

09-3139

---

**From:** McCarthy, Terry  
**Sent:** Wed 12/03/2008 10:57 AM  
**To:** Shakoor, Q.A.; Wisneski, Aron; Kaplan, Jim; Mozol, Robert  
**Cc:** Weber, Robert; Hughes, Benjamin  
**Subject:** Public Safety and Licensing Due Diligence

PSL Committee Members,

After having spent a half year on the Committee, I feel that the focus of Public Safety and Licensing is very good on Licensing. I'm not confident, however, whether we are sufficiently focused on Public Safety. I don't know how oversight of Police and Fire has happened in this Committee in the past; however, I have a proposal after discussions with Ben Hughes.

The Fire and Police Chiefs report on approximately a quarterly basis to the Police and Fire Commission. I propose that we formally receive these minutes when they come out for review at our meeting. We would likely simply receive and file it, but it will keep us informed and give us the opportunity to request updates on specific issues.

I spoke to Alderman Shakoor on this topic, and he is concerned that we are moving into the purview of Finance and Personnel. In reviewing the July minutes (attached), I find that confidential issues are covered in closed session and are not in the minutes. (I also find that the minutes are at a bit of a high level and may require us asking for a little more detail.)

Alderman Shakoor, can we please discuss this at our next meeting? Receiving these minutes is only a small step, but I believe that it will get us moving in the right direction in performing our due diligence in the area of Public Safety.

Respectfully,

Terry McCarthy  
Alderman, 9<sup>th</sup> District  
Junior Member of the PSL Committee

1/21/2009