

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 1, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2008

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting Copy of Proclamation for National Fire Prevention Week October 5-11, 2008

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS invited CHIEF GREG GAMMON and CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL ROBERT BELL to join him at the podium. COUNCILMAN ROSS announced that the week of October 5th through the 11th has been declared National Fire Prevention Week. He briefly spoke of the Great Chicago Fire that occurred on October 8, 1871 where more than 250 people were killed and thousands of persons were left homeless.

CHIEF GAMMON expressed his appreciation, thanking the Mayor and Council for recognizing the importance of National Fire Prevention Week. In 1920, PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON presented the first proclamation which now, each year, is observed from Sunday through Saturday during the week of October 9th. CHIEF GAMMON invited everyone to attend the October 11th Open House activities at the various Fire Stations throughout the City. He stated that this is a great opportunity for the Fire Services to educate citizens on the importance of fire safety. He added that people need to be very vigilant, especially around their homes.

CHIEF FIRE MARSHAL BELL was thanked for the proclamation. He noted that smoking is one of the leading causes of fires in homes and stated that between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. are the worst times when death is the result of careless smoking. He reminded everyone to be aware and informed.

