



**CITY OF PARK RIDGE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Chambers**

**MONDAY MARCH 26, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

DRAFT

Members Present: Chairman M. Anderson, Ald. K. Jones, Ald. F. Wsol, Ald. J. Allegetti,
Ald. M. Ryan & Ald. A. Bateman

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief J. Caudill, Fire Chief E. Dubowski, CP&D Director R. Derifield,
Deputy Police Chief T. Swoboda, Cmdr. L. Jogmen & J. Steurer

Others Present: Mayor H. Frimark, Ald. D. Crampton, Ald. J. Baldi, Ald. J. Cox, Ald. R.
DiPietro, J. Scafa, T. Wilson, R. Gertsch, C. Brown, D. Hartwig, Officer
Szmajda, Officer Genualdi, R. Trizna

Chairman M. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Allegetti made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

II. NON-COMMITTEE ALDERMAN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

III. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Action Plan for New Police Facility

Chief Caudill began the meeting giving a brief overview of the possible properties available for the new site using 2 photos. The Chief stated after a preliminary analysis, out of the 2 properties (Courtland & AT&T), the most promising is Target Area 4. CP&D Director, Randy Derifield highlighted the 2002 plan, explaining the focus being on the western end of town- the north used for commercial, the south for residential. Randy explained putting a public facility in a place where you can still get retail maximizes the potential for redevelopment for the future. Chief Caudill explained the anticipated site option is also preferred by the Director of Economic Development, Kim Uhlig. Ray Lee (SRBL) had drawn a mock up that was passed out, to show the site option configurations. Chairman Anderson spoke about focusing on the appeal of a larger area that would essentially help tax payers, by having two sites to look at, which would give the City a better negotiating strategy.

At this time Chairman Anderson opened the floor to the audience:

-Alderman Crampton questioned the Council on the recommendation of the Police Station-was it about going forward or about the size? Chairman Anderson answered it was to move forward with the facility, Anyone wanting to discuss the size, could address it later.



-Alderman Ryan spoke of receiving no answers to the queries from Alderman Markech. Two of Alderman Ryan's main concerns were:

- Allocating this much space right in the middle of something that is supposed to be a revenue producer?
- Why when the Police Department is surviving in 9,000 sq. ft, why we need to build something 4 or 5 times larger?

Alderman Ryan wants to hear the actual information about how the space has been determined.

-Chairman Anderson responded by explaining a memo was sent from the Mayor, that afternoon, that answered those questions. The memo was passed to Alderman Ryan to read.

-Richard Hartwig, a citizen, was enraged the Council was going along with this new facility. He believed the Council was representing the City's employees not the Citizens themselves by moving forward.

-Bob Trizna, a citizen, saw the memo from the Mayor and felt no definitive answers were given to explain the need for a new facility. He believes the Police Department deserves accolades for doing such a great job in the building they have. He would rather see money spent on more police officers, better salaries and training, than put into a new facility.

-Dave Schmidt, a citizen, generally supports a new facility but was concerned about the financial situation of the City. His main concerns were unanswered questions about:

- Uptown revenue
- Early retirement
- Debt expenses
- Infrastructure needs

His main concern was, should we borrow \$20 million to build a new facility or take care of the infrastructure of the City?

-Alderman Crampton wanted to know how the space requirements were developed? He questioned if the consultant explained his methodology or source of standards used.

At this time, Cmdr. Lou Jogmen explained Ray Lee and the former consultant, Fred Moyer & Assoc. use national standards to develop space needs. They have experts that came in and decided what is appropriate or not appropriate, using actual manuals that are utilized to calculate the space. Chief Caudill added when the process began in 2000-2001, the Public Safety Council picked Moyer & Assoc. to conduct the 1st space analysis. Now, Ray Lee has also done his without seeing Fred Moyer's numbers. Both came up with the same number of approximately 37,000 sq. ft.. Alderman Bateman verified how the numbers are used to put together a facility that works for a specific city or town.

-Alderman Ryan believes there is a breakdown of credibility surrounding 3 issues:

- 1.) Several consultants that were significantly more willing to work with the budget weren't chosen?
- 2.) Is the workout room necessary? They can use Fire, the Community Center or Public Work's.
- 3.) Does the facility look like the City's checkbook does?

She is looking for compromise and willingness to scrimp a bit.

Chief Caudill spoke about the small, proposed workout room that will fill several needs- training and fitness and mentioned the FOP buys the equipment for it, not the City. The Police Department is the only department that has a fitness standard and a room should be made available to them on site. Alderman Bateman and Allegretti both agreed with the Chief. Alderman Allegretti stated SRBL was

hired to develop a site plan ,with no bells and whistles, to fit the needs of the department. He believes something needs to be done now .

-Alderman Wsol reiterated how long this process has been going on, approximately 6-7 years. He believes he is "frugal" but does believe the following:

- The parking garage will improve cars longevity.
- The gun range allows officers to be properly trained.
- The workout room is necessary.
- The needs of the female officers must be taken care of.
- Victim/Counseling space is necessary.
- Sally Port is essential.
- Separation of prisoners is necessary.

Alderman Wsol spoke of combining all Public Safety staff at one facility.

-Alderman Baldi questioned how this recommendation will come out, as a package or broken down? Chairman Anderson stated the recommendation of the Public Safety Council is a package and believes it is the right package and has recommended this course of action. The next council will have to purchase the land, hire an architect and contractor, issue bonds, etc.

-Tom Wilson, a citizen, asked how many position have been added in the last 10 years. Chief Caudill explained 6 full time positions have been filled. A tactical unit, a traffic section, and a CSO have been added by going through the Public safety Council and City Council. Tom 's point was we need to be prepared now , think of the future because the cost in 40 or 50 years will be 4 or 5 times what it will be now. Alderman Allegretti agreed and reiterated how much the roles of the Police Department have changed and expanded.

-D/C Swoboda spoke as a Chief and resident of the City. He reiterated two needs studies have been done and they both provided the same findings, essentially it is up to the Council to decide what they get. Working in the 9,000sq ft. building is just making due and spoke about the deficiencies of the current facility and how it does hampers how effective they can work. The needs have been presented time and time again and everyone has been invited for tours to see for themselves.

Here are a few concerns:

- No privacy for the Social worker.
- Prisoners talking together.
- Interview room is outside of the lock up area.
- The offices don't allow for officers to sit and speak privately.
- No storage for equipment.

-Mayor Frimark thanked Chairman Anderson and the Public Safety Council for all their work. He asked everyone to read the reports, the facts are listed there and he stated, we do need a new Police station. No compromises should be made, no scrimping should be allowed! We should do what is right.

At this time, Alderman Allegretti made the following motion.

"The Public Safety Committee recommends that the City Council adopt the following course of action:

1. **After thoroughly analyzing the economic impact and redevelopment opportunities of proposed building locations in Target Area 4, staff shall be directed to commence the process of acquiring the necessary adjacent properties at a cost which is fair to the City and to the current owners, and to pursue all appropriate avenues to effect such acquisitions.**

- Upon securing the necessary properties, staff shall sell the Courtland property and apply the proceeds toward financing of the new construction of a facility on the selected location.
2. Staff shall be directed to commence an RFP process to identify and select a qualified architect/construction consultant to design the new police facility, and to oversee construction and related efforts. The firms invited to participate shall include the "finalists" from last year's Police Facility Needs Analysis competition.
 3. An aesthetically pleasing and efficiently functioning facility shall be designed and constructed. The facility shall consist of approximately 37,000 square feet of "people" space and approximately 12,000 square feet of secured vehicle parking, and shall be otherwise generally consistent with the recommendations set forth in the SRBL findings. Where economically feasible, "green" technology shall be incorporated.
 4. Costs are to be held to the minimum necessary to provide for a facility consistent with paragraph 3 above. Financing shall be provided primarily through proceeds of a bond issuance structured to result in zero upward change in the ongoing cost to taxpayers (or if possible, a lower payment stream than currently in place for the 1998 Public Works Service Center/alley bonds).
 5. Facility completion shall be targeted for calendar 2008."

He then added the following amendment, to the end of paragraph 3, to his motion. The committee understands that these sizes may be revised and the numbers are not meant to be final figures.

At this time, Chairman Anderson asked for any discussion about the motion.

-Alderman Ryan states she will not support this and has seen no evidence that shows any good faith effort to whittle down the costs.

-Alderman Bateman spoke of all the research, time and effort that has been put into making this decision. She has spent seven years dealing with this and knows more about Police Departments than she cares to. She responded to Mr. Hartwig's displeasure of the PSC, by explaining that the decision made was based on facts. No one wants to spend the money, Alderman Bateman is also a taxpayer, but knows this is the right thing to do. It will be a good, cost effective Police Department!

-Alderman Jones agreed with the above statements.

-Chairman Anderson wanted to finish with some points. Alderman Bateman, Machon and Anderson spent a lot of time in police stations and saw some very good ones and some bad.

- A new 37,000 sq. ft. building will be hitting the bottom of the range-it will not be a Taj Mahal..
- This station is about the citizens of Park Ridge, not just the employees. It is necessary for the safety of all.
- A better station does not make better officers but a better defense if anything goes wrong.
- He believes this is the right way to proceed!

Chairman Anderson opened the floor to the audience.

-Tom Wilson, a citizen, spoke about how your surroundings can effect morale.

-Jerry Scafa (PD Citizen's Patrol) spoke about how the Police Department has such resolve to get the job done and how dedicated the staff is.

-Alderman Ryan requested the amendment to be reread . They then voted on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Adopt a resolution declaring the official intent of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of future debt issues

The City of Park Ridge, Illinois needs the attached resolution approved in order to allow the City to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for the expenditure of funds for property to be used to build a police station. If acceptable, the suggested motion would read: **"MOVE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT ISSUES."**

-Alderman Crampton believes the above does not need to be done at this time.

-Alderman Anderson stated there is a short reach back period after the resolution is adopted. The sooner it's adopted, the sooner they can reach back and capture money. It is recommended to get it on the books to get reimbursed.

At this point, Alderman Ryan realized she was not in favor of the first action item for the new Police Facility.

Alderman Allegretti made the following motion-

"MOVE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT ISSUES."

No one opposed and the motion was carried.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chief Caudill was proud to report the Department was re-accredited for 3 more years at the recent Greensboro, North Carolina CALEA conference.

VI. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS DECLARING
ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL
EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF FUTURE DEBT ISSUES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE,
ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The purpose of this resolution, is to satisfy the "Official Intent Requirement" of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

Section 2. The City of Park Ridge, Illinois (the "City") has determined to undertake the construction of a new police station, including land acquisition costs, and to expend funds to pay costs of such capital improvement.

Section 3. The City reasonably expects to be reimbursed for such expenditures with proceeds of its debt. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the reimbursement of such expenditures is \$19,000,000.

Section 4. This declaration of official intent is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the City.

Section 5. A copy of this resolution shall be filed immediately in the office of the City Clerk and shall be made available for public inspection in the manner required by law.

Section 6. This resolution shall be operative and effective upon its passage.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

(SEAL)

Attest:

City Clerk