Minutes of the Human Services Committee  
Tuesday September 7, 2010  
5:30 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, Petra Belcher, Parks, Recreation  
and Community Services, Wally Bobkiewicz City Manager

TOWNSHIP OF EVANSTON:  
Bonnie Wilson, Township Assessor

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Call to Order  
*Alderman Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF August 2, 2010 MINUTES  
*Ald. Holmes moved approval, Ald Jean-Baptiste seconded; approved 5-0.

Citizen Comments:  
Bonnie Wilson gave an update of the Township Assessor's Office; she  
introduced Nicholas Pavletic, the new Deputy Assessor.

Betty Ester 2031 Church St. is concerned about the restrictions placed on  
residents who signed up to speak at meetings. She feels it is their right to speak  
even if it is another resident has made the same remarks.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Township of Evanston Monthly Bills totaling $202,317.35  
*Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved approval for discussion, Ald. Holmes seconded; no  
vote was taken for approval

The committee would like a presentation from the township at the October  
meeting, they would like the following covered;  
- how are the funds distributed,  
- what does the funds cover,  
- what is the criteria for eligibility,
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- what is the training process for those receiving general assistance to make the transition off GA,
- how do they receive new clients, what are the limits of GA if any i.e. how long can you stay on GA,
- limits of active phase,
- the definition of a suspended client,
- How much does it cost to run the office and how much funds is distributed.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste recommended moving the bills to council for discussion; a Township representative was not present at the meeting to answer the committee’s questions. The consensus of the committee was to move the Township bills to council; however, a formal vote was not taken.

**Update on Citizen Review of Police Complaints**

Ald. Holmes questioned the street blocks indicated in DI#10-22 written as “beginning at 1300 Darrow and ending at 2300 Darrow”, Chief Eddington stated he will check the original report and forward a reply to the committee.

**Chief Eddington reply to the committee: it was a typographical error; the foot chase began at 1300 Darrow and ended at 1322 Darrow, in the rear where the subject was apprehended.**

Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked Chief Eddington to clarify why the officer in CR#10-3 was suspended with options. The Chief replied that the older generation of officers valued their paychecks; however, the younger generation value is placed on their vacation or compensatory time. With options gives the suspended officer the option of taking two days off without pay or forfeiting vacation or compensatory time.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste felt with options does not reprimand “punish” the officer of his wrong doing but instead give him a choice as to how he would like his reprimand to be carried out. The Chief replied historically that has been the policy.

**No representative was present for Peer Services**

**Tree preservation ordinance**

Ald. Fiske would like a much more comprehensive ordinance that would protect the trees from developers and the destruction of old trees. Ald Fiske selected two ordinances for the committee to review they are Bannockburn and Deerfield.

* A resident proposed including restriction to a home owner from removing old trees from their property.

Ald. Fiske suggested enacting a tree committee of citizens that would report to the City Council.
Reorganization of the Township of Evanston

Ald. Fiske would like to look at the Township to review ways to improve efficiencies.
Ald. Holmes asked if the Township Supervisor was notified of this item, she felt they should always be notified when the committee plans a discussion on anything regarding them.
Ald. Grover suggested including the Leagues of Women Voters.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste concurs that the Township Supervisor should be notified and the committee should realize that they are limited when it come to the Township and regulating their efficiencies.

The Township Assessor stated she should also be notified when the committee will be discussing the Township. She also extended an invitation to the committee to tour the Assessor’s office.

Ald. Fiske stated her purpose for bringing this to the committee is to gauge their interest in opening a dialogue.

Jean Baptiste motion for adjournment, Ald. Tendam seconded; approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:39 p.m.