I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM.
Ald. Jean Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. a quorum being present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of January 24, 2005
Ald. Moran moved approval of the minutes of January 24, 2005. Motion seconded by Ald. Rainey. Ald Rainey said that under Other Business of the January 24, 2004 minutes the sentence was incorrect that read “Ald. Rainey mentioned that last week after the issue of an establishment on Clark Street having their liquor license decreased was discussed, a check of that establishment resulted in citations issued.” She said it was not the establishment on Clark Street discussed that night that had citations issued, but a bring your own liquor business.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA
(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 01/27/05 $2,143,765.48
City of Evanston Payroll through 02/10/05 $2,034,649.07
(A2) City of Evanston Bills through 02/15/05 $3,452,025.90
(A3.1) Consideration of petition to install speed bumps in the alley located at 1730 Hinman Avenue (West alley)
(A3.3) Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., for Ackerman Park and Cartwright Park improvements at a cost of $253,000.00. Funded by 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 G.O. Bonds.

(A3.4) Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Pinel Andrews Construction Corp. for Noyes Center Gallery improvements at a cost of $17,110.00. Funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Public Museum Capital Grant Program.

(A3.5) Approval of the purchase of Motorola portable radios (110) for the Police Department from Motorola, Inc., North American Group using the State of Illinois contract at a cost of $248,877.00. Funded by the E-911 Fund.

(A3.6) Approval of contract for professional services with CATH Associates for construction management of Fire Station #5 at a cost of $152,960.00. Funded by the Capital Improvement Plan Fund.

(A3.8) Approval of authorization for the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with PeopleSoft/Oracle for implementation of Phases V-a and V-b of the financial software system in the amount of $256,360.00. Funding is the Capital Improvement Fund. (Requires a vote of 6 alderman for passage)

(A3.9) Approval of contract with Arbor Green, Ltd., for Tree Inventory Services with an estimated cost of $55,650.00.

(A3.10) Approval of contract for guaranteed maximum price for the Sherman Avenue garage. Ald. Rainey said she understood that there is a payment plan in place for the developer for the residential garage spaces and asked for more information. Judith Aiello responded that payment will be made in three installments, the first one when the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Two more payments each for 1/3 of what is owed will be made six months and one year after the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. Ald. Rainey asked if there had been a discussion regarding adding to the debt for 2005. Ms. Aiello said that the total was $12.5 million and that when the memo and resolutions are done for February 28 that will be added to the CIP. Ald. Rainey asked what the City would do with the $6.5 million repayment from the developer. William Stafford said that the money would be used to pay off the taxable portion of the bonds. Ms. Aiello added that the developer will be paying the interest on the money for garage spaces.

(A4) Resolution 9-R-05 – Consideration of proposed Resolution 9-R-05 naming the City Manager as alternate to the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC)

(A5) Ordinance 14-O-05 – Special Assessment #1462: Alley Paving – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 14-O-05 authorizing the paving of an alley located North of Noyes Street and East of Brown Avenue. For Introduction

(A6) Ordinance 16-O-05 – Special Assessment #1474: Alley Paving – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 16-O-05 authorizing the paving of an alley located North of Emerson Street and East of Jackson. For Introduction
(A7) Ordinance 17-O-05 – Special Assessment #1477: Alley Paving – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 17-O-05 authorizing the paving of an alley located North of Foster Street and East of Jackson Avenue. For Introduction

(A8) Ordinance 18-O-05 – Special Assessment #1479: Alley Paving – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 18-O-05 authorizing the paving of an alley located North of Greenleaf Street and East of Darrow Avenue. For Introduction

(A9) Ordinance 20-O-05 – Decreasing Class H Liquor Licenses - Consideration of proposed Ordinance 20-O-05 amending Section 3-5-6 (H) of the City Code of Evanston decreasing the number of Class H licenses by one from 2 to 1 due to the closing of Osco Drug Store #5627 located at 1630 Sherman Avenue. For Introduction

The above items were considered on a consent agenda. Ald. Rainey moved approval of the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Ald. Moran. Motion passed unanimously.

(A3.2) Approval of lowest responsive and responsible bid from Cumberland ServiCenter, Inc. for the purchase of five (5) garbage trucks at a cost of $826,175.00. Funded in the Capital Outlay Account. – Ald. Jean Baptiste asked for an explanation of why five garbage trucks were being purchased at this time. Cathy Radek said that currently, the City has 18 25-yard packers in the fleet and 2 eleven-yard packers that were purchased two years ago for the alley applications, and 2 small packers that are in the Parks Division, one of which has been replaced this year. The large packers that are slated to be approved tonight are 20 yard packers. They are physically a little smaller than the 25-yard packers and it is felt that they will be able to be maneuvered much more successfully. She added that the goal has been to replace two vehicles annually so that the trucks are bought on an eight-year life. The Fleet Fund is now in a financial condition that it can afford to begin a program of replacing two trucks every year. The bid went out to replace three trucks toward the end of the fiscal year and at the same time to replace two in the upcoming fiscal year in order to get a better price. Ald. Moran spoke to the need to keep the trucks running and congratulated Ms. Radek on turning that around. Ald. Jean Baptiste suggested that since all aldermen do not have a long history with the City that the history be given with the information about the purchase.

Julia Carroll said she assumed that since two of these trucks were slated to come out of the 2005-06 budget they would not be ordered until March 1, 2005. William Stafford said that in the strict accounting sense, depreciation is charged so they can be purchased right now. Ms. Carroll said that even if the cash is available Council has not yet approved the 2005-06 budget. Ald. Jean Baptiste said that what they will do is approve it now for purchase in FY2005/06. Ald. Rainey moved approval, seconded by Ald. Moran. Motion passed unanimously.

(A3.7) Approval of contract with Call One for local and long-distance telephone service using the Northwest Municipal Conference contract. Funded in the Telecommunications budget. – Julia Carroll asked that this be held in Committee until she investigates some recent information further.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(APW1) Discussion of Building Use Policy
Ald. Rainey said when she asked to hold the fundraiser at the Levy Center she was told that the Levy Center had adopted a policy in the year 2000 that fundraisers could not be held during a certain number of days before an election. She has since heard it was a
violation of the ethics law. She asked how District 65 and Ridgeville Park District allow political fund raisers right now. Herbert Hill (First Assistant Corporate Counsel) said that he was not aware of what the public use policy is of the facilities of the School District and the Park District. He said that the Ethics Ordinance of the school district applies to the school district employees, their offices and their officials and not to other individuals. Mr. Hill said he did not think there was a way to carve out any exceptions to that, but he would not say categorically no. The fact remains that the rules that were in place prior to the Ethics Ordinance may apply. With respect to the Ethics Ordinance those rules apply only to the category affected by the ordinance. Mr. Hill said that the intent of the State Statute as evidenced by our ordinance was to not pressure individuals with respect to political activity. In this context, he said Ald. Rainey’s question was very well taken. If there was an across the board neutral policy that applied to everybody that was not subject to this intervention, could something be done. He said he would look into that aspect of the ordinance.

V. COMMUNICATIONS
(APW2) Police/Fire Hiring Report

(APW3) Evanston Fire Department recruitment
Delayed for two weeks at the request of Ald. Jean Baptiste.

(APW4) Update on City of Evanston radio station
Delayed for two weeks at the request of Ald. Jean Baptiste

(APW5) Fire Dept. Monthly Report

VI. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the Committee, it adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Division