CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, October 20, 2014

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

Presiding: Mayor Tisdahl
Mayor Tisdahl called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 P.M.
Alderman Fiske arrived after Roll Call at 7:09 P.M.

Mayor Public Announcements
Mayor Tisdahl then urged everyone to get out and vote.

City Manager Public Announcements
The City Manager called upon Mr. Joe McRae to come forward to introduce a new service the City will be providing. Mr. McRae announced the smart phone app that his staff has designed. Ray Dorner, Program Coordinator Chandler Newberger Center discussed the app which will provide instantaneous information for the public. Around me Tab, Calendar tab, and Notification Tab, Featured Event Tab. Mr. McRae thanked the Council for their support in this endeavor.

Erika Storlie, Deputy City Manager announced the three awards the City won from the PTI Solution Awards. They were: “Web solutions to allow citizens to pay fees online”. Mr. Ricky Voss was credited with the IT & Telecommunication for the “Sticker less wheel tax”, “Public Safety Technology”. Police Chief Eddington gave credit to staff for the transformation of a Brink’s Truck into an Evanston Police vehicle, the Evanston Community Builders donated the solar panels, and lastly Detective Brian Marks saw the idea at a Conference and he took the idea and refined it to loiter on the streets. Mr. Bobkiewicz commented that cities all over compete for these recognitions, but Evanston is the only one to receive all three and this is an accomplishment due to the talented staff.

Communications: City Clerk
The City Clerk announced that early voting is now in effect and at the close of the first day there were 211 votes cast.
Public Comment
Junad Rizki spoke of his concerns with the proposed budget and stated the Council members sit quietly and says nothing, but are in private communications among themselves.
Mike Vasilko spoke concerning the proposed budget. He stated one way to not raising taxes is to stop giving out millions of dollars to wealthy Corporations who want to do business here in Evanston, but say they are broke.
Betty Ester spoke of the Township budget that Mr. Bobkiewicz made concerning the figures for the GA Funds was incorrect. She suggested they take the proposed budget and revisit it before approving.
Junad Rizki also spoke on a non-agenda item concerning the water department, and wanted the Council to do an analysis of the Water Department. He asked where this half a million net from the water has gone.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
The following item was given by Mr. Lyons and City staff Directors using slide Presentations.

(SP1) FY2015 Budget Workshop
Mr. Lyons announced the first workshop to be Saturday, October 25, 2014 in the Council Chambers at 9:00 A.M. in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

Call of the Wards
Ward 8, Alderman Rainey had no report.

Ward 9, Alderman Burrus suggested all to lock their car doors. Also slow down, stop at stop signs, and stop texting

Ward 1, Alderman Fiske had no report.

Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite had no report.

Ward 3, Alderman Wynne had no report.

Ward 4, Alderman Wilson had no report.

Ward 5, Alderman Holmes reported on a group working toward stopping gun violence, and the group made 100 posters

Ward 6, Alderman Tendam had no report.

Ward 7, Alderman Grover thanked the budget staff.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn and Alderman Grover motioned and it was seconded. With a positive Voice Vote the meeting ended at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by,
Hon. Rodney Greene, MMC/City Clerk