CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, September 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(I) City Council Roll Call – Begin with Alderman Holmes

(II) Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations
   National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15-October 15, 2014
   Frances E. Willard 175th Anniversary - September 2014
   Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program Youth Recognition

(III) City Manager Public Announcements
   What We Did This Summer
   Northwestern University Lakefront Path Update

(IV) Communications: City Clerk

(V) Citizen Comment
   Members of the public are welcome to speak at City Council meetings. As part of the Council agenda, a period for citizen comments shall be offered at the commencement of each regular Council meeting. Those wishing to speak should sign their name, address and the agenda item or topic to be addressed on a designated participation sheet. If there are five or fewer speakers, fifteen minutes shall be provided for Citizen Comment. If there are more than five speakers, a period of forty-five minutes shall be provided for all comment, and no individual shall speak longer than three minutes. The Mayor will allocate time among the speakers to ensure that Citizen Comment does not exceed forty-five minutes. The business of the City Council shall commence forty-five minutes after the beginning of Citizen Comment. Aldermen do not respond during Citizen Comment. Citizen Comment is intended to foster dialogue in a respectful and civil manner. Citizen comments are requested to be made with these guidelines in mind.

(VI) Special Orders of Business

(VII) Call of the Wards
   (Aldermen shall be called upon by the Mayor to announce or provide information about any Ward or City matter which an Alderman desires to bring before the Council.) {Council Rule 2.1(10)}

(VIII) Executive Session
SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

(SP1) Proposed Fountain Square Renovation Project
Staff will present information regarding the proposed renovation of Fountain Square to address the deteriorated infrastructure and requests City Council direction regarding the allocation of funds from the Washington National TIF to pay for the improvements.
For Action

(SP2) Solid Waste Proposal
Staff will present information regarding the solid waste operations and requests City Council direction regarding the development of a request for proposal to cover the next five to seven years of solid waste operations.
For Action

(SP3) 2015 Human Services Priorities & Strategies for At-Risk Populations
Staff requests City Council consider staff presentations regarding human services needs and resources for at-risk populations.
For Discussion

(SP4) Cultural Arts Update
A presentation will be given by staff to update Mayor and Council Members about observations, changes, projects and upcoming events and vision for Cultural Arts in Evanston. There is no recommended action at this time.
For Discussion

MEETINGS SCHEDULED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2014
Upcoming Aldermanic Committee Meetings

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Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works
       Sat Nagar, P.E., Assistant Director of Engineering and Infrastructure
       Stefanie Levine, PLA, Senior Project Manager

Subject: Proposed Fountain Square Renovation Project

Date: September 8, 2014

Recommended Action:
Staff will present information regarding the proposed renovation of Fountain Square to address the deteriorated infrastructure and requests City Council direction regarding the allocation of funds from the Washington National TIF to pay for the improvements.

Summary:
Fountain Square has been the heart of downtown Evanston since 1854 and is critical to the City’s identity. This presentation will include background information regarding the site’s history, current uses, recent improvements and operational challenges. Additionally, the presentation will outline the proposed improvement project and staff’s anticipated implementation methodology for Council consideration and discussion. The proposed time-line for the project is as follows:

Community Visioning    Fall/Winter 2014
Design                 2015
Construction           2016
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works
Jim Maiworm, Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance

Subject: Solid Waste Proposal

Date: September 15, 2014

Recommended Action:
Staff will present information regarding the solid waste operations and requests City Council direction regarding the development of a request for proposal to cover the next five to seven years of solid waste operations.

Summary:
The presentation will include background information regarding the City’s solid waste operations and programs. Staff will discuss some options that will increase diversion rates and reduce costs. The proposed time-line for the project is as follows:

- Commercial Franchise Survey: Fall/Winter 2014
- RFP Development: Winter 2015
- Contract Award: Spring 2015
- New Contract Commencement: November 1, 2015
Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager

Subject: 2015 Human Services Priorities & Strategies for At-Risk Populations

Date: September 9, 2014

Recommended Action:
Staff requests City Council consider the staff presentations regarding human services needs and resources for at-risk populations.

Summary:
In June, staff commenced an effort to address the needs for at-risk populations in Evanston by identifying existing services and resources provided by the City and ways to improve coordination across departments. Various City departments engaged in this project including the City Manager’s Office, Evanston Public Library, Parks Recreation & Community Services Health, Police, and Community Development. The group met several times throughout the summer and identified a number of priorities and resources to be considered for implementation in 2015.

Four age segments were identified to have specific needs requiring administration to available resources. The segments are Youth (0-16), Youth & Young Adults (16-24), Adults (25-54), and Seniors (55 and older). Below is brief summary of the priorities being recommended for 2015 by staff. Staff leads will also present in more detail the strategies associated with each priority.

For the Youth (0-16) segment the Evanston Public Library (EPL) was identified as a valuable resource to coordinate services within the City and with external partners. Staff identified one priority: To expand and deepen engagement with Evanston School District 65 and local childcare providers to coordinate programs within the schools and the library during “out of school” time.

The need to improve services and resources for the Youth & Young Adult (16-24) segment ranged from mental health, social service, substance abuse, academic, and employment programs. Staff identified several key priorities for 2015, including:
• Employ more social workers for case management to triage and manage services.
• Expand Youth & Young Adult program outreach efforts and increase private sector support.
• Work with community stakeholders to establish a workforce training and development service continuum between National ABLE (18+), Youth Job Center (14-25), EPL and the City.
• Create an expanded public education campaign to address the various substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases/infections and mental health issues that are prevalent among the target demographic.
• Align resources with EPL, Parks, Recreation & Community Services programs and School Districts 65 and 202 to address growing literacy issues among target demographic.

The Adult (18-54) segment overlaps with the previous group presenting similar challenges combined with a lack of basic needs such as housing, healthcare, and food access. Staff identified a number of strategies needed for this segment; however, the key priority for the City to better serve this group will be through the development of a central case management system. A centralized system provides a single access point for individuals and a system for the City, and partners, to categorize individuals’ needs, identify resources and track progress.

The last segment identified was Seniors (55 and older). Again several priorities were identified. The first is a centralized case management system to classify needs, identify resources, and track clients. Fortunately, the City continues to receive grant funding through the Older Americans Act: Title III program for ombudsman services in the long-term care facilities and now in the community as well.

The second priority comprises the development of a comprehensive housing strategy and a single fund to assist with all housing needs for seniors. This would not require additional City funding, but rather reallocating funds from the Affordable Housing Fund. As more residents continue to age in the community, the Levy Center has become an even greater resource for seniors and their adult children.

A joint priority for youth, young adult and seniors focuses on outreach and education. The community needs to know and understand what services and resources are available to them.

Staff is requesting the City Council to consider the priorities for 2015 Human Service Strategies and provide direction to staff for implementation next year.
Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jennifer Lasik, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Subject: Cultural Arts Update

Date: September 15, 2014

Recommended Action:
A presentation will be given by staff to update Mayor and Council Members about observations, changes, projects and upcoming events and vision for Cultural Arts in Evanston. There is no recommended action at this time.