ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 24, 2010
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chief Berkowsky, Wally Bobkiewicz, Rajeev Dahal, Joellen Daley, Robert Dorneker, Steven Drazner, Chief Eddington, Grant Farrar, Doug Gaynor, Curtis Hanawalt, Jewell Jackson, Shancee Jackson, Lonnie Jeschke, Captain Klaiber, Melisenda Loeppert, Marty Lyons, Joseph McRae, Jeff Murphy, Sat Nagar, Suzette Robinson, Paul Schneider, Donna Spicuzza, Dave Stoneback, Evonda Thomas

Others Present: Alderman Grover
Rosemary O’Neal – Homeowner
Jeanne Lindwall - Homeowner

Presiding: Ald. Jean-Baptiste

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present, Chairman Ald. Jean-Baptiste called the meeting to order at 5:36

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of May 10, 2010.
Minutes were approved 5-0

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 05/09/10 $2,239,879.39
A1 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A2) City of Evanston Bills through 05/25/10 $2,533,040.04
A2 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A3.1) Approval of Contract Extension for Purchase of Debris Hauling (Bid 10-02)
Staff recommends City Council approval of a 1-year extension to the contract for the purchase of Debris Hauling (Bid 10-02) with G&L Contractors, Inc. (7401 N. St. Louis Avenue, Skokie, IL) in the amount of $144,500.00. Funding provided from the Water Fund, Sewer Fund and the General Fund. These three accounts have a total of $144,500 budgeted for FY10/11 for this contract.

Funding for FY 10/11 will be as follows:

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A3.1 was approved unanimously 5-0
(A3.2) Approval of Contract for 2010 Summer Food Service Program (Bid 11-01)
Staff recommends City Council approval of a contract in response to Bid 11-01 for the 2010 Summer Food Service Program to Open Kitchens Inc. (1161 West 21st Street, Chicago, IL) in the not-to-exceed amount of $2.29 per lunch. This is a reimbursement program in which amount of reimbursement the City will receive is dependent upon the number of lunches served. The current rate of reimbursement set by the Federal Government is $3.13 per lunch served.
A3.2 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A3.3) Contract Extension with Flood Brothers for Condominium Garbage Collection
Staff recommends City Council approval of an additional three (3) month contract extension for the collection and disposal of condominium refuse with Flood Brothers Disposal & Recycling Services (17 W. 697 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL) at the rate of $8.08 per unit per month. Funding is provided by the 2010/2011 General Fund for Sanitation, Account #2685.62390, with an allocation of $550,000 for FY 10/11. Staff proposes to extend Flood Brother’s existing contract by an additional three months until September 1, 2010, to allow for the advertisement and bidding of a Request for Proposals for the entire City’s refuse collection. In February 2010, the contracts were extended by 3 months to allow time to create and receive proposals for a Request for Proposals for Refuse Collection.
A3.3 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A3.4) Contract Extension with Groot, Inc. for Recycling Collection
Staff recommends City Council approval of an additional three (3) month contract extension for residential and condominium recycling collection with Groot, Inc (2500 Landmeier Road Elk Grove Village, IL) at the rate of $4.36 per residential unit, per month, the collection of the condominiums at $2.03 per unit, and the Recycling Center dumpsters at $2,500 per month. Funding for the residential program is provided by the 2010/2011 General Fund for Sanitation, account 2690.62415. This item number has an allocation of $966,000 for FY 10/11. Staff proposes to extend Groot’s existing contract by three months until September 1, 2010 to allow for the advertisement and bidding of a Request for Proposals for the entire City’s refuse collection.
A3.4 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A3.5) Approval of Contract with Ozinga Ready Mix for the Purchase of Concrete
Staff recommends City Council approval of the contract for the purchase of concrete (Bid 11-10) with Ozinga Ready Mix (2500 Oakton Street, Evanston, IL) in the amount of $53,450. The contract includes an option to extend for one year. Funding provided from the Street Maintenance General Fund account #2670.65055, which has $120,000 budgeted for FY10/11 for street maintenance materials.
A3.5 was approved unanimously 5-0
(A4) **Resolution 25-R-10 Authorizing the Lease of First Floor Civic Center Space (Room 1030) to the League of Women Voters of Evanston from June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011**

Staff recommends renewal of lease agreement between League of Women Voters of Evanston and the City of Evanston. The new lease runs from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 with a rent increase from $202.00 per month to $208.00.

A4 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A5) **Resolution 30-R-10 for CTA Yellow Line Station Engineering Feasibility Study**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution 30-R-10 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff (230 West Monroe Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL) for Federal Participation in the CTA Yellow Line Station Engineering Feasibility Study. The study cost is $275,000. The Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program will reimburse $220,000 (80%) of the study. Remainder of funding provided by CIP Account 416209 for $55,000 (20%).

A5 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A6) **Resolution 36-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Cooperation and Grant Agreement with the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County for a Grant Earmarked for a Records Management System.**

Staff recommends City Council approval of Resolution 36-R-10 for participation in the Justice Assistance Stimulus Grant opportunity in the amount of $69,505.

A6 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A7) **Resolution 37-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Cooperation and Grant Agreement with the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County for a Grant Earmarked for a 16 Tasers and Related Equipment**

Staff recommends City Council approval of Resolution 37-R-10 for participation in the Justice Assistance Grant opportunity in the amount of $20,813.

A7 was approved unanimously 5-0

(A8) **Sheridan Road Signal Upgrade Project: Chicago Avenue to Central Street Phase II Design Contract Award**

Staff recommends approval of the following:

1. Resolution 34-R-10 authorizing the City Manager to sign the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Phase II Design Engineering Services with Stanley Consultants Inc. to modernize Traffic signals along Sheridan Road from Chicago Avenue to Central Street.
Authorization for the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with Northwestern University for the design, construction and funding of the traffic signal at the NU entrance south of Garrett Place and Sheridan Road.

Ald. Burrus recused herself from this item because part two is being paid for by her employer.

Rosemary O’Neal, a homeowner in the area of concern, said that she was not here to derail the Sheridan Road traffic lights project but felt that the one or two additional lights needed to be looked at. She said that she was opposed to the traffic light at Garrett Place and Sheridan Road because of what was learned from ground observations done in 2008 and in 2009. It used to be a cinder path down to the lake. She noted that she has talked with Paul Schneider (Director of Transportation and Engineering) and he said that the work would not be done until 2011 and then only if the money was available. The February 2009 report, she continued, only concerned left hand turn signs. I asked about the left hand arrows planned for Foster and Noyes. Mr. Schneider mentioned they would be too close to the historic area to be used as in the original plan. A light seems necessary especially now due to an increase in traffic. Mr. Sunshine of Northwestern University suggests a light is needed but at a different location from that mentioned by the City Manager. Which is it, Garrett Place or the entrance to Lot D? Referring to the long-term map from Northwestern, it shows them adding more buildings, more faculty, more staff and more cars. She recognizes that traffic lights will not deter students from crossing where they want. She sees them crossing with little regard for traffic: texting, talking on phone, listening to music and one even playing his guitar while riding a bike. It would seem to her that the traffic lights will be of little control to the students crossing patterns. She suggested that the intersection of Noyes and Sheridan needs to be looked at in the future. She urged the City to continue to work on the scheduled new lights. Ms. O’Neal then reminded the Council and the Mayor that where they live is peaceful just like Sheridan Road use to be.

Jeanne Lindwall, a homeowner in the area, stated that she lives in the block where the Northwestern traffic signal will be installed. She said she had no problem with the upgrades of the existing signals. She agreed that this is a very complicated traffic area. There are issues involved in more than this intersection and community discussion needs to be held. I have talked with Alderman Grover and Alderman Fiske. I have walked that location and I have watched traffic at peak hours. It was chaotic! Large groups of students (up to as many as 475 walking both north and south), bicycles, and cars trying to turn into the parking lots. There were almost as many trying to get in as trying to get out. There are other lots along Sheridan Road that experience the same congestion. The discussion should be about traffic turning into alleys and side streets as well as parking lots. There needs to be a City and Northwestern discussion of what is the objective of this particular light. If students have the right of way, cars cannot move into or out of the parking lots. There are many areas of conflict. I am not sure, she continued that a light will be helpful, it may make things worse. She suggested that this part of the item A8 up for a vote tonight be held before the City Manager and Northwestern hold a meeting until a neighborhood meeting can be convened. If not planned properly, traffic may go over to Ridge Avenue and cause even more congestion there. Rosemary O’Neal told the committee that
she had a message from Theresa Corcoran, Business Manager, of the Sheil Catholic Center. First, she apologizes that she could not attend this meeting. Second, her suggestion is for the light at Garrett Place to be a four-way traffic light. She also felt that the Police should be out there during rush hours to keep traffic moving just as they do in Chicago in heavily congested areas at peak times.

Ald. Grover asked Paul Schneider what a “phase design” was. P. Schneider responded that with any road improvement, an environmental feasibility study is performed and it is sent to the State. If they approve, it goes to the design phase of the project and when that is approved, construction begins. Phase I of this project started in December of 2008 and was completed in January 2009. Open hearings were held in the Parasol Room. This was part of the full project. Ald. Grover noted that the attached documents for the firm that will do the engineering part says they anticipate a couple of public meetings. P. Schneider said that is correct. Funding has been secured for five of the nine lights. His team thought is a good idea to have additional public meetings. Ald. Fiske asked whom the stakeholders where that were invited to the meetings in 2008. P. Schneider responded that no residents were invited. Agencies like Northwestern University and Garrett Seminary and transit agencies were involved. I will find out who attended and get the information to you. Ald. Fiske asked why put a light at Garrett and Sheridan. P. Schneider said they are looking for a location between Noyes and Foster. As investigated, Garrett is on the City side right of way, the street is a city road. Their long-term lease surrounds the area. To get in there and connect with the Northwestern lot would require Garrett’s permission. Sat Nagar (Traffic Engineer) has met with them on several occasions and has not been able to work out an agreement. They never agreed to this to date. Ald. Fiske asked if traffic warrants would be met all along Sheridan Road and P. Schneider replied they would not. The shorter streets would not. Ald. Fiske asked if this area met the requirements because of traffic coming out of the parking lot. I live in the area she continued and walk Sheridan all the time. This has never been a heavy student crossing area. Northwestern University is planning an eight hundred-car underground parking car lot in the next ten years. Things will change greatly. A Student Union also may be built, a light will be needed. An eight hundred-car lot will be a problem. Ald. Fiske continued saying that she and a friend asked one hundred students if they thought a traffic light was needed. The students cross at Emerson, Chicago, Foster, Haven, Elder Hall, from the dormitories on the west side of Sheridan Road to the classrooms on the east side. There is an incredible number of cars but a light will not increase student safety. I would like to have, she said, the residents, Northwestern and the City to meet. The next Ward meeting is scheduled to discuss this situation. The garage is new information. Ald. Fiske motioned to remove part two of this item until further discussions can be held. Ald. Grover agreed that there is a lot of information to review. The Sheil Catholic Center should be included. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if there should be more discussion. Ald. Grover asked if holding up part II of this item would affect part I. P. Schneider said that his preference is to approve all of the design process now. It is the core of the area under consideration. He said he would recommend that light in question, it is included in the design. However, he is in favor of an open meeting, a Ward meeting. Wally Bobkiewicz (City Manager) thought that two weeks is not a matter of concern. The City will come
back after the Ward meeting. Ald. Rainey thought that the item should be split so that the whole was not held up because of a single traffic light question. A. Bobkiewicz said that two weeks will not impact this plan. Ald. Rainey said to have the meeting but she reiterated Ald. Fiske’s motion to split this item, part one to be voted on tonight and part two to be returned after the Ward meeting. Ald. Holmes seconded the motion. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked Paul Schneider what he do to move on. P. Schneider said he will attend Ald. Fiske’s Ward meeting. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if the vote on part two in two weeks is a yes, are there any changes in costs involved and P. Schneider said no. Ald. Jean-Baptiste said that there is a motion and second on the floor to divide this item, voting on part one and holding part two until the next committee meeting. A8 part one was approved unanimously 5 – 0 and part two was held 5-0 for further discussion.

(A9) **Ordinance 24-O-10, Amending Title 11, “Administrative Adjudication”**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 24-O-10 amending Title 11 of the City Code, “Administrative Adjudication” to reflect the change in the department title from “Director” to “Manager.” Following the reorganization of Administrative Adjudication and supervision of it now being effectuated by the Legal Department, the Administrative Adjudication portion of the Code had to be revised and updated accordingly.

A9 was approved unanimously 5-0

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Phillip Baugher