Novak, Spiroff (part) and Panico

Guest: Wesley VanValkenburg, Dave Keller, David Hill, Craig Edgerley, John Tremback, Bob Hoel

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS:

1. Bacidore addressed the Committee and representatives of “Metro Paramedic Service” were present to respond to any questions the Committee would have. (Wesley VanValkenburg, Dave Keller, Dave Hill) The subsequent discussion focused on a change in the form of billing from the current “Cafeteria” style to “Bundled” style billing. Metro Representatives further explained the “Bundled” billing has become the industry standard. The Metro Representatives further explained the proposed contract is substantially the same with a 5% increase per year over the previous contract. The Metro Representatives also requested a language change in the contract to change the word “audit” to “program analysis”. The Committee directed the City attorney to review the request. The Committee subsequently signed the report.
2. Bacidore provided the Committee with an update of the fire engine purchase and the RFP for vendors. Bacidore further advised the Committee that the two new engines will be red in color. As older fire apparatus are replaced, the new ones will be red in color. Eventually the entire fleet will be changed from the current color of yellow to red.
3. Neubauer addressed the Committee and presented an overview of staff information provided to the Committee. The discussion then focused on parking congestion during school days and after school events held at Field School. Subsequent to discussion the Committee directed staff to re evaluate the conditions in collaboration with school administration after school begins.
4. Subsequent to discussion in which Mulliner expressed his concerns having the Olympics hosted in Chicago, the Committee signed the report.
5. Neubauer addressed the Committee providing information on two “Voluntary Speed Compliance” devices (VSC) and the Police Department’s traffic enforcement efforts. He presented information on two types of VSC, a traffic dolly and pole mounted device. Subsequent to discussion it was decided that the traffic dolly would be impractical to deploy. Sgt. Gandy then provided the Committee with an overview of the Police Departments traffic enforcement program. The Committee was provided with handout materials. He explained that the focus of the traffic enforcement program has changed from “re-active” to “pro-active” with an emphasis on side streets. This includes saturation enforcement tactics, engineering, education and enforcement, collection of traffic data, use of the speed trailer, and resident surveys. Sgt. Gandy advised the Committee that there was a very high rate of return from the Citizens Surveys which yielded a positive response to the Departments efforts. Subsequent to further discussion on the pole mounted VSC device, the Committee directed staff to purchase a single unit (approximate cost of \$4000.00). This unit would be incorporated into the Police Departments current traffic enforcement program as a pilot program to be used on collector streets that are problematic. This unit can be moved to a different location after several months to a new location by Public Works. This pilot program can be evaluated after a period of time for effectiveness.

6. a) Spiroff was present to respond to any questions the Committee would have. During the subsequent discussion, several recommendations were made regarding financial responsibility for consultant fees, specific vehicle movements, and a prior review of notices provided to residents. The Committee directed Spiroff to make the necessary changes and prepare a draft report.
  - b) Craig Edgerley and John Trembeck were present to respond to Committee questions. Subsequent to discussion, the Committee directed staff to include the language “Packaged Liquor” (P.L.) into the report for clarification. The Committee authorized staff to sign the amended report.
  - c) Bram expressed concern that ten (10) public street parking spaces would be solely dedicated to the YMCA four (4) hours a day without compensation to the City. Mulliner and Nybo felt that this agreement was a win win for all parties involved, there would be an increase in the number of commuter parking spaces along First St and the parking spaces along Elm St. would be safer for YMCA patrons going to and from the YMCA. Bram suggested that the parking limit be changed from 4 hours to 3 hours believing 3 hours would be sufficient to any YMCA program. Subsequent to further discussion, Mulliner and Nybo signed the report and Bram will present a minority report.
  - d) Subsequent to discussion, Mulliner and Nybo signed the report and Bram tabled his signature for further review.
7. Other Business:
    - a) Mulliner advised staff of a recent ruling by a Federal judge requiring City of Atlanta to change signs reading “Men at Work” to “Workers Ahead”.
    - b) Mulliner commented on the number of pedestrians and bicyclists using the Prairie Path crossing Spring and vehicle traffic.
    - c) Mulliner commented on bicycle safety as an item on the agenda for a forthcoming PA&S meeting. Bob Hoel was present to observe a Committee meeting.
    - d) Mulliner requested the permit parking signs be taken down on streets adjacent to Elmhurst hospital. Permits are no longer needed or requested therefore the signs should be removed. Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee directed staff to begin the process for removing said signs and report back to the Committee.

The Committee was adjourned at 20:45 p.m.  
Submitted by Dominic Panico, Deputy Chief