
Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chief Berkowsky, John Burke, David Cook, Paul D’Agostino, Rajeev Dahal, Robert Dorneker, Chief Eddington, Doug Gaynor, Paul Gottschalk, Beth Howlett, Jewell Jackson, Shanee Jackson, Lonnie Jeschke, Melissa Kreke, Martin Lyons, Joseph McRae, Sat Nagar, Rolanda Russell, Paul Schneider, Bruce Slown, Dave Stoneback, Lisa Woods

Others Present:

Presiding: Ald. Wollin

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present, Alderman Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of January 12, 2009
Minutes were unanimously approved 5-0.

(A1)* City of Evanston Payroll through 01/18/09 $2,642,032.58
Item A1 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A2)* City of Evanston Bills through 01/27/09 $3,450,305.83
Ald. Rainey, referring to the payment referenced to the Midwest Skylight Services Case suggested that had she not asked the question, no council member would have been aware of this situation. She believes that Aldermen should be told upfront about such incidents. *** Ald. Rainey asked if when the committee was informed about the flood at Firehouse #5 they were informed about the mold. It appears that her asking the question got the answers. *** Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if the RFQ (approved 08.11.08) for the Lakefront Master Plan included architectural services. Doug Gaynor (Director of City Operations) said that it did as well as construction documents. Ald. Jean-Baptiste then asked if this was the first phase. D. Gaynor stated that, based on the master plan, it was a proposal for construction drawings, etc. from the professional consultant. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if this meant a request was made to issue a contract to the entity. D. Gaynor handed him a copy of the RFP contract. Ald. Wollin remembered that there were options mentioned the night this was discussed. She then asked if the drawings are complete. D. Gaynor stated that a process is followed: talk with the community, produce conceptual drawings and talk to the community again. This will bring about the final conceptual design. The architect then puts it all into drawings. There have been two or three meetings so far. Ald. Holmes noted that at Council, they had questioned spending this much money. D. Gaynor said he remembered the conversation but it was about the bike path construction. Ald. Holmes said she had thought it included the washrooms and asked if now it is a question on various parts of the package. Ald. Wollin asked if this plan had drawings. D. Gaynor said not yet. The City is paying for 50% of the drawings
now and soon the architect will bring in 90% of the drawings. Ald. Wollin noted that the homeowners are concerned about 137 thousand dollars for a restroom. She believes few spend that much on their homes. D. Gaynor said the cost covers design, construction documents, utilities and engineering. Ald. Wollin asked if a breakdown could be provided. Ald. Hansen suggested that part of the confusion is that they are talking about two different items, the restroom/boat ramp and the pedestrian/bike paths. She noted that Alderman Moran was concerned about building but this step is not asking for approval to build, just to go forward with the planning. D. Gaynor reiterated, this item is not just a design of a restroom but includes a concession stand and access to the beach. Facilities need to be brought in such as water and sewer which might be half the cost of the total job. The complete master plan is scheduled to take ten to fifteen years to complete and is very expensive. It was noted that the work would progress as funds became available. Ald. Rainey asked if he was saying that they have not yet seen anything of the costs, they will only go up and up. But this all seems she said to be on a fast track and not going out over many years. D. Gaynor said no, it is not on a fast track. Currently they are looking at one restroom but there are three more to work on. The bike path currently under consideration is only a portion of the whole lakefront path system. But, they are trying to have all facilities, etc. look the same to give a coherent look. This will also alleviate designs having to be done from scratch every time a phase is initiated. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked when the Lakefront Master Plan was adopted. D. Gaynor said it was in January 2008. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked D. Gaynor if he felt the City was moving pretty rapidly on the plan and D. Gaynor said he did not. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked what other plans had the City moved on rapidly. D. Gaynor stated that when the Council approved the redevelopment of the parks years ago, the work was started right away and is continuing at three to four parks a year. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a time plan and funding sources by the next meeting. D. Gaynor said he would prepare one.

Item A2 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A3)* Resolution 5-R-09 2009 Motor Fuel Tax Street Resurfacing Program
Consideration of proposed resolution 5-R-09 by which the City Council would appropriate $1,250,000 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for resurfacing attached list of streets.

Ald. Rainey asked if MFT funds can be used for other needs such as affordable housing. John Burke (Public Works Director) said no. Ald. Rainey believes citizens understood that MFT monies could be saved for other items. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if this was for just a few streets to be resurfaced in 2009. J. Burke said this is only for MFT streets. Paul Schneider, (Director of Transportation and Engineering) has streets scheduled for work using CIP funds that were approved last year. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if he could see the list before the Council meeting later this evening. P. Schneider said he would get it for the Alderman. J. Burke actually had a list with him to give the Alderman. He mentioned that streets like Lake Street are not on the list because they are covered by Federal funding.

Item A3 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A4)* Ordinance 6-O-09 Amending Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 3, of the City Code by Adding a “Pavement Degradation Fee”
Consideration of proposed ordinance 06-O-09 amending Title 7, Chapter 4, Section 3 of the City Code “Restoration of Surface after Excavation” by adding a pavement degradation fee.

Item A4 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A5)* Ordinance 8-O-09 Decrease in Number of Class B Liquor Licenses – Amending Section 3-5-6 (B) of the City Code
Consideration of proposed ordinance 8-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6 (B) of the
City Code to decrease the number of Class B Liquor Licenses from 17 to 16 due to the expiration of the liquor license of Omaggio, LLC, dba Omaggio (1639 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL).

Ald. Rainey asked why the decrease in licenses now when the license expired October 1, 2008. Ald. Holmes noted that the restaurant closed in August. Joe McRae, (Assistant to the City Manager) explained that the restaurant was contacted prior to the expiration date and also in early October 2008 and a renewal package was resent to them per their request. The owner suggested to staff in early October that they planned to renew their license. However, by the end of the year Omaggio’s still had not submitted a renewal application despite staff’s attempts to contact them.

Item A5 was unanimously approved, 5-0

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
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