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February 13 2007

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

The Committee on Veterans and Public Services convened on February 13, 2007, with Chairman Walter Pero presiding and Committee Member Alderman William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Maryann Heuston and Sean O'Donovan as well as Veteran's Services Director Frank Senesi.

Mr. Senesi told the members that a performance would be held at the High School on May 31<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for this year's Memorial Day Parade. The cost for the parade is estimated to be \$41,000 and will feature 28 bands, the Shriners and the Budweiser Clydesdales. Mr. Senesi said that he is hoping to raise \$26,000 to offset the cost of the parade and asked for the Board's help in raising additional funds. He also said that a large donation was received from Century Bank. The members discussed whether a line item should be added to the budget to finance future parades.

Mr. Senesi said that he would take Alderman Roche's request to involve the city's youth organizations in the parade to the parade committee along with Chairman Pero's suggestion for youth to "adopt" veterans and march with them in the parade. Mr. Senesi told the members that Thomas Gorman and Richard Johnson would be this year's honorees and that he is awaiting acceptance from Mr. Johnson to be the Grand Marshall.

Mr. Senesi told the members that this year's veterans' benefits budget was \$93,000 and because of the number of veterans seeking assistance, he would like an increase in the FY-07 budget of \$26,000, raising the total to \$125,000.

No papers were acted on.

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Alderman Walter Pero, Chairman  
Committee on Veterans and Public Services

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