AGENDA
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, November 8, 2010
5:45 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue – Council Chambers

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of October 25, 2010

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 10/24/10 $2,261,674.63

(A2) City of Evanston Bills through 11/09/10 $2,945,173.32

(A3.1) Approval of Sole Source Purchase of DataPark System Upgrades to Separate the Upper Deck of the City Owned Parking Garage at 1800 Maple Avenue

Staff and the Transportation/Parking Committee recommend approval of the sole source purchase of DataPark Systems Upgrades through RevCon Technology Group (11715 Cortland Court, Addison, IL) in the amount of $47,360 and $2,000 for closed circuit television (CCTV). This purchase is necessary to provide a separate upper deck parking area for the garage at 1800 Maple Avenue to provide reduced parking costs to downtown employees. Funding provided by the Parking Fund. For Action

(A3.2) Approval of Contracts for Snow Towing Operations

Staff recommends approval of award of contract(s) for the Snow Towing Services to various companies in an amount not to exceed $75,000. (See attached list.) Funding for snow towing contractors is provided by the Snow and Ice Control General Fund. The estimated total for the 2010-2011 snow season is an amount not to exceed $75,000 (Account #2680-62451). For Action

(A4) Resolution 55-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to sign an Extension of the City’s Electricity Supply Agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 55-R-10 authorizing the City Manager to sign an extension to the City’s electricity supply agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company. Due to the volatile pricing of electricity, suppliers won’t hold purchase prices for more than 24 hours without a considerable risk factor markup. As such, the City will be obtaining the actual bundled purchase price for this six-month extension period (December 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011) on November 8, 2010, the morning of the APW/Council meeting. The cost for electricity is billed to the various accounts that support the buildings/facilities that are purchasing electricity through this agreement. For Action
(A5) Resolution 58-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Resolution of Authorization for the Illinois Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) Grant Application for the Ecology Center Greenhouse Project

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 58-R-10, which authorizes the City Manager to sign the Resolution of Authorization for the Illinois Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) grant application through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The Evanston Ecology Center contains an existing greenhouse structure, which is in a severely dilapidated condition and is in danger of permanent closure due to structural concerns. Funding of $125,000 will be provided by FY2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The grant application is due on November 29, 2010.

For Action

(A6) Approval of Agreement with Northwestern University Regarding the Sheridan Road Traffic Signal at Northwestern University Entrance, South of Garrett Place

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northwestern University for the design, construction and funding of the proposed Sheridan Road traffic signal at the Northwestern University entrance south of Garrett Place. All costs associated with the design and construction of the proposed traffic signal will be reimbursed by Northwestern University.

For Action

(A7) Ordinance 36-O-10 to Establish a Sheridan Road Traffic Signal at Northwestern University Entrance South of Garrett Place

Staff recommends adoption of proposed ordinance 36-O-10 by which the City Council would amend Section 10-11-5, Schedule V (G) of the City Code to establish a traffic signal at Sheridan Road and the Northwestern University entrance south of Garrett Place. Funding for the project will be provided by Northwestern University per the interagency agreement, also included on the City Council's November 8, 2010 agenda.

For Introduction

(A8) Ordinance 80-O-10 Amending 3-2-17-2 “Tax Imposed (Motor Fuel Tax)”

Staff recommends adoption of proposed Ordinance 80-O-10, which increases the tax imposed on the purchase of motor fuel from three cents ($0.03) to four ($0.04) cents per gallon.

For Introduction

(A9) Ordinance 81-O-10 Amending 3-2-9-9-2 “Municipal Utility Tax”

Staff recommends adoption of proposed Ordinance 81-O-10, which increases the tax imposed on electricity consumption to mirror the rates promulgated by the Illinois Municipal Code (specifically 65 ILCS 8-11-2). The proposed average increase in electricity utility rates for most residential and business customers is approximately 6.66%.

For Introduction
(A10) **Ordinance 87-O-10 Amending Title 7, “Public Ways”, Chapter 2, Section 5 of the City Code to Increase the Right-Of-Way Permit Fees**

Staff recommends adoption of proposed Ordinance 87-O-10 by which the City Council would amend Section 7-2-5-3 of the City Code to increase the fees for the obstruction of the public Right-of-Way (ROW). The ROW obstruction permit fee was last increased in February, 2007.

For Introduction

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**