I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Ald. Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2014

Ald. Grover moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 A&PW meeting as submitted, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

The minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously 5-0.

III. ACCELA PAL UPDATE/BUILDING PERMIT & CONTRACTOR ONLINE CITIZEN ACCESS DEMONSTRATION

Mark Muenzer, Director of Community Development, presented a live demonstration of the Accela Pal system for online citizen access. He explained that Accela is a real-time system that offers the historical status of permits back to 2008. It also compiles a list with contact information of contractors licensed to do business in the City of Evanston. The system is set to go-live August 1st. An announcement will be made and an icon will be available on the City website for quick access.

At Ald. Braithwaite’s inquiry, Director Muenzer explained that this system cannot confirm the preservation designation of a property. However, staff can determine if a preservation review is necessary.

At Ald. Grover’s inquiry, Director Muenzer agreed to look into the possibility of staff training for 311 employees. Ald. Rainey requested a list of unlicensed contractors/handymen for residents that do not need a licensed contractor.

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
For Action

Ald. Braithwaite moved to approve the City of Evanston Payroll (A1) through July 13, 2014, seconded by Ald. Burrus. The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the payroll.

Ald. Holmes moved to approve the City of Evanston Bills through July 29, 2014, seconded by Ald. Grover. The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the bills.

At Ald. Rainey's inquiry, Ald. Burrus explained that an update on the Crown Center will be provided in the fall.

Ald. Rainey acknowledged the Cherry Foundation for their donation to allow the City to purchase a three-wheel electric motor vehicle. Deputy Chief Jamraz explained that this vehicle is used at special events and the beach. He added that the vehicle has the full LED light, siren and horn package.

(A3.1) Approval of Renewal of Annual Sole Source Accela (PAL) Maintenance and Support Agreement

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to amend and renew the existing agreement with Accela Inc. (2633 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA). Renewal year 8 of the City’s 10 year contract in the amount of $128,000 has no increase from 2013. Additionally, the amended agreement secures lower rate increases for years 9 and 10 than projected (less than a .005% increase.)

For Action

Ald. Braithwaite moved to authorize the City Manager to amend and renew the existing agreement with Accela Inc. (2633 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA). Renewal year 8 of the City’s 10 year contract in the amount of $128,000 has no increase from 2013, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

(A3.2) Approval of Participation in a Joint Contract with the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for Pavement Marking

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract extension for participation in the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) for Pavement marking services for the not-to-exceed amount of $50,000. Participation will allow the City of Evanston to apply Thermoplastic marking materials throughout the City in support of the pedestrian safety program. Funding is provided by the FY2014 Capital Improvement Fund (416434.65515) which has $150,000 budgeted for pedestrian safety improvements.

For Action

Ald. Burrus moved to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract extension for participation in the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) for Pavement marking services for the not-to-exceed amount of $50,000, seconded by Ald. Grover.
The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

**A3.3** Approval of Agreement with Dahme Mechanical Industries for Chlorine Feed System Improvements (Bid 14-05)
Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Chlorine Feed System Improvements with Dahme Mechanical Industries (610 S. Arthur Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL) in the not-to-exceed amount of $333,888. Funding will be from the Water Fund, Capital Improvement Account 733122, which has a FY 2014 budget allocation of $200,000. Additional funds will be made available by deferring the Masonry Evaluation and Tuckpointing Project, which was budgeted at $280,000 in FY 2014.

*For Action*
Ald. Rainey moved to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Chlorine Feed System Improvements with Dahme Mechanical Industries in the not-to-exceed amount of $333,888, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the agreement.

**A3.4** Approval of Contract for Armored Car Services with Dunbar Armored, Inc., (RFP 14-24)
Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Armored Car Services with Dunbar Armored, Inc., (50 Schilling Road, Hunt Valley, MD) in an estimated first year amount of $81,000. Funding is provided by FY 2014 General Fund Account 100.19.1910.62431 in the amount of $38,000, and from Parking Fund Account 505.19.7005.62431 in the amount of $45,000. The overall cost has been reduced due to a reduction of costs for Pick-up of Deposits Counted and Bagged items, which is budgeted in the General Fund.

*For Action*
Ald. Grover moved to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Armored Car Services with Dunbar Armored, Inc. in an estimated first year amount of $81,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the contract.
Ald. Grover moved to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Armored Car Services with Dunbar Armored, Inc. in an estimated first year amount of $81,000, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

(A3.5) Approval of Contract for Towing and Other Related Services with North Shore Towing
City Staff and the Transportation/Parking Committee recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract extension for towing and other related services with North Shore Towing, Inc., (2527 Oakton, Evanston, IL) effective August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015. The estimated annual expenditure is $44,982. Funding is provided by FY2014 General Fund Boot and Tows Account 505.19.1941.62451.

For Action
Ald. Holmes moved to recommend City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract extension for towing and other related services with North Shore Towing, Inc. effective August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015 in the estimated annual expenditure amount of $44,982, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

Ald. Grover noted that the City of Evanston does not set the fee schedule or collect any of the proceeds from North Shore Towing.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the contract.

(A4) Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Central Park Avenue & Main St (Bid 13-42)
Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Kenny Construction Company (2215 Sanders Road Suite 400, Northbrook, IL) for the Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Central Park Ave and Main St. The change order will reduce the contract amount by $60,542.39, from $1,388,290.00 to $1,327,747.61. Staff also recommends a contract time extension of 30 days.

For Action
Ald. Braithwaite moved to recommend City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Kenny Construction Company for the Large Diameter Sewer Rehabilitation – Central Park Ave and Main St reducing the contract amount by $60,542.39, from $1,388,290.00 to $1,327,747.61 and extending the contract by 30 days, seconded by Ald. Grover.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend approval of the change order.

(A5) Resolution 56-R-14, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 717 Howard
Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 56-R-14 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the purchase of Real Property located at 717 Howard Street in Evanston, Illinois. Funding is provided by the Howard Ridge Tax
Increment Financing (TIF) District, which has an FY2014 beginning fund balance of $1,347,000.

**For Action**

Ald. Grover moved to recommend City Council adoption of Resolution 56-R-14 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the purchase of Real Property located at 717 Howard Street in Evanston, Illinois, seconded by Ald. Rainey.

Ald. Rainey thanked Deputy City Attorney Michelle Masoncup, Economic Development Manager Johanna Nyden and City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz for their brilliant efforts in this purchase.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend adoption of the resolution.

**Ordinance 65-O-14, Alley Paving Special Assessment No. 1512**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 65-O-14 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Thayer Street, east of Marcy Avenue through the Special Assessment Process. Funding is provided by: $145,072.46 from the Special Assessment Fund (6000.65515) and $145,072.46 from the 2014 approved CIP budget for alley paving. The adjacent property owners are responsible for half of the project cost through the special assessment process. Suspension of the Rules is requested for Introduction and Action on July 28, 2014.

**For Introduction and Action**

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend City Council adoption of Ordinance 65-O-14 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Thayer Street east of Marcy Avenue through the Special Assessment Process, seconded by Ald. Grover.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to adopt the ordinance.

**Ordinance 66-O-14, Enacting a Regulation on Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags and Other Related Issues**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 66-O-14 enacting a ban on disposable plastic shopping bags for chain and franchise stores and the attached information regarding efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of plastic shopping bags in Evanston. At the July 14, 2014 City Council meeting, this ordinance was introduced and sent back to Administration and Public Works Committee for further discussion.

**For Action**

Ald. Grover moved to recommend City Council adoption of Ordinance 66-O-14 enacting a ban on disposable plastic shopping bags for chain and franchise stores and the attached information regarding efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of plastic shopping bags in Evanston, seconded by Ald. Burrus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rosemary O’Neill, 2044 Sheridan Road, is opposed to the ban. Her neighbors are on vacation and do not know this issue is being discussed. She felt that Evanston
should not adopt the ban simply because Chicago has. She added that the use of cotton bags is not hypoallergenic. Ms. O’Neill suggested this issue be put to rest.

Ald. Rainey decided to support the ban because it makes sense. The more who do it the more it makes sense. She noted that one of the reasons she chose to support this ordinance is because it will not affect very small businesses.

Ald. Braithwaite has concerns about this ordinance from large stores as well as a large grocer looking to open in his ward.

Ald. Grover explained that this ordinance is scheduled to take effect a year from now. There is enough time for people to stockpile bags in preparation. She noted that “free” bags aren’t really free as the charge for production and shipping are ultimately passed on to the consumer. She is in support of this ordinance.

Ald. Holmes does not have any big box stores in her ward. She is concerned about the small businesses that she feels will eventually be affected by this ban. She suggested developing a bag to give out to people.

Ald. Rainey will not support an ordinance that will ban bags for small merchants now or in the future. She passed on a suggestion to the City from a constituent: Stop handing out plastic cups and start handing out bags.

The Committee voted 4-1 to adopt ordinance 66-O-14 with Ald. Braithwaite opposed.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(APW1) Discussion of Taxicab Matters

Grant Farrar, Corporation Counsel, explained that there is legislation on Governor Quinn’s desk to regulate rideshare services like Uber and Lyft. There is a strong home-rule preemption provision in it that would trump local regulations. Governor has until at least end of August or early September to decide whether to sign or veto this legislation. He recommended letting this issue unravel in Springfield before acting because anything done locally will be subject to home-rule preemption. At Ald. Grover’s inquiry, Corporation Counsel Farrar noted that House Bill 4075 is available on the Illinois General Assembly website.

Ald. Rainey stated very strongly that any home-rule preemption undermines the ability of Corporation Counsel to guide the city in public policy and the City’s rights and responsibilities. She requested that we fight this hard.

Corporation Counsel Farrar explained that the counter opposing approach is embodied by the City of Chicago ordinance passed in May 2014. For the purpose of discussion, the Law Department would be prepared to bring the City of Chicago regulations to the Council as opposed to the State of Illinois regulations. That is based on the premise the Governor Quinn vetos the State bill.
Ald. Rainey did not feel that the committee or Council is at the point to discuss this issue. She made a reference to the Administrative and Public Works Committee and the Rules Committee to instruct Mayor Tisdahl to speak with the Governor and legislators regarding our distress at the attempt of undermining home-rule in this legislation.

Henry Elizar, Owner of Norshore Cab Company, is unsure of how to proceed with operations. The ride sharing companies are operating with no rules. Should his company eliminate inspections and driver trainings? His company has the same technology as the ride sharing companies, yet they continue to lose business. He has reached out to the City and received no answers. Why does Evanston have to follow the City of Chicago. Ald. Holmes advised Mr. Elizar to continue to do lawful business.

Eli Bratt runs a fleet of Norshore Cabs and he was concerned that the playing field is not level for all involved. He pays between $15,000 and $20,000 per year to run his fleet. Uber has no expenses, inspections, insurance or city stickers to purchase. There are at least a dozen in Evanston.

Ald. Rainey explained that technology and insurance are not the only factors that differentiate ride sharing from traditional cab service. She has heard repeatedly how horrible it is to work for a cab company that takes $75 out of their pocket before he drives the first mile. She suggested that it may be useful to conduct some customer service training for a more pleasant experience. Ald. Rainey added that the Committee and Council will discuss the issue further.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. ADJOURNMENT
   Ald. Grover moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Braithwaite.

   The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08p.m.

   Respectfully submitted,
   Janella Hardin