

Minutes of Committee
Monday, February 13, 2012
7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

- 1) 2012 Pet and Bike Parade
- 2) Board of Fire and Police Commissioners – Board Member increase
- 3) Discussion: Pawnshops and Precious Metal Dealers
- 4) Public Comments
- 5) Other Business
 - a. Stop Signs
 - b. Synthetic Drugs

Committee: Wagner, Bram, Pezza

Elected Officials: Mulliner

Staff: Grabowski, Kveton, Panico, Tiberi, Peppers

Guests: John DeVries

Item #1 2012 Pet and Bike Parade

The event was discussed and the successes of the event in past years. It was noted that the events planned for this years will be run the same as in previous years. Committee signed the report.

Item #2 Board of Fire and Police Commissioners – Board member increase

This discussion was opened by Wagner who had no objections. Alderman Mulliner joined the meeting for this discussion. Pezza detailed a conversation she had with the attorney for the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association John Broihier. Broihier advised Pezza that Illinois State Law requires that Fire and Police Commissions be made up of 3 members. He also explained that one of the reasons for this is to separate this commission from political influence. Broihier also went into detail regarding other pros and cons of increasing the BOFPC membership but in the end even communities that were home rule and tried to increase their BOFPC found it didn't work and ended up going back to 3 members. Broihier gave many reasons why the number should stay at 3 Commissioners. See attachment #1.

Bram discussed other options rather than increasing the members if there are problems with attendance of current Commissioners. He also discussed a letter that was received from Emil Haddad of the BOFPC regarding this proposed change. See attachment #2. Mulliner was asked if he had any input and he also discussed his concerns with increasing the size of the commission and the length of time that the commission has had 3 members without issues. Wagner stated that he would like to talk to Broihier himself and tabled this topic for two weeks until the next meeting.

Item #3 Discussion: Pawnshops and Precious Metal Dealers

Discussed and approved. Authorized sign reports.

Item #4 Public Comments

None

Item #5 Other Business – **(This was discussed first)**

- a. Stop Signs: Wagner opened by explaining that he requested Cori Tiberi (City Engineer) attend the meeting regarding stop signs and the guidelines for the installation of them. Tiberi provided documents that explain the warrants for the installation of stop signs and alternatives to stop signs if the intersection in question does not warrant a stop sign. Handouts were provided to the Committee for them to review. Elmhurst does follow the MUTCD guidelines for the installation of all traffic control devices. This topic is to be put on the agenda in two weeks.

After this discussion the committee went back to Item #1.

- b. Pezza inquired on a pending agenda item reference an ordinance for the sale of synthetic marijuana. Pezza brought this up that it was discussed in the past at meetings with Chief Neubauer. Discussion ensued as to Chief Neubauer (retired) proposal regarding a City ordinance addressing the sale and possession of synthetic drugs. The options of using State Law vs. City Ordinance was discussed and the requirements to enforce each and prove each in court. Pezza would like follow up information in the future regarding the ability for our officers to enforce violations such as this.

The Committee was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by James Kveton, Deputy Chief of Police

ATT #1
JAW

Welcome to the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association web site.

President's Letter

Members: The Fall Conference will arguably be one of the most important sessions that the Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Association has hosted in many years. You might remember at the Spring 2011 Conference, our attorney John Brohier did an excellent job presenting and discussing the details of the then proposed HB 1576. Since that meeting the house bill has been signed into law. In the near future it will surely set the tone for testing and qualifying new fire fighters.

For the Fall Conference in November John is preparing a very factual, comprehensive discussion of the public act. I can assure you all of the attendees will leave the session with a better understanding of how the law will affect their community. Please make every effort to attend. John's presentation will be important information for every commissioner.

I encourage you to research Public Act 97-0257 before the meeting. If you have any questions, and I'll bet there will be many questions, please bring them to the conference and participate in the Q & A that will follow John's presentation.

See you in Naperville!
Respectfully,

Bob Jewell, President
ILLINOIS FIRE & POLICE
COMMISSIONERS ASSN

IFPCA Mission Statement

The mission of the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association is to actively encourage the development of fire and police commissioner leaders and to promote a high level of training and ethical standards of excellence in commission leadership and innovation; educate and train the fire and police commission members regarding the practice of hiring, promotion and discipline; and recognize the achievements of the individual members of the fire and police commissions.

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be more informed

ATT #2



MEMORANDUM

To: Public Affairs and Safety Committee

From: Commissioner Emil Haddad

Date: February 13, 2012

Re: Increasing the Number of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

This memo is to clarify the request made by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to refer the matter of increasing the number of commissioners from three to five, to your committee for review. The commissioners were unanimous in their support of pursuing looking into the matter. The commissioners discussed the following reasons in support of increasing the number of commissioners:

- Commissioners' schedules often are in conflict with scheduled meetings
- Provides for continuity in scheduled meetings
- Allows for a quorum on a regular basis
- Provides for decisions on hiring and promotions to move forward without delay

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


 Emil Haddad
 Board of Fire and Police Commissioner