MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, December 3, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Joseph McRae, Karen Danczak-Lyons, Angela Hearts-Glass, Chief Richard Eddington, Henry Ford, Nicola Whyte, Matt Swentkofske, Commander Diane Davis, Wally Bobkiewicz, Commander Dugan

Presiding Member: Ald. Holmes

Declaration of Quorum
With a quorum present, Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of November 5, 2012

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved 4-0.

Citizen Comments
Junad Rizki does not support the proposed purchase of the Harley Clarke Mansion to Tawani Enterprises he felt as a tax payer selling the lakefront property is a “big problem”. He felt instead of selling property the City should review current problems and find solutions. He stated he requested a meeting a year ago to voice his concerns regarding the water department which never occurred. City Manager Bobkiewicz (sitting in the audience) told Mr. Rizki his secretary would contact him the following day to set up a meeting.

John Bamburg, 7750 S. Emerald wanted to know why his questions regarding his complaint was not being addressed by the Evanston Police Department; he was not happy with the disposition of his complaint which was Unfounded.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Review of Police Complaints
Commander Diane Davis and Sergeant Joe Dugan will take over duties of the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) due to the promotion of Commander Hartley and Sergeant Hearts-Glass Chief Eddington announced.

Attitude one-on-one is an eight hour training course conducted by retired Deputy Chief Chuck Madder he brings a unique understanding on how to interact with the public from his years of
being on the force. This training offers techniques and strategies on non-confrontational communication and a way to diffuse confrontation before it gets out of hand.

The report was accepted by the committee 5-0.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
Township of Evanston November 2012 Monthly Bills

It was moved and seconded to approve the Township of Evanston November 2012 monthly bills. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.

Assessor Bonnie Wilson report

This past month the Evanston Township Assessor’s office helped 7 taxpayers correct previous property tax bills for missed exemptions totaling $6,910.52.

The total amount of corrections, for missed exemptions, for the first eight months of the fiscal year totals $338,549.02.

The senior exemption renewal mailing is going out December 21 just during the Holiday Season with a tentative return of January 23, 2013 for the first mailing. Now all seniors 65 and over have to apply for a senior exemption.

All November Certificate of Errors are processed.

Ald. Grover asked about the increase in the number of clients; the Executive Director Rosemary Jean-Paul stated the increase is due to homeless individuals, residents who have exhausted unemployment benefits and were denied extension and individuals who have lost their job.

From July 2012 to December 2012 there has been an increase in the number of clients being assisted. There has been an increase in Wards 2 and 4 for clients 51-60 years of age.

Ald. Braithwaite asked about the status of the relocation of the Township. The status is as follows:

- The rented storage space has been vacated and now storage has been secured in a City building
- A space has been identified for relocation
- The current lease expires September 2013, that is the projected time for relocation
- The City will assist the Township with moving free of charge
- The City is helping with accounting and IT functions

Awarding of contract to the Novak Consulting Group for a Management Audit of Evanston Township

It was moved and seconded to Approval Awarding of contract to the Novak Consulting Group for a Management Audit of Evanston Township. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.
Harley Clarke Mansion Evaluation Process– Request for Proposal (RFP)

Deputy Assistant Joe McCray gave a summary of the Request for Proposal and requested an Executive Session to review the bid. An executive session was scheduled for December 17, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the RFP.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the request for an Executive Session. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.*

**COMMUNICATIONS**
Human Services Committee proposed 2013 meeting schedule.

*It was moved and seconded to approve the 2013 meeting schedule. A voice vote was taken and the motion was passed 5-0.*

**ADJOURNMENT**
It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary, Health Department