



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

DRAFT

PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

February 5, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Conference Room

Aldermen Present: Chairman Jim Allegretti, Alderman David Schmidt, and Alderman Thomas Carey

Other Alderman Present: Alderman Frank Wsol and Alderman Richard DiPietro

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Juliana Maller, Assistant to the City Manager Cathy Doczekalski, and Sr. Administrative Assistant Raluca Bruce

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 4, 2007 Meeting

Moved by Ald. Allegretti, the Committee approved the minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting.

II. NON-MEMBER ALDERMEN WISHING TO BE HEARD OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Alderman DiPietro made a few statements about the integrity of closed sessions that should remain intact for the protection of the City and the Park Ridge residents. He mentioned a couple of articles that were published in the local newspapers that contained quotes attributed to Alderman Schmidt relative to what was discussed in the January 28, 2008 City Council closed session. Alderman DiPietro raised the question of reviewing the Ethics ordinance in order to include "breach of confidentiality issues", for the protection of the City of Park Ridge and the residents. Alderman DiPietro stated that he would not vote to go into a closed session in the future until this is addressed.

III. CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

None.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Modification to Article 14, Chapter 14 - Fair Housing Complaint Procedure

On September 26, 2007 the Fair housing Commission, on recommendation of the City Attorney, approved a revision to the complaint procedure. Previously, the Commission would both investigate and adjudicate the complaint, which causes a conflict. The proposed process would have the City Manager investigate the complaint and then issue a report to the Commission. If there is probable cause, the Commission may then have a conciliation conference if they so chose. If there is believed to be a bona fide complaint, the complaint