Minutes of the Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, November 3, 2010  
7:00 P.M.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center  
Council Chambers  

**PRESENT:** Ald. Lionel Jean-Baptiste, Mark Tendam, Judy Fiske,  
Delores Holmes and Jane Grover  

**PRESIDING:** Ald. Judy Fiske  

**ABSENT:**  

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Anger, Assistant City Attorney; Doug Gaynor, Director,  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services; Sol Anderson, Youth Coordinator;  
Nicola Whyte, Health Department; Richard Eddington, Police Chief; Sergeant  
Angela Heartsglass, Police Dept; Patrice Quehl, Youth Advocate.  

**TOWNSHIP OF EVANSTON:** Bonnie Wilson, Township Assessor; Nick Pavletic,  
Deputy Assessor.  

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**  

**Call to Order**  
*Alderman Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.*  

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 4, 2010 MINUTES**  
*Ald. Jean Baptiste moved approval, Ald Tendam seconded; approved 5-0.*  

**Township of Evanston Monthly Bills totaling $101,873.20**  
*Ald. Holmes moved approval, Ald Tendam seconded; approved 5-0.*  

Ms. Wilson announced that the Township staff will be attending the Annual  
Illinois Township Conference in Springfield the weekend of November 6th and will  
not be at the November 8th City Council meeting.  

She updated the Committee on her office’s progress on property taxes.  

**Ordinance 23-O-10 Amending Various Sections of Title 9, Public Safety,”  
Chapter 4, “Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl,” of the Evanston City Code**  
*Ald. Holmes moved for approval to limit the number of hen coops within each  
ward, Ald Jean-Baptiste seconded; motion failed 3-2.*  
- Ald. Tendam does not agree with the proposed ward restrictions.  
- Ald. Grover agrees with Ald. Tendam; some wards do overlap into the  
same neighborhood, which may cause a concentration of coops albeit  
they are in two wards.
Ald. Holmes supports the proposed ward restrictions “because it’s a matter of equity.”

Ald. Jean-Baptiste wondered how the ward restriction would be affected after the proposed ward reconfiguration.

Ald. Fiske would like the wording in paragraph 7 reworded. “…Nothing in this ordinance is to be interpreted as prohibiting any licensed establishment to slaughter for food purposes any animals which are specifically raised for food purposes.”

**Citizen Comments:**
Betty Sue Ester, 2031 Church St, does not support the proposed truancy ordinance. She stated the Board of Education currently penalizes the parents and the proposed penalty would penalize the parents times two.

Albert Gibbs, 1830 Hartrey Ave, does not support the proposed ordinance.

Madelyn Ducre, 1929 Forest St., does not support the proposed ordinance.

**Update on Citizens Review of Police Complaints**
Ald Grover stated this batch of reviews showcased the Police Department not just as a law enforcement entity but also in the capacity of a social worker for the residents.

**Ordinance 51-O-10, Amending the Evanston Code by adding to Title 9, “Public Safety,” Chapter 6, “Minors,” a New Section 5 “Community Accountability Truancy Program”**
“Ald. Grover moved to forward to the City Council, Ald. Tendam seconded; approved 4-1.

Vernon Clark, Associate Principal, at Evanston Township High School (ETHS) stated this is not an ordinance that the school board enacted; however, they do support it. ETHS does have a truancy policy, which they use to reengage truants. If their policy/procedures are unsuccessful, the final attempt to reengage the truant is done through the Community Accountability Board (CAB).

The approval of this ordinance would give the school more leverage getting the teens back to school.

Last year ETHS had approximately 24 chronic truants, Mr. Clark felt that was due to the vacancy of the regional Truant Officer who is located in Des Plaines. The position was recently filled and he hopes this will reduce the number of truants.

Chief Eddington stated the Police Department’s interaction would be via the EPD Youth Services Coordinator Patrice Quehl; however, the citation would be issued by a uniform officer or the truant officer.
The Committee agreed on the following edits to the penalty clause:

9-6-5-6: PENALTY:

The parent(s), guardian(s), or legal custodian(s) of a truant who is thirteen (13) years of age or older, or his or her parent(s), guardian(s) or legal custodian(s), but not both, who violate the provisions of this Section is subject to a fine of up to one hundred dollars ($100.00). The parent(s), guardian(s) or legal custodian(s) of a truant who is under thirteen (13) years of age is subject to a fine of up to one hundred dollars ($100.00) if the minor, or his or her parent(s), guardian(s) or legal custodian(s), violate the provisions of this Section.

Draft Tree Preservation Ordinance

Legal will review if there is a difference between planned development (page 4) and planned residential development (page 7) and report to the Committee at the December 6th meeting.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved to adjourn, Ald. Grover seconded; approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Evanston Health Department