MEETING MINUTES
Administration & Public Works
Monday, October 10, 2011
5:45 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston
Council Chambers


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Katherine Agonis, Godwin Chen, Chief Eddington, Sarah Flax, Doug Gaynor, Catherine Hurley, Jewell Jackson, Lonnie Jeschke, Chief Klaiber, Marty Lyons, Joe McRae, Sat Nagar, Debby Thomas, Kate Todd, Rickey Voss

Others Present: Sue Carlson - Resident
Sharon Feigon – CEO of I-GO Car Sharing

Presiding Member: Delores Holmes

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present, Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 6 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of September 26, 2011
It was moved by Ald. Grover and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that the minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 09/25/11 $2,502,291.16
It was moved by Ald. Grover and seconded by Ald. Burrus that the payroll of 09/25/11 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the payroll of 09/25/11 was approved 5 – 0.

(A2) City of Evanston Bills FY2011 through 10/11/11 $4,336,553.08
Credit Card Activity for Period Ending August 31, 2011 $ 128,489.50
*Ald. Rainey, referring to the returned seized funds asked why if seized, they were returned to the person they were seized from. It seems to suggest that if caught selling drugs you will get a big portion of the money returned. Chief Eddington (Police Department) related that this case is troubling. The defendant was found guilty but most of the money was returned as fees to his attorney. Ald. Holmes asked if the courts asked what the attorney’s fee were.
Chief Eddington said they do. The attorney gets the dollars and the defendant gets nothing. Any money remaining goes to the City. This is common practice. Ald. Rainey thought that in this case, the City had spent more than the $300 they received. This happens too frequently.

*Ald. Rainey then inquired as to where the Brummel Tot Lot was located. She asked how it was that money earmarked for her ward could be taken and used elsewhere. Marty Lyons (Assistant City Manager) stated that the project had been closed out and the unused funds could then be spent elsewhere. The unused funds should have gone into another fund for future use. Ald. Rainey again asked where this tot lot is and M. Lyons replied that it is at the corner of Brummel Street and Richmond Place. Ald. Rainey asked if it was CD funds or bond funds and M. Lyons said that it was bond funds. Ald. Rainey closed her question by saying she did not understand the route some of these funds take.

It was moved by Ald. Grover and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that the bills list of 10/11/11 and the credit card activity for the period ending 08/31/11 be approved. A voice vote was taken and the bills list of 10/11/11 and credit card activity of 08/31/11 was approved 5 – 0.

(A3) Approval of Free Holiday Parking in the City’s Three Downtown Self-Park Garages and Lot 60 on Weekdays between 5 p.m. and 12 Midnight and all day on Saturday beginning Thursday, November 24, 2011

Staff and the Transportation/Parking Committee recommend approval to provide free holiday parking in the City’s three Downtown Self-Park Garages and Lot 60 located at 1234 Chicago Avenue on weekdays between 5 p.m. and 12 midnight and all day on Saturday beginning Thursday, November 24, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. Funding provided by the Parking Fund.

Ald. Rainey wanted it pointed out that Sundays also are free.

It was moved by Ald. Burrus and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that A3 be approved. A voice vote was taken and it was approved 5 - 0.

(A4) Approval of the Installation of a Solar Canopy and Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Parking Lot 3

Staff recommends City Council reconsider approving the location for an additional solar photo voltaic canopy (solar canopy) and electric vehicle charging stations for two plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) in Parking Lot 3. Consideration of Parking Lot 3 was tabled at the September 26th City Council Meeting.

Ald. Grover mentioned that information was received about another location, lot 32 at 825 Hinman Avenue. She thought that they might have the opportunity to acquire a third spot. Resident Sue Carlson, 2679 Stewart, spoke to the issue. She thanked Ald. Grover for her support of a canopy on Central street. She said that she was very excited to get this in north Evanston. She was delighted she said about a canopy going in downtown. It is a great opportunity to place a sign for the residents to learn about I-GO and the City going green. She ended by urging the support of this committee. Sharon Feigon, CEO of I-GO, said that she was here tonight to answer questions. She continued that the committee’s support is appreciated. The I-GO signs and how it works and the benefits installed next to the library will add to the area. Her group has talked about
putting a canopy at an existing location on Hinman since cars are already there. There has also been interest in placing a canopy at a Northwestern site near the bursar’s office. Contracts are ready to be signed. What is decided tonight is what it will be. If the committee wants three locations, I need to know tonight she concluded. Ald. Grover thanked Ms. Feigon and for offering a chance to have a third location. The canopy will broadcast being green. We asked about the Woman’s Club use of lot 3, Mr. McRae do you have an answer. Joe McRae (Interim Assistant City Manager) said that at the direction of Ald. Fiske he reached out the Woman’s Club to tell them about the meeting tonight. There has been no response. Ald. Rainey mentioned that at the last meeting she had told of a lot with no tree overhang, the corner of Hinman Street and Chicago Avenue. It is a block from a high rise, a shopping mall and a transportation hub. It is a dense part of town where many residents do not have a car space. Parking is scarce most of the time. It would be an ideal location. I suggest this as the third location she said. Ald. Burrus asked Ms. Feigon about the membership in that area. Ms. Feigon said that they are always interested in new members and in expanding their areas of coverage. We are already in the shopping mall and it is on our list as a place to expand beyond regular I-GO cars. I cannot think of a canopy right now. Ald. Holmes suggested that this new area be kept on the list for further expansion. Ms. Feigon said that she would like to add vehicles first. She said she will have her engineer look at the Hinman site. Ald. Burrus asked if they could amend this item to read lot 3 plus one other site. If Hinman Avenue does not work out that the Howard street location would be considered. Ms. Feigon reiterated, lot 3, the library, and then choose Hinman Avenue at Main Street or Chicago Avenue at Howard Street. Ald. Holmes asked the legal staff if she had all this and Katherine Agonis said she did. Ald. Burrus motioned that this item be amended to approve the library site (lot 3) and either the Hinman Avenue site or the Chicago Avenue site as the third location. It was seconded by Ald. Grover. A voice vote was taken and it passed 5 – 0.

It was moved by Ald. Burrus and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that A4 as amended be approved. A voice vote was taken and it was approved 5 - 0.

(A5) Resolution 57-R-11, Authorizing Construction Funding Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Sheridan Road Signal Modernization Project (Chicago Avenue to Central Street)
Staff recommends approval of Resolution 57-R-11 authorizing the City Manager to sign the construction funding agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Sheridan Road Signal Modernization Project (Chicago Avenue to Central Street). Funding will be provided by a Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant in the amount of $674,000 and $316,655.20 in local funding from the Sheridan Road signal project capital improvement account (415895). Construction costs for the new signal south of Garrett Place on Sheridan Road in the amount of $130,033 will be funded by Northwestern University.
Ald. Burrus opened that discussion by rescuing herself. Ald. Rainey asked if the 130K was part of the 316K. She asked if the sum of the two was paying more than we thought. Sat Nagar (Senior Engineer) said the two figures are separate. The 316K includes 20% of the local match for construction and the cost to upgrade signal at Sheridan and Central. M. Lyons said that if she thought
a smaller amount was mentioned before this he would look into it. Ald. Rainey said he did not have to.

It was moved by Ald. Grover and seconded by Ald. Rainey that A5 be approved. A voice vote was taken and it was approved 4 - 0.

(A6) **Ordinance 85-O-11, Amending Title 10, Regarding Residents Parking Only Districts, Adding District S: Eight o’clock (8:00) A.M. to Six o’clock (6:00) P.M. Monday through Saturday for 2500 Block of Hurd Avenue**

Staff and the Transportation/Parking Committee recommend approval of Ordinance 85-O-11 amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 11: Schedule XVIII; Residents Parking Only Districts, of the Evanston City Code, Adding (Q). District S: eight o’clock (8:00) A.M. to six o’clock (6:00) P.M. Monday through Saturday for 2500 block of Hurd Avenue.

It was moved by Ald. Rainey and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that A6 be approved. A voice vote was taken and it was approved 5-0.

(A7) **Ordinance 86-O-11 Amending Title 10, Regarding Limited Parking Residential Exemption District ‘A’, Adding Lincoln Street, South Side, from Orrington Avenue to Sherman Avenue**

Staff and the Transportation/Parking Committee recommend approval of Ordinance 86-O-11 amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 10: Schedule X (F) 6; Limited Parking, of the Evanston City Code, to include in Residential Exemption District ‘A’, Lincoln Street, South Side, from Orrington Avenue to Sherman Avenue.

It was moved by Ald. Burrus and seconded by Ald. Braithwaite that A7 be approved. A voice vote was taken and it was approved 5-0.

IV. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

V. **COMMUNICATIONS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ald. Homes, as Chair, noting that there was no further business to conduct, declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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