MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday December 5, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

Members Present: Ald. Braithwaite, Holmes, Fiske, Grover, and Tendam

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chief Richard Eddington, Douglas Gaynor, Nicola Whyte, Kathryn
Agonis, Bob Dorneker, Wally Bobkiewicz

Presiding Member: Ald. Fiske

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Fiske called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of November
It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting be
approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
Proposed Ordinance 56-O-11 enacting a new subsection to the City Code Title 1-17-4:
Sale or Lease of Real Property

Larry Raffel, 3509 Central Street spoke on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board, he
reiterated the Recreation Board’s goal for the proposed ordinance 56-O-11subsection.

Four committee members spoke out against the proposed ordinance changes but would
consider a resolution; the ordinance was sent back to the Board.

Township of Evanston November 2011 Monthly Bills totaling $87,235.08
It was moved and seconded to remove the legal invoice for Gregory Palina in the
amount of $2, 172.61 for payment from the Township bills. A voice vote was taken and
the motion was approved 5-0.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston October monthly bills
totaling $85,162.47. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved 5-0.

- A formal policy for fund balance has not been formalized by the Township.
- A city staff person has been assigned to the Township to coordinate integrating
  the Township’s information technology, accounting and payroll with the City.
The Committee advised the Township Supervisor not to speak to the Township’s landlord regarding renewal of their lease which ends in 2013.

A meeting is set for December 9th for the Township and a City staff to walk the Civic Center to assess space inventory for the Township needs.

Currently the penalty for breaking the Township lease is being reviewed by the Township attorney.

Township Audit
Jason Coyle, CPA, Partner, Baker Tilly summarized the audit;
- Due to improvements the Township did not have any Material Weaknesses on this audit.
- The Township has 2.6 million in assets
- The fund balance decreased slightly to 1.8 million dollars
- Improvement has been made since last year

It was moved and seconded to accept the Township of Evanston audit, a voice vote was taken and the motion was approved 5-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Review of Police Complaint
Chief Eddington introduced Commander Aretha Hartley; she will also attend Human Services meetings with him from time to time.

The committee had no questions or concern regarding the Review of Police Complaints.

Report from Northwestern on Drug and Alcohol Enforcement and Off-Campus Policing
During the November 7, 2011 Human Services Committee Meeting a research results was communicated to the Committee regarding the lack of marijuana arrest on the Northwestern campus. The information report was inaccurate partly due to how the questions on the FOIA were phrased. The researchers asked how many arrests did the Evanston Police Department make for marijuana which resulted in the information they were given. To receive an accurate number the question would have been better phrased “How many arrests were made in the jurisdiction of Evanston for marijuana.”

Marijuana tickets given out to Northwestern students are presented at the City’s Administrative Adjudication. Northwestern students can also be further reprimanded by their academic department of the University.

Special Event Permit Policy as it relates to the number of special events that take place at the lakefront each year.

David Reynolds, 204 Davis has concerns about the changes to the policy and high impact activities.

The applications for the 2012 are being sent out; however, request for events has already been declined due to the limit of special events currently.
By categorizing the activities such as high and low impact it would allow new activities to be considered. Picnics and wedding ceremony would be considered low impact due to the short time they would occupy the area. High impact events would have a high number of participants and occupy the area for a length of time.

Mr. Reynolds suggested setting criteria for high impact activities.

Ald Fiske will discuss the special events policy at the first ward meeting with Mr. Gaynor in attendance. Four of the five committee members voiced their approval of the separation of high and low impact activities and felt it was a good idea to open up the lakefront to smaller events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department