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 July 27, 2009
Minutes were unanimously approved 5 – 0

(A1)* City of Evanston Payroll through 08/06/09 $2,590,565.19
Item A1 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A2)* City of Evanston Bills through 08/11/09 $1,986,963.16
Item A2 was unanimously approved, 5-0

Guests in the audience were asked to speak at the beginning of the agenda.

*Bill Geiger – McGaw YMCA speaking for the 2010 vehicle sticker design. He thanked the Committee for consideration of the McGaw design celebrating 125 years of serving the community. The McGaw YMCA is one of the largest service agencies in Evanston/North Shore and is worthy of recognition.

*Ellen Brown – Seniors Action Service speaking for the 2010 vehicle sticker design. This group was founded in 1975 by residents to find ways for older women to become employed. They also find ways to allow seniors to remain in their homes. In addition there is also a program to help families/children to appreciate caregivers. They strive to keep fees low. The vehicle sticker will help to inform the public to this program.
*Michael Weber – Evanston Baseball & Softball Association speaking for the 2010 vehicle sticker design. He recognized that all the candidates were worthy associations. This association has been around for sixty years and is at a pinnacle of its relationship with the City. The sticker would be good recognition for the kids, 1600 between ages 5 to 14, and their seventy-five
*Payson Wild – Evanston Sail & Kayak Club speaking about the boat racks. He said he is here to support the Dempster Street Non-Motorized Boat Storage Facility project. He thanked Doug Gaynor and Bob Dorneker for getting all of the work done to make this project viable. The full payback he mentioned would be within three years. This is a great addition to the lakefront, non-motorized and no pollution. Rentals at the facility have already reached their budgeted goal and there is still time to go to rent more boats.
*Sigrid Pilgrim – Illinois Paddling Council speaking to the boat rack item. She has been a resident since 1966 and as Director of the Illinois Paddling Council supports all Payson Wild’s comments for non-motorized activities on the lakefront. Paddle sports are currently one of the fastest growing sports in the country she stated. In closing she thanked the City and Council for their consideration and support.

(A3.1)*Approval of Art Work for the 2010 City Vehicle Sticker
Request for City Council to select and approve the artwork for the 2010 City Vehicle Sticker. Four non-profit organizations have requested that their artwork be placed on the vehicle sticker.
Ald. Rainey made a motion for an amendment to this request that two different stickers be printed for the year 2010 for the two organizations for which it is an anniversary year. She suggested printing twenty thousand stickers for the McGaw YMCA and five thousand stickers for Evanston Lighthouse Rotary with a promise to the Evanston Baseball and Softball Association and Senior Action Service that they would share for the 2012 year. Ald. Burrus seconded the motion. Ald. Fiske pointed out that Safety Town had withdrawn their submission for consideration this year as they will be celebrating an anniversary next year. Ald. Rainey stated that they should be added next year. Ald. Fiske asked if a resident will be able to request a particular sticker under the two design plan. Ald. Rainey thought they could, she thought it would not be that much extra work. Marty Lyons (Assistant City Manager) noted that two different designs should only be a moderate increase in cost. There will be the need for additional training of Law Enforcement Officers so as to realize that there are two designs in use. Ald. Rainey thought that would not be a problem. Ald. Holmes thought it is a wonderful solution but suggested limiting the choices to no more than two. M. Lyons said that the sale of stickers is done via a mass mailing. The application will need to be revised to ask which sticker the resident wants. Ald. Fiske questions if the City would offer three designs next year and Ald. Rainey thought that would need to be decided next year as she did not realize the question concerning enforcement. M. Lyons declared that if the Staff had no problems this year they could repeat it next year. Ald. Rainey asked for all those in favor of this item as amended.
Item A3.1 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A3.2)*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-05) for the Dempster Street Non-Motorized Boat Storage Facility Project
Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (10-05) for the Dempster street Non-Motorized Boat Storage Facility project from Tri-State Enterprises, Inc. (150 Anton Drive, Romeoville, IL) in the amount of $392,786. Funding for this contract will come from the Capital Improvements Fund in account numbers 415383 Boat Storage project ($100,000 budget), 416127 Clark Street Beach project ($200,000 in savings – budget to actual bid price), and 415857 Street Improvement Project Contract ($100,000 in savings – budget to actual bid price).
Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a presentation of where the City is in the current budget. He wondered why in this extreme time of budget crisis the City is suggesting to spend this money now rather than later. Though costs will be recovered in six years, he continued, the City needs to work on this years shortfall. Doug Gaynor (Director Parks, Forestry & Recreation) noted that his department and the City have been working on the vision for the lakefront for well over two years. The original budget suggested was 100K to refurbish the racks and storage facilities. The Consultants, the first step in building a bid, came to the conclusion that replacement was required, refurbishment would not provide what was expected or needed. The bids then came in higher that anticipated. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked why the Committee is being presented with an all or nothing proposal now. With replacement considerably higher, 392K instead of 100K for refurbishment, we are being told do this or the site remains in disrepair. D. Gaynor stated that talking with the consultants, the committee was told that there was no way the site could be refurbished. They had to recommend replacement. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked when Mr. Gaynor talked with the consultants. Stefanie Levine (Landscape Architect) said the conversations were held last fall. Ald. Jean-Baptiste felt the Committee should have been told earlier. He continued that there are new conditions now that should have been reviewed. He suggested the City consider other options and not support this request at the present time. Ald. Fiske asked if this had been presented before the old Council. Ald. Rainey said it had not. She did not recall it. The Aldermen are always looking at consultants reports. They are the qualified people. D. Gaynor conveyed that the staff prepared the project as refurbishment than the consultants found the site was beyond being repaired. Ald. Rainey wondered if the Council could not have been told at the time. Ald. Burrus said that since the current storage facility is not usable and if City does not fix it, what will happen to the boats. D. Gaynor said that already the City is losing customers. More will be lost if repairs are not accomplished. Ald. Fiske offered a suggestion. 1.2 millions have already been earmarked for the beach. Savings from that work could be used for the boat area. She also suggested waiting for the CIP meeting this coming fall to address needs and the budget shortfall. Ald. Rainey noted that the item was confirmed but the amount was not. D. Gaynor noted that he needs confirmation, if the bid is held, the amount will not be valid at a later date. Ald. Rainey asked how long the bid was valid for and D. Gaynor said that the opening was June 23rd and then the City has sixty days to respond. His area has been looking at funding mechanisms and has now brought it forward. Ald. Holmes asked what happened from November to June that the Council never heard about this change. D. Gaynor said the plan specifications were prepared during the non-construction period and the bid then went out. Ald. Rainey asked how many rentals there are. D. Gaynor said the revenue is approximately 75K per year. The new construction will increase the number of units for rental. Currently there are 200 rental units. He noted that not all the spaces were rented this year. Over the last couple of years there have been fewer rentals. Ald. Rainey reiterated if we do not go ahead tonight we lose the current bid amount and we will continue to lose renters/revenue.

Item A3.2 was approved 3-0. Aldermen Fiske and Jean-Baptiste dissenting.

(A3.3)*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-30) for the Heated Intake System Contract

Recommend award of the lowest, responsive, and responsible bid (10-30) for the Heated Intake System Contract to Lake Erie Diving Inc. (362 Blackbrook Rd., Painesville, OH) in the amount of $579,064.00, contingent upon receiving appropriate funding from the IEPA revolving loan fund.

Item A3.3 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A3.4)*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-42) for the Foster Field
Renovations Project, Phase 1B
Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid for the Foster Field Renovations Project, Phase 1B from G.A. Johnson & Son (828 Foster Street, Evanston, IL) in the amount of $275,490. Funding for this contract will come from Community Development Block Grant Funds.
Item A3.4 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A4.1)* Approval of Change Order #3 for the Basin S82B Contract 2 Relief Sewer Project (Bid 07-43)
Recommend approval of change order #3 for the Basin S82B Contract 2 Relief Sewer Project (Bid 07-43) with DiPaolo Company (4350 DiPaolo Center, Glenview, IL). This change order will decrease the contract amount by $438,195.55, from $6,591,958.25 to $6,153,762.70 and grant a 224-day extension to the contract period. An IEPA loan funds approximately 93% of the project costs. The remaining portion is funded by the Sewer Reserve fund.
Item A4.1 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A5)* Resolution 45-R-09 Establishing a City Investment Policy and Procedures
Consideration of resolution 45-R-09 establishing an Investment Policy and Procedures Manual. This policy shall apply to all City of Evanston non-fiduciary (non-pension) cash and non-library endowment fund investments.
Ald. Rainey said this represents best practices of finance handling. M. Lyons would you like to make a presentation? He stated that there were several questions from another Alderman and we did go through those and you should have received a copy of those questions and responses regarding other formats. Ald. Rainey asked if he would go over those. Ald. Rainey said she had asked for a copy of the current manual and had not received one to date. M. Lyons said he would get one to her immediately. One of the questions was did the proposed policy deviate significantly from the Municipal Treasurers Association model that is a professional association the City belongs that has a broader based policy that deals with home rule. M. Lyons said there is hardly any difference between organizations. Their collateralization amount is 105% and our policy states that it has to be at 100%. The public fund investment act is very rigid about where the City can put tax dollars. Currently our monies are in short term areas based on what was happening in the economy so now moving funds into other areas it is a good time to review policy. Ald. Rainey said that one of the questions she had asked was when they would get a report on the City’s investment accounts. M. Lyons stated that the investment report will be included with the first quarter financial reports, through May 31st, which will be out immediately and then they will be provided on a quarterly basis. Ald. Rainey noted that they used to get quarterly reports on investments. She asked if the policy manual is different from 1985’s to which M. Lyons noted there were a few changes. There are new investment vehicles that arose after the mid-1980s. The policy is still safety first followed by liquidity and in a distant third, interest.
Item A5 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A6)* Resolution 65-R-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Cooperation and Grant Agreement by and between the County of Cook Judicial Advisory Council and the City of Evanston, and Accept the Youth Outreach Initiative Grant, Continuing the Evanston Police Department’s Neighborhood Youth Outreach and Intervention Project
Consideration of resolution 65-R-09 authorizing acceptance of the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of $9,160.00.
Ald. Rainey remarked that this is the smallest grant and yet it has the most paper.
Item A6 was unanimously approved, 5-0
(A7)* Resolution 66-R-09 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Co-lease Agreement with Gail Cotovsky, Sheila Ganch, and Joyce Marcus for use of Studio 215 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Consideration of resolution 66-R-09 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a co-lease agreement with Gail Cotovsky, Sheila Ganch, and Joyce Marcus for use of Studio 215 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

Item A7 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A8)* Ordinance 34-O-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Real Estate Contract for the Sale of the City Owned Real Property Located at 425 Dempster Street (Chiaravelle Montessori School)

Consideration of proposed ordinance 34-O-09 authorizing the City Manager to execute a real estate contract for the sale of the city owned real property located at 425 Dempster Street (Chiaravelle Montessori School) an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

Item A8 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A9)* Ordinance 56-O-09 to amend Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 12 (H): Schedule XII; Parking Meter Zones

Consideration of proposed ordinance 56-O-09 by which Council would amend Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 12 (H): Schedule XII; Parking Meter Zones.

Ald. Rainey asked what the status of the lot was. Does the City own it and what financial obligations are there? Rickey Voss (Manager Parking Systems) replied that the City leases the lot for one dollar a year. The City, he continued, is responsible for maintenance of the parking surface and lighting. Last year some structural repairs were made by Best Western. Ald. Rainey asked if the City ever owned the property. R. Voss pointed out that originally the City did own the property but it was sold with the proviso of a twenty-five year lease that could be extended for another twenty or twenty-five years. Ald. Rainey asked if there was an escrow account and R. Voss replied that there is one. To date he believes if equals 309K from which the City can eventually take out 259K but he would need to check the documentation to make sure. Ald. Burrus noted that the City will be receiving more revenue by changing the meters. R. Voss mentioned that they would be changed to four hour meters after 5 p.m. Ald. Rainey suggested that more areas needed to be looked at to implement these kinds of changes. R. Voss said it is an ongoing process. Currently they are looking at the area on Sherman between Lake Street and Davis Street to pilot a single-space meter that accepts credit cards and can be programmed to fit various operational needs.

Item A9 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A10)* Ordinance 64-O-09 Approval of Change of Hours for City Snow Emergency

Consideration of proposed ordinance 64-O-09 to amend Title 10, Chapter 4 Section 13 Snow Emergency, Snow Route Parking Ban, Other regulations.

For Introduction

Item A10 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A11)* Ordinance 71-O-09 Increase in the Number of Class U Liquor Licenses, The Mather

Consideration of proposed ordinance 71-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6(U) of the City Code to increase the number of Class U licenses from 2 to 3 due to the opening of The Mather (425 Davis Street, 60201).
Ald. Fiske asked if the fee of $1890 was per building. Joe McRae (Assistant to the City Manager) said it only applied to 425 Davis. Ald. Fiske asked that it was just for residents, guests and staff. J. McRae answered yes. Item A11 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A12)* Ordinance 72-O-09 Increase in the Number of Class B1 Liquor Licenses, Here's Wings II, LLC
Consideration of proposed ordinance 72-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6(B1) of the City Code to increase the number of Class B1 licenses from 6 to 7 due to the opening of Buffalo Wild Wings (1741 Maple Avenue, 60201). Ald. Rainey asked how many seats would be available and Steve Engelman, representing the restaurant said there would be 334 in total. It will be a type 1 restaurant with food cooked to order served on reusable china and flatware and he also noted that the owner sponsors local sports teams. John Wyler, the owner, mentioned that this is a franchise restaurant; he operates six more in the northwest suburbs. It is a family oriented sports restaurant which attempts to work with the community. Oh, he added, there will be 75 televisions. Ald. Fiske asked what the square footage would be and was told 8400 square feet. 7900 would be used for seating and the rest as the preparation area. Item A12 was unanimously approved, 5-0

(A13)* Ordinance 73-O-09 Increase in the Number of Class Y Liquor Licenses, Vinic Wine Company
Consideration of proposed ordinance 73-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6(Y) of the City Code to increase the number of Class Y licenses from 1 to 2 due to the opening of Vinic Wine Company (1509 Chicago Avenue, 60201). Item A13 was unanimously approved, 5-0

IV. DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
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