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October 9, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The Committee on Public Health and Public Safety convened on October 9, 2007, with Chairman William White presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Walter Pero and John Connolly also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Sean O'Donovan and Thomas Taylor as well as Police Chief Robert Bradley, Chief Fire Engineer Kevin Kelleher, Police Captain Charles Femino, Assistant Solicitor Matt Buckley, Michael Lambert from the Mayor's Office, Director of Traffic and Parking James Kotzuba, Health Director Noreen Burke, Environmental Coordinator Vithal Deshpande and Wig Zamore.

Ms. Burke addressed the members regarding the current study of the health impacts of air pollutants from air traffic on communities surrounding Logan Airport and cited possible public health hazards such as asthma, lung cancer and heart attacks. Ms. Burke stated that the focus over the last 10 years has been on particles in the air that might lead to premature mortality.

Chief Bradley discussed the actions taken to improve safety on Albion Street including closing the park at 10:00 PM and directing patrols to problem residences on the street.

Chief Kelleher discussed the Fire Department's study of existing and potential fire lanes and stated that the city needs less restriction in order to tow vehicles from fire lanes. Chief Kelleher also told the members that the public needs to be made aware of the regulation prohibiting parking within 20 feet of a corner and said that 20 signs to that effect would be posted prior to the city's enforcement of the regulation.

Alderman Pero's motion **that all residents be notified, via the city's Connect CTY system, of new fire lanes upon their approval**, was passed

The committee discussed winter parking regulation in effect during snowstorms and Alderman O'Donovan asked if more fire hydrants are located on the odd side of streets, prompting the current snow parking rules.

The committee, on a roll call vote of 3 – 0 in favor, moved into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation. No votes were taken in Executive Session, (other than the vote to adjourn).

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William White, Chairman
Committee on Public Health and Public Safety

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