

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 25, 2014  
6:30 P.M. - Committee Room (A)**

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Public Affairs Committee of June 23, 2014
3. Public Participation / Presentations
  - A. New City Website
  - B. Final Railroad Days Report from the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce
4. Items for Consent
5. Items for Discussion
  - A. Engine Braking
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Reports from Staff
  - A. Traffic Management Reports
9. Adjournment

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**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**June 23, 2014, 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call found Alderman Earley, Fuesting, Hallett and Edwalds. Alderman Murphy joined the committee at 7:07pm.

Alderman Meissner was not present.

Also in attendance were John Said, Director of Community Development; John Fincham, Assistant Director of Community Development; Krista Coltrin, Assistant Marketing Coordinator.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Public Affairs Committee of May 7, 2014.** Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Earley, Fuesting, Hallett and Edwalds. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**3. Public Participation / Presentations.**

**4. Items for Consent.**

**A. ABD Cycle Club Fall Fling Races**

Alderman Edwalds made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Earley, Fuesting, Hallett and Edwalds. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 14-O-0020 – Amendments to the Building Code**

Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Earley, Fuesting, Hallett and Edwalds. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**5. Items for Discussion.**

Chairmen Chassee asked the Committee if they would vote on having the Public Affairs Meeting at 6:30PM for the months of July, August and September.

The Public Affairs unanimously agreed on meeting at 6:30PM for the months of July, August and September 2014.

6. **Unfinished Business.**

7. **New Business.**

8. **Reports from Staff.**

A. **Traffic Management Report**

9. **Adjournment.** Alderman Fuesting made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Edwalds. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Yahaira Bautista*

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Administrative Assistant

West Chicago Police Department



# Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

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## 2014 West Chicago Railroad Days

Recap of event by: Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

The 2014 Railroad Days event, while remaining at Reed-Keppler Park had a new site. The Carnival was located on the north/west ball field and the vendors, stage, beer garden and restaurants were staged on the south/west ball field, both on the furthest west edge of the park.

Fireworks were cancelled due to weather conditions on Saturday which turned out to be a good call as the park was evacuated shortly after 9:15pm. The emergency plan for the event was followed and when the threat of a tornado was received everyone at the park, including carnival and chamber management staff were directed to vacate the park as well.

The overall layout worked well for crowd management and although it was a more intimate setup we received many positive comments about it. Managing the band load-in and load-out was the greatest challenge. We anticipated complaints about the longer walk into the park but did not receive any.

The parade was very well attended and Sunday's first DJ fest was well received by the audience. The food choices were varied and the quality and pricing seemed to work. One vendor however was stopped from serving and raw food (about 80lbs) was discarded by the event manager. A report was filed with the DuPage County Health Department who complimented our staff for the aggressive oversight during the event.

The carnival was very popular and a couple of new rides replaced others that had been at the event in past years. The flow of attendees through the carnival and the main event area was very good.

The beer garden revenue was down over \$11,000 a decrease of 43% compared to 2013 but with heads up management the revenue from this activity declined by only 7% from the previous year. There were no reports of problems at the beer garden or main entertainment area and only one report from the event that we were aware of. The one problem that we were aware of; a group of youths were making trouble with another group and were removed from the park immediately by police.

We have been informed by the park district that new construction will begin sometime in the late spring or summer of 2015 and that plans should be made by the City to relocate the event for at least next year as accessibility to the only remaining area within the park suitable for the event will be lost to construction activities.

We encourage the City to share any feedback that has been received about the event with us should any further comments be received.

Sincerely,

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## Summary: 2014 Railroad Days Financial Report

### Qualifying Expense

Entertainment	16,646.39
Infrastructure	29,405.82
Parade	8,395.81
Marketing	8,667.61
	<u>63,115.63</u>

### Carnival

Revenue	24,755.42
Expense	(2,900.00)
Net Profit	<u>21,855.42</u>
<b>50/50 Revenue Share</b>	<b>\$ 10,927.71</b>

### Beer Garden

Revenue	14,809.00
Expense	(10,177.73)
Net Profit	<u>4,631.27</u>
<b>50/50 Revenue Share</b>	<b>\$ 2,315.64</b>

### City of West Chicago Checks

Revenue Share	13,243.35
<b>Total Returned</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,243.35</u></b>



## WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** AUGUST 15, 2014

**FROM:** STEPHEN LAUB, COMMANDER OF POLICE

**TO:** MICHAEL GUTTMAN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**RE:** ENGINE BRAKING

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Recently, the City received noise complaints related to commercial vehicles using their engine braking systems to slow or stop. Engine braking is a brake system used primarily on semi-trucks, or other large commercial vehicles, which when engaged, uses engine compression to slow the vehicle. The system is typically engaged when the truck needs to come to a quick stop. When the engine brake is engaged, the truck's engine emits a louder than normal sound. Police Department staff was asked to identify the positive and negative aspects of enacting an ordinance regulating the use of excessive engine braking.

As part of the research to answer the above question, I reviewed Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Act 5, Section 12-602.1, which gives municipalities the power to enact an ordinance to regulate the use of excessive engine braking. To issue a citation for this type of an offense and prevail in court, the police officer issuing the citation must prove that the driver of a commercial vehicle engaged in "excessive engine braking"; however the statute provides no objective standard as to what constitutes "excessive engine braking". Additionally, the police officer must be able to prove that the vehicle did not have an "adequate sound muffling system in proper working order", which would be impossible for a police officer to do without subjecting the vehicle to an inspection by a certified mechanic.

After reviewing 625 ILCS 5/12-602.1, I contacted ten police departments in our area (Bartlett, Batavia, Carol Stream, Glendale Heights, Lombard, Plainfield, St. Charles, Warrenville, Winfield, and Wheaton) and asked if their municipalities had enacted an ordinance regulating excessive engine braking. Only two of the ten municipalities (Plainfield in 2006 and St. Charles in 2008) have enacted ordinances regulating the use of excessive engine braking. The City of St. Charles enacted the ordinance in response to a single resident complaint. The staff member from the Plainfield Police Department that I spoke with did not have the historical data as to why the Village enacted the ordinance. During individual conversations with representatives from the Plainfield Police Department as well as the St. Charles Police Department, I learned that neither of the two agencies had ever enforced the ordinance. When I inquired as to why the ordinance was not enforced, I was told that it was due to the state statute's subjectivity, as well as the





protection built into subsection (d) of the statute, which allows drivers to use an engine braking system in order to avoid a collision, regardless of whether the system emits excessive noise or not.

I spoke with City Prosecutor Bill Belmonte and asked for his legal opinion pertaining to the enforceability of this type of an ordinance. Mr. Belmonte indicated that because of the statute's subjectivity and built-in defense, the City would have difficulty successfully prosecuting this type of offense. The same question was asked of Judge Mary O'Connor, who is assigned to hear West Chicago's traffic court cases at the Wheaton Field Court. Judge O'Connor echoed Mr. Belmonte's opinion and further indicated that in her view, the need for large trucks to use the engine brake in order to avoid traffic collisions outweighs the public's annoyance by the engine sounds emitted when this safety system is engaged.

As documented above, my research identified several negative aspects relating to the enforceability and prosecution of ordinances regulating excessive engine braking. I was not able to identify any positive aspects to the City enacting an ordinance regulating excessive engine braking.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to this document. A copy of 625 ILCS 5/12-602.1 is incorporated below for your review.

Sec. 12-602.1. Excessive engine braking noise signs.

(a) A county or municipality may post signs that prohibit the driver of a commercial vehicle, as defined in Section 1-111.8 of this Code, from operating or actuating any engine braking system that emits excessive noise. The Department of Transportation may erect and maintain the signs on interstate highways near residential areas or communities.

(b) The sign shall state, "EXCESSIVE ENGINE BRAKING NOISE PROHIBITED". The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules providing for the erection and placement of these signs.

(c) This Section does not apply to the use of an engine braking system that has an adequate sound muffling system in proper working order that prevents excessive noise.

(d) It is a defense to this Section that the driver used an engine braking system that emits excessive noise in an emergency to avoid a collision with a person or another vehicle on the highway.



(e) A violation of this Section is an equipment violation punishable by a fine of \$75.  
(Source: P.A. 96-523, eff. 1-1-10.)



# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REPORT

	Current vs. Prior Month				2 Prior Months			2014 vs. 2013	
	Jun 14	May 14	% Change	Apr 14	Mar 14	% Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
<b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS</b>									
Regular Duty & Crash	318	512	-38%	364	485	-25%	2289	2135	7%
Selective Enforcement	11	72	-85%	0	0	NC	99	148	-33%
<b>PARKING CITATIONS</b>									
Parking Citations	201	397	-49%	446	464	-4%	2126	1428	49%
<b>COMMERCIAL OVERWEIGHT ENFORCEMENT</b>									
Citations	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
<b>DUI ARRESTS</b>									
Regular Duty	5	10	-50%	6	9	-33%	38	41	-7%
Selective Enforcement	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOWS</b>									
No Valid Driver's License	2	3	-33%	5	5	0%	24	21	14%
License Suspended	1	4	-75%	0	4	-100%	17	9	89%
License Revoked	0	0	NC	0	1	-100%	1	2	-50%
DUI	2	11	-82%	4	9	-56%	38	40	-5%
Drug Possession	0	0	NC	1	1	0%	2	1	100%
Warrant Arrest	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
Vehicle Amplification	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
Illegal Transp of Alcohol	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	1	-100%
<b>Total Citations</b>	5	18	-72%	10	20	-50%	82	74	11%
<b>TRAFFIC CRASHES/INJURIES/FATALITIES</b>									
Property Damage	41	43	-5%	42	77	-45%	431	394	9%
Injury Crashes	10	9	11%	5	8	-38%	64	58	10%
No of Persons Injured	13	11	18%	6	9	-33%	89	97	-8%
Fatal Crashes	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
No of Persons Expired	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC

NC=Not Calculable

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TOP ACCIDENT LOCATIONS									
	Jun 14	May 14	% Change	Apr 14	Mar 14	% Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% Change
North Ave & Powis Rd	0	2	-100%	0	0	NC	6	4	50%
North Ave & Neltnor Blvd	5	5	0%	5	2	150%	29	18	61%
Neltnor Blvd & Hawthorne Ln	0	0	NC	1	1	0%	4	3	33%
Neltnor Blvd & Washington St	0	4	-100%	0	0	NC	5	5	0%
Neltnor Blvd & Main St	2	1	100%	3	1	200%	9	2	350%
Neltnor Blvd & Forest Ave	1	0	NC	0	1	-100%	3	3	0%
Neltnor Blvd & Sarana Ave	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC
Neltnor Blvd & Michael Browning Way	1	2	-50%	4	2	100%	10	12	-17%
Roosevelt Rd & Sarana Ave	0	0	NC	1	0	NC	2	4	-50%
Roosevelt Rd & Michael Browning Way	0	0	NC	0	1	-100%	2	1	100%
Roosevelt Rd & Joliet St	2	1	100%	1	1	0%	8	8	0%
Roosevelt Rd & Fabyan Pkwy/ Washington St	0	2	-100%	2	2	0%	11	9	22%
Roosevelt Rd & Kautz Rd	1	0	NC	0	0	NC	2	5	-60%
PROGRAMS									
INCEPTION									
SMART Trailer									
During the month, the SMART trailer was used: ( 7 ) times							January 1, 2001	Ongoing	
5 Ton Truck Enforcement - Hawthorne Ln							June 1, 2010	Ongoing	
During the month, ( 3 ) tickets were written								Ongoing	
5 Ton Truck Enforcement - Joliet St								Ongoing	
During the month, ( 0 ) tickets were written								Ongoing	
5 Ton Truck Enforcement - E Washington St								Ongoing	
During the month, ( 3 ) ticket was written									
PERFORM CITY WIDE INOPERABLE/ABANDONED VEHICLE INVESTIGATIONS									
( 1 ) Vehicles were investigated							CYear-To-Date 2014 6	CY2013 Total 11	
TRAFFIC RELATED HOT SPOTS									
LOCATION			CONCERN						
School Zones			Cell phone use, texting, speeding, parking enforcement						
Hawthorne Ln, Joliet St, and E Washington St			5 Ton Violations						



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Selective Enforcement	21	11	91%	72	0	NC	120	184	-35%			
<b>PARKING CITATIONS</b>												
Parking Citations	207	201	3%	397	446	-11%	2333	1697	37%			
<b>COMMERCIAL OVERWEIGHT ENFORCEMENT</b>												
Citations	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC			
<b>DUI ARRESTS</b>												
Regular Duty	6	5	20%	10	6	67%	44	47	-6%			
Selective Enforcement	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC			
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Injury Crashes	10	10	0%	9	5	80%	74	79	-6%			
No of Persons Injured	12	13	-8%	11	6	83%	101	134	-25%			
Fatal Crashes	0	0	NC	0	0	NC	0	0	NC			
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CONCERN									
LOCATION									
1200 Block of S Oak St									
Rt 30 @ Kautz Rd									
Hawthorne Ln, Joliet St, and E Washington St									
Rt 64									
Citizen Complaints									
Contraction Zone, Distracted Driving, Impaired Driving and Speed									
5-Ton Violations									
Speeding									