I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM.  
With quorum present, Alderman Rainey, called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of June 27, 2005  
Unanimous vote of approval by Alderman Rainey.

III. Citizen Comment

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 07/07/05  $2,234,257.84  
Item A1 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A2) City of Evanston Bills through 07/12/05  $3,615,832.63  
Ald. Delores Holmes questioned the building services line item, the numeric description was misleading; looks as though it refers to the month and year. Bobbie Tolston-Brown clarified that the numeric series in question is the bid number. Bill Stafford agreed it’s easy to misunderstand, will look into increasing field space entry to provide a clearer line item description. Ald. Wollin questioned the tuition reimbursement alternating between Boston College and the student. Ald. Wollin wanted to know if the courses being reimbursed were work related courses. Stafford will report at next meeting. Julia mentioned that the courses do not have to be job related but will confirm with a report
from Human Resources. Ald. Rainey wanted to know of any negotiable issues, restrictions or commitments tied in with the union regarding reimbursement. Carroll vowed to get a report out on Friday. Ald. Rainey also has questions about the contract the City holds with the City Manager. Ald. Holmes had questions about line items under the Water & Sewer Dept. and some of the acronyms used in the bills list. She mentioned Ald. Rainey assisted her in her inquiries. Ald. Holmes would like a training/review of the bills list. Ald. Wollin had question about the Legal bills on page 2, Holland & Knight. Ald. Wollin understands that there would be communication between the City and our lawyers but questions the call from a private citizen. Julia will investigate further with Herb Hill and Jack Siegal. She agrees that communication should be limited to City staff. Ald. Rainey found a meeting between counsel and Nick Brennan re: Affordable Housing. Julia stated she was aware of and approved that meeting. Vineyard Exception, Review of Facts on May 24th was noted by Ald. Rainey. Julia recalled the instance. Ald. Rainey wondered if “all this conversation” was necessary.

Item A2 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A3.1) Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Clauss Brothers, Inc. in the amount of $736,880, for Lovelace Park renovations. Funded by 2003-04 CIP, 2004-05 CIP, and 2005-06 CIP Fund.
Ald. Wollin just had a question about the ADA needs of the pond. Gaynor explained that there is currently no access to the pond area (no way from the pathway to the pond).

Item A3.1 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A3.2) Approval of sole source contract for Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement renewal in the amount of $62,138.71 in three installments from CDWG, Inc. Funded by CIP account #416001.

Item A3.2 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A3.3) Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from EJ Equipment in the amount of $229,995, for a sewer cleaning machine. Funded by Fleet Services account #7720.65550.
Ald. Wollin questioned the five year life cycle. Dave Jennings explained it is more economically feasible to buy a new one after five years. Ald. Rainey asked if it was traded in or sold at an auction. Cathy Radek responded that we trade it in. Ald. Wollin asked if we’re in a three year contract with MPR, where are we in it right now? David Stoneback responded that the contract expired last year. He explained the need to clean catch basins more frequently in ratio to the staff and equipment. In response to Ald. Rainey’s inquiries Dave explained that we are filling dual roles (driving and cleaning) and contractors were hired to help fulfill the commitment of cleaning all the sewers in Evanston.

Item A3.3 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A4) Acceptance of Grant Award
Accept the annual grant to the Police Department Youth Outreach Program in the amount of $35,692, from the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council for FY ’05-06.
Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked Chief Kaminski how long have we had the grant and what are we doing with it? Chief Kaminski explained the length of the program, staff hired, and duties performed and referred to several success stories and benefits of the interaction between staff and youths. The Chief expressed his belief in the program and mentioned that this may be the last year of funding. Ald. Wollin wanted to know what was next? Chief Kaminski is in search of other grant money, can operate through the summer, if it runs out prior, we’ll close the program. Ald. Rainey wanted to know if the
Chief has ever looked outside the state to find funding and who does their grant writing. The Chief responded that we have several grants from the state, and we pretty much do our own. Tracey from the Budget & Management office helps out a lot. Ald. Rainey wanted to know how he learns of new resources. Solicitation, Tracey does research on what she can find. Ald. Rainey wanted to know how we measure the success of the program. The Chief referred to case studies as opposed to hard numbers. Ald. Jean-Baptiste would like to invoke immediate routine communication about events in the community that stem from this program.

Item A4 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A5) Ordinance 80-O-05 – One Way Stop on University Place at East Railroad
Consideration of Ordinance 80-O-05 amending Section 10-11-5, Schedule V (A) of the city code to install a one-way stop sign on University Place at East Railroad.

Item A5 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

(A6) Ordinance 86-O-05 – Parking Violation Penalties
Consideration of proposed Ordinance 86-O-05 amending 10-11-17: Schedule XVII (G) of the city code pertaining to Parking Violation Penalties. Ald. Rainey explained the ordinance and sticker use in detail to the new alderman.

Item A6 was considered, moved, approved and seconded, and passed unanimously.

IV. Items for Future Consideration

V. COMMUNICATIONS
Ald. Jean-Baptiste understands the communications in the report. Component evaluation is a question being addressed. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is still disappointed with the numbers. Tolston-Brown clarified the Alderman’s issues which included the disparity between qualified versus unqualified workers, skilled versus unskilled and what the needs of the construction company are, we have absolutely clarified and reinforce communications to hire as many Evanstonians as possible. Ald. Jean-Baptiste wants bi-weekly updates, Stafford asked if monthly was okay because that’s the current meeting timetable for the construction company. Julia mentioned monthly was what we agreed to at the last meeting. Ald. Rainey wanted to know why some workers were terminated in order to possibly assist in the re-employment process and if there were other issues, it would be good to know.

Ald. Rainey: David Jennings, bidding out the sanitation contract
Considering a month-to-month contract. There are several condos that have a layout that we could pick up with our regular crews. We will do a route audit to find the ones we can handle that way. Ald. Rainey asked if we could pick up dumpsters. Jennings replied we can, we’re not set up to. We could issue 90 gallon roll out carts. Ald. Rainey asked how many units are we talking about. Jennings is thinking four or five hundred. We think it would be cost effective. Fifty to ninety days before anything can be put in place. We have to modify the code to enable the city to selectively pick up. Have to complete the route audit, and contact via mail all the condo associations we’re not serving to see if they meet the requirements to be in our program. That will give us a real number to include in the bid. Ald. Holmes wondered if this could be done without additional manpower. Jennings responded yes. Ald. Jean-Baptiste inquired how many workers are part-time. Zeltee Edwards replied nine seasonal positions and then they are laid off. Ald. Rainey asked if we have any unfilled slots. Edwards replied we have seven vacancies but they are filled with temps right now. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked how long have the temps filled the positions. Edwards responded that the longest temp has been here three years. Ald. Jean-Baptiste and Ald. Rainey are curious as to why the temporary employees that have filled the positions for a period of time and with expectations of permanency are having to test and compete against new applicants. Jennings and Edwards explained that there is a testing procedure involved. It was discussed that in the past three years the test has not been given for the available positions. Julia stated she became aware of this when she received a vacancy
report and had the same conversation with Jennings taking the steps to getting the positions filled and they have begun the process. Beginning with Friday’s pre-employment testing.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned to adjourn at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager’s Office