
Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chief Berkowsky, Lara Biggs, W. Bobkiewicz, David Cook, Paul D’Agostino, Joellen Daley, Robert Dorneker, Chief Eddington, Suzette Eggleston, Doug Gaynor, Beth Howlett, Jewell Jackson, Shanee Jackson, Lonnie Jeschke, Mary Johns, Stefanie Levine, K. Lookis, Martin Lyons, Dennis Marino, Joseph McRae, Jeff Murphy, S. Nagar, Rolanda Russell, Paul Schneider, Bruce Slown, Donna Spicuzza, Evonda Thomas, Ricky Voss, Lisa Woods

Others Present: Ald. Grover, Mark Sloan, Citizen, Ian Galbraith, of G. A. Johnson & Son

Presiding: Ald. Rainey

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of June 8, 2009
Minutes were unanimously approved 5 - 0.

(A1)* City of Evanston Payroll through 06/07/09 $2,429,385.19
Item A1 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A2)* City of Evanston Bills through 06/23/09 $3,742,380.15
Martin Lyons (Assistant City Manager) noted one correction to the explanations. Referring to the payment to McGuire Igleski & Associates, in the last sentence of the explanation, the remaining amount in the Civic Center Projects account should be corrected to read $157,816.
Item A2 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A3.1)* Approval of Contract for the Evanston Water Utility SCADA System Phase III Engineering Services (RFQ 08-74)
Recommend approval of contract for the Evanston Water Utility Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Phase III Engineering Services with CDM (125 South Wacker Drive, Suite 600, Chicago, IL) in the amount of $168,843. Funding provided by the Water Fund. The amount budgeted for the engineering and construction of SCADA System is $1,740,000.
Ald. Rainey noted that the 2009/10 approved budget figure for this project was 850K. With these additional costs, the total has risen to 1,740,000M and it is reported to have been approved by the Finance Department. She mentioned that usually the council approves changes to budgeted amounts. M. Lyons replied that the language was not correct. These increases were based on the contractors changing figures over the nine months. Ald. Rainey said, “But we voted for 850K.” M. Lyons said that he would get the budget papers and prepare an answer. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked why the M/W/EBE requirement was reduced to only ten percent. Jewell Jackson (Purchasing Manager) said
she could not recall the specifics for this project, however, the process is that the scope of work is reviewed to determine the opportunity for subcontracting. Based on that determination there may be a reduction in the percentage requirement. Prior to approval of a reduction the M/W/EBE Coordinator typically looks at the availability of M/W/EBEs in the marketplace. Ald. Rainey asked M. Lyons if he had an answer. Lara Biggs (Assistant Superintendent Water and Sewers) said that her department requested the waiver on the original bid because it was a specialty job. Ald. Jean-Baptiste replied that he wondered why minorities and women and Evanston residents could not be found to perform a specialty job. L. Biggs said it had to do with what kind of work would be contracted for. Rolanda Russell suggested that this item be held and the correct answers would be provided. Ald. Jean-Baptiste mentioned that in the future staff should be prepared because questions like these will be asked when the summary does not address the subject. Ald. Rainey said that the item will also be held pending an explanation about the money.

Item A3.1 was held in committee

(A3.2)*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (09-72) for the Renovation of the Sprinkler System and North Façade at the Maple Avenue Parking Garage
Recommend approval of lowest responsible and responsive bid for renovation of the sprinkler system and north façade at the Maple Avenue Parking Garage from Continental Construction Co. Inc. (1919 Greenwood St. Evanston, IL) in the amount of $101,900.00. Funding provided by the Downtown II TIF. This item was held in committee on June 8, 2009.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste remarked that he had asked for this item to be held at the last committee meeting as it would seem unnecessary to spend such a large amount of money to remove a system that is not in use. He remarked that he had asked for documentation saying the City had to remove the equipment. David Cook (Superintendent of Facilities) referred to the document attached to the AIS. Ald. Rainey mentioned that it was not a dated document and D. Cook pointed out that the date appears in the lower left hand corner of the document. Ald. Jean-Baptiste said that he was satisfied.

Item A3.2 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A3.3)*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-22) for the Clark Street Beach Restroom Building
Recommend approval of construction contract in the amount of $1,174,060 from G.A. Johnson & Son (828 Foster Street, Evanston, IL) for the Clark Street Beach Restroom Building (Bid 10-22). Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Project. This item was held in Committee on June 8, 2009.

Ald. Rainey invited Mark Sloan, an Evanston resident to speak. He said that he wanted to go on record as being in favor of the Clark Street Beach Restroom project. He mentioned that the committee working on this had realized that there was not much input from the residents of the City, only from those who lived near by. Thusly, meetings were held further into the City. This document is the opinion of the majority of residents talked with. It is a capital program funded by capital bonds. The bid is with a local firm. This is an Evanston stimulus project. Ald. Rainey noted that she too had asked staff about city-wide participation and was told there had been 31 meetings plus information was available on the city web-site. Regardless of the many opinions on cost, look, etc. this is a community decision. Ald. Fiske noted that this project is in the First Ward and she has heard from many constituents and no one is against improvements at the lakefront. But most thought the cost was excessive. The citizens believe that more
modest facilities could be designed. Ald. Fiske suggested that this item be tabled and taken back to the community. She believes that the project has become very confusing. At various meetings, the public was told that items they brought up would be included in the final drawings and they were not. Ald. Fiske said that she was surprised to see this item on the agenda, that it was proposed to go forward. She reiterated that she is against it due to 1) cost, little money would remain available for the other beaches; 2) the traffic flow is not an improvement, changing the boat ramp entrance drive will still route boats and cars where people walk, 3) narrowing Sheridan Road will make it harder for those who park there and try to unload their cars and they will now have to avoid those on the new bike path, 4) the risk management for ADA bathrooms and pathways to the beach is not mentioned and 5), six mature trees will have to be chopped down to install the Clark Street drive. Ald. Fiske again stated that this item should be tabled until the next meeting so a community discussion could be held. Ald. Burris pointed out that the facility under discussion is in the Seventh Ward, not the First. Ald. Rainey agreed that all citizens of Evanston use the lakeside park system and care about the use of the beach. Ald. Fiske agreed. Ald. Jean-Baptiste suggested that a special meeting to discuss this might be appropriate. The City has a Master Plan, several in fact, and how the City moves forward needs to be talked about. As to the Lakefront, many fight to have fewer events and parking is restricted. Revenue from the lakefront has been discussed and some treat that as a taboo subject. The City needs to discuss what steps need to be first. And, he asked, what about Robert Crown. There are a lot of issues and the committee needs some time. Ald. Rainey asked Doug Gaynor (Director, Parks, Forestry & Recreation) to address the issues if any about delaying this item. D. Gaynor said that the contract has to be accepted within sixty (60) days for the price to remain as stated. That date is July Fourth. After that the bid amount can be changed. Ald. Rainey asked is the contract offered could be extended. D. Gaynor said it is possible for a very short period, perhaps two weeks. Ian Galbraith, of G. A. Johnson & Son said a two week extension was allowable. Ald. Rainey noted that the concept is well received but that many are not comfortable with some parts. She suggested adding this item to the special council meeting coming up July Eighth. She also asked D. Gaynor to provide her with a list of the larger use of these funds.

Item A3.3 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A3.4)* Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-28) for the Purchase of Cisco Products and Support

Recommend approval of lowest responsible and responsive bid (10-28) for the purchase of Cisco products and services from Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (2550 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL) in the amount of $176,131. Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Program, Network Technology. Current balance is $250,000.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste remarked that from 2001 on, the Finance Department and IT have approached the Council to spend money to increase the technical abilities of the City. He noted that he does not recall ever attending a presentation of how the City is moving ahead. He said that it has been asked for on several occasions. Is the City moving forward, falling behind. Where are we. And he asked, when this information will be made available. Bruce Slown (Director Information Systems) said that at the first meeting in July, it is planned for IT to make a presentation. R. Russell said that she would get a revised schedule to the Aldermen. Ald. Jean-Baptiste reiterated that IT makes an assumption on what is needed but the committee is kept waiting for a report that they had requested. He stated that the report has to be made in July. He also asked B. Slown if IT reviews GIS proposals and if it would be in the report to which B. Slown said yes. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if IT also does work for the Library and B. Slown said yes, they work for all the City departments. Ald. Holmes asked if the report will tell how
all the departments interact with each other. B. Slown noted that the report is not finished but the plan is to explain IT’s role across the City. He noted that the strategic plan of a couple years ago covered much of this area of involvement. Ald. Holmes wondered about one department having a system that is different from another department and if cross training is offered. B. Slown said that members of a department are trained. Ald. Burrus said that the Bills List shows payments to several communication companies. She wondered if a better price could be had if all the City business went to one company. M. Lyons said that currently eighty percent of the phone business is with Verizon/Nextel. Many contracts have in fact been combined. There has been a great improvement in the past six months. It is important though he advised that a couple of carriers be employed so that if one goes under, the City still has phone capabilities. Ald. Rainey asked about the state of the equipment. M. Lyons said that most companies practically give away the equipment like the Blackberries that are in use. Ald. Rainey asked for a simple explanation of the reason to purchase the Cisco product. B. Slown stated it is for the new phones being placed in the City. They are all part of an in-house system, our own system. We are putting one network in a building with computers and we do not have to wire the building. Out lines do not cost us anything.

Item A3.4 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A3.5)* Approval of Single Source Purchase of Library Database Subscription from Newsbank
Recommend approval of single source purchase of a one year database subscription with NewsBank (397 Main Street, Chester, VT) in the amount of $25,875. (This is an increase of $1,740 over prior year.) Funding provided by Adult Services Computer Licenses and Support the Library operating budget.
Ald. Rainey noted that this is a fabulous product.
Item A3.5 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A3.6)* Approval of Sole Source Geographic Information System (GIS) Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement
Recommend approval of sole source Geographic Information System (GIS) annual maintenance and support agreement with the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) (380 New York Street, Redlands, CA) in the amount of $21,800, a 0% increase over last two years. Funding provided for in the Computer Licensing and Support operating account in the GIS Division.
Ald. Rainey asked if there was anything new in this contract and Bruce Slown (Director of Information Services) said there was not. Ald. Rainey asked if all the Aldermen used this product and B. Slown said they did.
Item A3.6 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A4.1)* Approval of Change Order #1 for the Emergency Sewer Repair on Lake Street
Recommend approval of change order #1 to the agreement for the 2009 Water Main and Street Resurfacing contract with Boulder Contractors (440 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL) in the amount of $59,670. Lake Street emergency sewer repair provided by the Sewer Fund. This change order will increase the contract amount from $2,016,150.40 to $2,075,820.40.
Item A4.1 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A4.2)* Approval of Change Order #1 to Provide Phase II Engineering Services for Sheridan Road from Burnham Place to Chicago Avenue
Recommend approval of Change Order No. 1 to the agreement for the Phase I Engineering Services for Sheridan Road Corridor contract with Transystems
Corporation (1051 Perimeter Drive, Schaumburg, IL) to provide Phase II engineering services in the amount of $88,086. Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Program. This change order will increase the contract amount from $633,471 to $721,557.

Ald. Holmes noted that some of the streets mentioned in the to/from descriptions are all running in the same direction. She asked if this can be correct. Paul Schneider (Director Transportation and Engineering) said that Phase I was the entire length of Sheridan Road from South Boulevard to the Ridge/Isabella intersection. Ald. Fiske asked if there will be some flexibility allowed if there are changes in the lakefront plan such as the placement of lighting. P. Schneider said that that is correct, some changes can be accommodated. Ald. Jean-Baptiste stated that the City needs to watch change orders. They should be avoided. When implementation starts, he continued, I can understand a problem occurring later during the work but at the engineering level there should not be the need for a change order. Ald. Rainey said she remembered that this is a case where Phase I was reduced by 75K to create Phase II. Ald. Jean-Baptiste remarked that he was just attempting to make a point to staff concerning the use of change orders. P. Schneider said that he agreed and in this case, much of the planning was done in house to keep costs down.

Item A4.2 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A4.3)* Approval of Change Order #4 for the Police/Fire Headquarters Interior Renovation
Recommend approval of change order #4 to the construction contract (Bid 09-11) with Boller Construction, Inc. (3045 West Washington Street, Waukegan, IL) for additional work at Police/Fire Headquarters located at 1454 Elmwood Ave. This change order will increase the contract by $23,441 from $1,307,162.50 to $1,330,603.50. Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Program.

Ald. Burrus noted that she had just toured the building and that it looked great. Commendations to the staff for continuing to work through this process. Ald. Rainey asked when this project began and D. Cook smiled and said that it predated him. He related that the firing range was another project in the works. Ald. Holmes asked if that would be the last job and D. Cook smiled again and said he hoped so. Ald. Burrus asked that when the firing range is brought back to committee that he supply the costs of redoing the range as compared to the costs of going to another site. Ald. Rainey said that she had the figures and would supply them.

Item A4.3 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A5)* Resolution 44-R-09 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Evanston Township and the City of Evanston
Consideration of resolution 44-R-09 authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Evanston Township relating to the Community Purchased Services for the Mental Health Board funding. The agreement entails Township funding of $300,000 in the City of Evanston FY2009-10 budget.

Item A5 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A6)* Resolution 49-R-09 Relating to Prevailing Wages for Public Works Projects
Consideration of proposed resolution 49-R-09 relating to prevailing wages for Public Work projects. This is an annual requirement of the State of Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

Item A6 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A7)* Resolution 50-R-09 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Renew the Lease for the Continued Use of Property at Sherman Avenue and Lake Street as a Public
Parking Lot (City Lot 14, Best Western)
Consideration of proposed resolution 50-R-09 authorizing the Interim City Manager to renew the lease for the continued use of property at Sherman Avenue and Lake Street as a public parking lot (City Lot 14). This resolution authorizes the second ten (10) year option of the Parking Facility Lease at 1501 Sherman (Best Western) with Evanston North Shore Hotel Partners (806 York Road, Hinsdale, IL).

Item A7 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A8)* Resolution 51-R-09 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Sign a Resolution of Authorization for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Application for the Lakefront Pedestrian Pathway Renovation Project
Consideration of proposed resolution 51-R-09 authorizing the Interim City Manager to sign a resolution of authorization for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application for the lakefront pedestrian pathway renovation project.

Item A8 was passed unanimously, 5-0

(A9)* Resolution 53-R-09 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Employment Contract for a City Manager
Consideration of proposed resolution 53-R-09 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an employment contract for a City Manager.
Ald. Rainey recommended that this be amended to read “….employment contract for Walter Bobkiewicz. It was noted that a typo appears in item 5, the deferred compensation figure is 10K. W. Bobkiewicz (City Manager) said a few words of thanks and that he is looking forward to many nights like this.

Item A9 was passed unanimously, 5-0

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(APW1) Downtown II TIF Presentation
Martin Lyons, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director made this presentation. The handout he supplied refers to the capital projects portion of the closing of the Downtown II TIF. In September, letters of the City’s intent will be sent to districts. Districts 65 and 202 have already been met with. The discussion has always been, what the City’s role is. The 2009 tax levy will be paid in 2010. There is an ending balance in TIF of 2.8M. The total estimated tax income up to 9.2M, will go out to all taxing bodies with no impact on the citizens. The City will get twenty percent, approximately 1.87M operating to our levy. It might be a way to help in pensions. Since we are a Home Rule city, it is up to the City Council to decide where the money goes. If it is not 2.8M but 2.2M this surplus could go to undesignated projects or a part could be used to pay-down the debt service like the Maple Garage debt. There is a concern in the current environment to not spend all the dollars on capital projects or debt pay down. Once a TIF closes there is no place to go to get money for a tax refund. We shall be responsible for 100%, not 20% like now. The handout has a one million dollar refund example. And it is also possible that the monies will be put in an escrow account. And finally, some revenues could be left in TIF and be allowed to expire. The City’s portion is 440K could go into the general Fund. Staff will provide the Council with an escrow plan report on closing the TIF and notes on some projects that the City is committed to but not using the entire 2.2M. Please note, these monies must be spent by 12-31-09. Ald. Rainey asked if there were not other revenues that the City will receive like the hotel tax rebate. M. Lyons said that he would confirm that and get back to the committee. Ald. Rainey asked if 800K goes to the school districts now and M. Lyons said that will expire when the TIF expires. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked what benefit to the residents is the increase valuation of property in the City from 2M to 128M. M. Lyons stated that the county multiplier is used and the
market value of the Downtown II TIF is 500M. Ald. Jean-Baptiste noted that with the increased valuation the City tax base has increased. We have more participants for a tax levy and individuals will pay more. Then he surmised, after the TIF is closed, those funds can go into the General Fund. M. Lyons said there are a lot of people in town that keep the tax base steady. Mr. Lyons was thanked for his informative and clean presentation.

(APW2) Library Department Presentation
Item APW2 was deferred to a later date.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
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