CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, May 19, 2014
7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

A quorum was present

PRESIDING: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tisdahl, Monday May 19, 2014 at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations:
Mayor Tisdahl announced National Public Works Week, May 18-24 and Snow Appreciation. The Mayor called upon Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works and the Public Works Department for a great job on the snow removal this past winter.

City Manager Public Announcements

Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works presented Snow Appreciation for 2013-14. Evanston broke the record for snowiest winter with 90.9 inches. Director Robinson thanked Health, Administrative Services, Public Works, Police, Parks and Forestry, Streets and Sanitation, Fleet, and Utilities for all of their hard work. She also thanked the citizens for their patience and support. Director Robinson gave a special thanks to Jim Maiworm for all of his hard work and dedication.

City of Evanston Fleet Division of the Public Works department was awarded 100 Best Fleets Honorable Mention by 2014 Governing Magazine.
The City of Evanston has been awarded Tree City USA for 30th consecutive year. The Goal is to raise $25,000 by the end of 2014. A link will be posted on the Forestry department web page to make direct donations. Director Robinson gave a special thanks to Paul D’Agostino. Paul presented Mayor Tisdahl with 30th year Growth award.

Bike Plan Update: Director Robinson gave a brief report in regards to plans for making Evanston Bike friendly. She also stated that there will be an additional survey available for 2014 and she will report back to City Council in July 2014. Survey can be completed at www.cityofevanston.org/bikeability.

Communications: City Clerk
Deputy City Clerk Blackman had no communication

Citizen Comment
The following people spoke on item SP1
Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese does not support proposed item
Priscilla Giles, 1829 Ashland supported the proposed item
The following people spoke on SP2
Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese supported proposed item
Elehnor Revelle, 2815 Lakeside Court was in favor of Evanston Livability Plan
Steve Perkins, 1127 Hull Terrance supported Evanston Climate and Livability Plan
Tracy Hubbard, 1700 Oakton supports the Evanston Climate and Livability Plan

The following people spoke on SP3
Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese strongly supports the removal of disposable plastic shopping bags
Betty Ester, 2631 Church does not support this issue
Priscilla Giles, 1829 Ashland does not support this issue

The following person spoke on SP6
Nick Long, 3110 Thayer strongly supports grants for Lovelace Park

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

(SP1) “Cradle to Career” Initiatives
Staff recommends that the City Council consider joining the Cradle to Career initiative.
For Action

Joe McRae, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Seth Green, Marybeth Schroeder and Pastor Mark Green representatives from Cradle to Career. The presentation focused on making a difference in the community’s children and youth. Cradle to Career vision is that by the age of 23, all Evanston young adults...
will be leading productive lives. The Council voted 9-0 to refer to Human Services Committee.

(SP2) **Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP) Update and Evanston Livability Plan**
The Environment Board, Utilities Commission and staff recommend adoption of the Evanston Livability Plan and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal of 20% by 2016. Staff will give an update on the 2008 Evanston Climate Action Plan (ECAP) and recommendations for new goal and initiatives through 2016.

**For Action**

Catherine Hurley, Sustainable Programs Coordinator, presented Evanston Climate Action Plan Update and Evanston Livability Plan. ECAP reduced emissions by 13% in 2012; the Electricity aggregation programs, community engagement, and infrastructure for green transportation were in key our success. Evanston is recognized as National Leader in sustainability with a 4-Star Rating in March 2014.

Evanston Livability plan for May 2014 is to have 20% reduction by 2016. The key strategies are residential green power, business green power, building retrofits, transportation change, and commitment by City of Evanston and other major institutions.

City Council approved 9-0

(SP3) **Disposable Plastic Shopping Bag Issues**
It is recommended that City Council consider information regarding efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of plastic shopping bags in Evanston and provide direction on next steps.

**For Discussion**

Catherine Hurley, Sustainable Programs Coordinator, summarized the history of Evanston’s legislative on disposable bags. The City of Chicago approved their Ordinance on April 30, 2014 and is implemented into two phases. There will be a Community meeting to seek feedback on June 5, 2014 at the Evanston Ecology Center at 7:00 p.m.

(SP4) **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Facilities Improvements for 2014 to 2017**
Staff will give a presentation regarding the 2014 CIP project list, schedule and proposed facilities improvement plans for 2015 to 2017.

**For Discussion**

Postponed to future date

(SP5) **First Quarter Financial Report for FY2014**
Staff recommends City Council accept and place the First Quarter Financial Report for FY 2014 on file.
For Action: Accept and Place on File

City Manager Bobkiewicz briefly summarized that the City of Evanston is over in revenue and under in expenses. Alderman Holmes motioned to accept the report and it was seconded by Aldeman Tenedam.
City Council approved 9-0

(SP6) Approval of Lovelace Park – US Soccer Foundation Grant, Letter of Interest

Staff recommends City Council authorize the submission of a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the US Soccer Foundation requesting a grant for renovations to the Lovelace Park soccer field.

For Action

Alderman Rainey motioned to approve funding for Lovelace Park and it was seconded by Alderman Braithwaite.
City Council approved 9-0
APPOINTMENTS

(APP1) For Appointment to:
- Board of Animal Control: Jill Cabot
- Board of Animal Control: Meredith Rives
- Board of Animal Control: Diane Valletta
- M/W/EBE Dev. Committee: Paul Mark Wallace

For Action

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval of appointments and it was seconded by Alderman Holmes.
City Council approved 9-0

Call of the Wards:

4th Ward – Alderman Wilson had no report
5th Ward – Alderman Holmes reminded the Council to pick up and review Inequality for all film for the discussion on Cradle to Career.
6th Ward – Alderman Tendam had no report
7th Ward – Alderman Grover had no report
8th Ward – Alderman Rainey expressed concerns over getting notices and invitations in a timely manner. Also, traffic concerns on Ridge due to Northwestern University buses and respectfully requested the City manager and Mayor to look into this concerns
9th Ward – Alderman Burrus thanked the Council for the reconsidering the plastic bag ban
1st Ward – Alderman Fiske had no report
2nd Ward – Braithwaite had no report

Alderman Holmes motioned to adjourn and with a unanimous voice vote the Regular meeting of the City of Evanston ended at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted by

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Deputy City Clerk