CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, July 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Alderman Fiske Alderman Tendam
Alderman Braithwaite Alderman Grover
Alderman Wynne Alderman Rainey
Alderman Holmes Alderman Burrus

Absent: Alderman Wilson

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl
Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:10 P.M. after a Roll Call showed a quorum of Aldermen were present.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations
Mayor Tisdahl acknowledged “Presence St. Francis Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System’s 40th Anniversary”, and naming July 21, 2014 as their day of recognition by presenting them with a framed proclamation. Division Fire Chief, Dewhite Holt thanked the City for the recognition as he also introduced Mr. Greenberg, Asst. Program Coordinator. Mr. Greenberg EMS Coordinator then introduced his team members: Ms. Dryer, Marketing & Public Relations, Ms. Moss, EMS Administrator Asst., Mr. Abraham, Dir. Patient Services, Mr. Porter, Regional CMO. He also thanked the City for recognizing their efforts in the area. They then had a photo op before retiring to their perspective seats.

Mayor Tisdahl announced the recognition of Caroline Colianne, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalist at the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games - Illinois Aquatics Team. The Mayor presented Caroline with a framed certificate for her accomplishments. Mr. Leonard Woodson, Special Recreation Program Mgr., spoke on behalf of Caroline’s leadership on and off the field.

The Mayor also announced the recognition of Parker English, the Gatorade Illinois Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year, and also presented her with a framed certificate of her accomplishments.

City Manager Public Announcements, he had no announcement.
Communications: City Clerk, had no communications.

Citizen Comment:
The following citizens spoke on SP4:
Howard Hendrix, 1332 Davis Street stated there is no available parking for his church members and it will be a hindrance to the congregation.
Nancy Sreehan, 2400 Park Pl. thanked the council and asked them to approve the plan.
Dan Joseph, 1510 Greenwood was in support of the bike plan and stated it’s a great beginning.
Tom Witt, 2312 Hartrey member of Evanston Bicycle Club and is in support of the plan, but education and training are essential and have volunteered their services.
Suzie Labelle, 1618 Walnut Ave., Wilmette the President of the Evanston Bike Club gave her personal reasons for supporting the proposed bike plan.
Peter Hague, 1302 Davis St. believes it is immature for the Council to approve this plan, and the millions of dollars could be used for more important areas in the City.
Mary Martinson, 1315 Davis St. spoke against the plan because of the lack of a survey of the impact to the Historic area of the proposed bike plan, and to include amendments to the plan.
Janet Steidl, 1401 Davis St. stated six of the eight bike paths go through the Historic Preservation District, and she asked that the vote to approve this plan should be withheld.
Rebecca A. KUGHAR, 1414 Davis St. she supports safe biking, but she is against the protected bike lane on Davis Street, which causes a narrowing of the passage on Davis.
Jessie & Rosa Hand, Wesley & Davis, they are opposed to the proposed existing plan and should be held until further information or study be provided.
Sandra Lichty, 1425 Davis St. she stated the data is not a plan but a proposal and she requested the vote should be held.
Sara Schastok, 1602 she asked the Council to engage in community concerns before the vote is placed, because the plan was not shared with them.
Brian Gratch, 1636 Ashland stated the data does not add up according to the proposal. He stated this was some sloppy work and the Council should take a good look before voting.
Tim Tanner, 749 Sherman Ave. #2 he stated the bike plan is premature and it lacks a complete community input.
Mike Prokoprah, 1515 Davis

Water Sales
Junad Rizki, 2784 Sherman Ave. stated the water situation is a fiscal mess as he has stated before. He also stated the Capital Fund is under funded and that the council has a responsibility to look into these kinds of things.

Non-Agenda items
Junad Rizki, 2784 Sherman stated the City is looking to receive
Peggy Tarr, 907 Sherman Ave. commented on Revolution’s Spin constant noise. She also stated the Evanston Police Department said they will no longer send out an Officer in response to their concerning the complaints
Stephanie Saunders, 2210 Emerson St.
SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

(SP1) **Downtown Evanston Update**
A presentation from Downtown Evanston staff will be provided.
*For Discussion*
Annie Cokley, Executive Director of Downtown Evanston gave a slide presentation which highlighted the various interests of Downtown Evanston. She mentioned an increase in traffic as seen on their website as well as the City’s website.

(SP2) **Wholesale Water Sales Update**
An update from staff regarding wholesale water sales will be provided.
*For Discussion*
Mr. Dave Stoneback, Director of Utilities presented a slide presentation of the water department and the future and present goals for the department. He also stated the contract with Skokie will expire in 2017 and there is no desire to renew under the old contract. Alderman Wynne suggested to be proactive with the surrounding communities to become partners with Evanston. Alderman Rainey wanted to know what we will gain from this proposal.

(SP3) **Youth and Young Adult Program Update**
Staff will give a presentation regarding the Youth and Young Adult Programs.
*For Discussion*
Mr. McRae, Director of Parks/Recreation/Community Services, Deputy Clerk announced the shooting that occurred during the course of this Council meeting. Mr. McRae then introduced Mr. Kevin Brown, Youth and Young Adult Programs Manager. Mr. Brown spoke of the number of youth who are engaged with their fellow youth in limiting gang related issues in their communities. He stated there have been 416 clients who have been served through the program since March 2012. He introduced his Assistant Manager Ms. Portia Davis.

(SP4) **Bike Plan Update and Report**
Staff recommends City Council acceptance of the 2014 Updated Evanston Bicycle Plan. Acceptance of the plan will provide staff guidance for development of an implementation plan to improve biking in Evanston.
*For Action*
Mayor Tisdahl stated that Alderman Wilson who was absent asked that this item be held over. Alderman Rainey motioned to hold this item and it was seconded by Alderman Holmes. There was some discussion after the motion was made. Ms. Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works was allowed to speak on the issue at hand by Mayor Tisdahl. Alderman Rainey then stated that there was a motion to hold and unless someone make a motion to overrule her motion to continue with discussion of the item should cease, which it did at that point.

(SP5) **2014 Snow Survey Report**
Staff recommends that City Council receive the 2014 Snow Survey Report and consider proposed recommendations for the 2014-2015 snow Season.
*For Action*
Mr. James Maiworm, Asst. Director/Operations/Facilities spoke on how the future plans
for snow removal in the City as well as alleviating snowplow buildups and acquiring other snow removal equipment.

**SP6 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Facilities Improvements for 2014 to 2017**

*Staff presents the 2014 Facilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) status, and the proposed 2015-to-2017 Facilities CIP for discussion.*

**For Discussion**

Mr. Bobkiewicz gave a brief introduction into the other issues under SP6 for a future date as well as thanking those individuals who were instrumental in the weekend festivities.

**Call of the Wards**

Ward 1, Alderman Fiske was very impressed with the staff in working together to address the issues we face and she takes this very seriously, as she offers her services.

Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite thanked the staff for their reports and the City Manager for pulling together and making it work hand in hand.

Ward 3, Alderman Wynne no report.

Ward 5, Alderman Holmes no report.

Ward 6, Alderman Tendam announced his ward meeting for Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 3 Crowns Park at 7pm talk about flooding by Mr. Stoneback, and the Age Friendly Task Force.

Ward 7, Alderman Grover no report.

Ward 8, Alderman Rainey commented on the Brummel Park and the Ethnic Fest with the hard work of the staff. She also wished Happy Birthday to Aldermen Grover, Burrus, Braithwaite, and Wally.

Ward 9, Alderman Burrus no report.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn and it was made and seconded, and with a Voice Vote the meeting ended at 10:20 P.M.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, MMC
City Clerk