ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 11, 2006
5:36 PM – 6:41 PM
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Judy Aiello, John Burke, Pat Casey, Rom C. Chmara, Dolores Y. Cortez, Paul D’Augustino, Doug Gaynor, David Jennings, Chief Kaminski, Kevin Lookis, Steve O’Connor, Dennis Marino, Gavin Morgan, Elke Tober-Purze, Mary Rodino, Rom C. Chmara, Max Rubin, David Stoneback, Bobbie Tolston, Brad Yatube

Others Present: Julia A. Carroll

Presiding: Ald. Hansen, Chair

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With quorum present, Alderman Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:36pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of March 27, 2006

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA
All items approved by consent received a vote of 5 – 0.

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 04/06/06 $2,238,875.96
Item A1 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 04/11/06 $3,914,417.72
Item A2 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A3.1) *Approval of purchase from Suburban Tree Consortium (West Central Municipal Conf. 1172 South Mannheim Road, Suite 102, Westchester, IL) for Approximately $70,000 for 350 trees, and the installation by a private contractor for 100 of them. City crews will plant the remaining 250 trees. Funding provided by Parks/Forestry general fund.
Item A3.1 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.
(A3.2) * Approval of purchase from L3-Mobile Vision (90 Fanny Road, Boonton, NJ) in the amount of $122,404 for twenty in-car video camera replacements for the Evanston Police Department. Funding provided by the Community Oriented Policing Services Grant, Police FY ’06-07 budget, and the current camera maintenance contract.  
Minor question from Ald. Jean-Baptiste to Chief Kaminski. Chief Kaminski explained the current issues and operations with the present equipment. He explained the functions of the new cameras. He explained why they’re needed. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is asking for a press release acknowledging the act of recording to make the public aware and possibly aid in behavior control. Ald. Wollin asked if all of the cars be equipped? The Chief responded that the supervisor cars and unmarked cars will not be equipped, but most of the patrol cars will; would eventually like to be 100%. This is a pilot sample. Gerry Morn, Tech guy for the Evanston Police Department was introduced by the Chief. Gerry explained the field of vision including whatever necessary manual control by the officer in response to Ald. Holmes’ question. Ald. Rainey asked about the mic. Gerry explained further in response. Ald. Rainey asked about optional use: Are the officers obligated to use the camera? Gerry explained the different ways the camera can be initiated. Ald. Rainey asked about the microphone. Morn responded. Ald. Rainey fully supports the camera purchase and asked the fate of the old cameras. Chief Kaminski explained the current cameras are five years old and maintenance has become an issue. Ald. Rainey is interested in a personal introduction. The Chief has obligated to give a demo to the Council.  
Item A3.2 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A3.3) * Approval of proposal from MWH Americas, Inc. (370 Interlocken Blvd, Broomfield, CO) for engineering services for the Water Distribution Modeling Analysis in an amount not-to-exceed $38,800. Funding provided by the Water Fund.  
Item A3.3 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A4.1) * Approval of Change Order # 2 Fire Station No.5 project increasing CATH Associates (2401 Main Street Evanston, IL 60202) construction management contract by $57,800.00 from $156,760.00 to $214,560.00 for LEED commissioning services to be performed by Grumman/Butkus and Associates (820 Davis Street, Suite 300 Evanston, Illinois). Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Plan, possibly reimbursed from a Illinois Clean Energy grant (July, 2006 time frame).  
Ald. Rainey wants to see a press release to reinforce Evanston’s actions of being environmentally conscious and promote a positive image of the city including mentioning the Grumman/Butkus & Associates Firm.  
Item A4.1 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.
(A5) * Resolution 22-R-06 – Prevailing Wages for Public Works Projects
Consideration of proposed Resolution 22-R-06, relating to the prevailing wages for Public Works Projects required by State statute.
Item A5 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A6) * Resolution 23-R-06 – Lease Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the former Permalawn property
Consideration of proposed resolution 23-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the former Permalawn property and the adjacent property referred to as North Shore Parcel 2.12 and 2.13.
Ald. Holmes requested this item be removed from the consent agenda and questioned what was going to be happening in the area. She mentioned having spent some time talking to Doug Gaynor (Director of Parks & Recreation) and Judy Aiello (Assistant City Manager) about what’s actually going to go there. The parking lot diagram does not show a parking lot. Gaynor said that that hasn’t been worked out yet and they now need the space for staging. All of the details will be worked out later. Ald. Holmes would like to be informed about it to make sure what kind of parking lot is going to be put there. She feels parking spaces are needed and if they are going to be for the businesses in the area then we want to make sure there are some fines and things attached to that. Ald. Rainey asked if Ald. Holmes had any idea how big the parking lot is going to be. Holmes explained the parameters as described by Gaynor: 35 – 45 spaces. Gaynor responded that they have started programming pretty heavily for ball parks, concerts and will be discussing provisions to control parking use. Ald. Wollin asked for confirmation of rental fees being $10 a year? Holmes added if we put meters there. Gaynor explained that that’s standard language in all leases.
Item A6 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A7) * Resolution 24-R-06 – 2006 Motor Fuel Tax Resurfacing Program
Consideration of proposed Resolution 24-R-06 by which the City Council would appropriate $1,200,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2006 Street Resurfacing Project.
Item A7 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

Consideration of proposed resolution 25-R-06 by which the City Council would appropriate $650,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds to finance the general maintenance of streets by City forces.
Item A8 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.
(A9) * Resolution 28-R-06 – Authorizing the Execution of an IDOT Agreement for Twiggs Park Bike Path Project
Consideration of proposed resolution 28-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Federal Funding with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Twiggs Park Bike Path Project. Funding provided by $200,000 federal and $50,000 CIP.
Ald. Holmes requested this item be removed from the consent agenda. A6 and A9 go together. After Item A6 was discussed, Ald. Holmes approved Item A9.
Item A9 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A10) * Ordinance 54-O-06 Vacating a Portion of the East-West Alley North of 415 Howard to Howard Station JV, LLC
Consideration of Ordinance 54-O-06 for the vacation of the alley north of 415 Howard Street and the dedication of a portion of the eastern property at 415 Howard Street for a new alley.
Item A10 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A11) * Ordinance 57-O-06 Executing an Easement Agreement with Howard Station for Footings at 415 Howard Street
Consideration of Ordinance 57-O-06 authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement agreement with Howard Station LLC for footings (caisson bells) at 415 Howard Street.
Item A11 approved by consent. Vote of 5 – 0.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(APW1) Report of the Energy Commission concerning Com Ed electric service reliability and franchise compliance at the mid point of the three year franchise agreement, which expires July 2007.
Rudy Holtz, Chairman, Bill Steigfried, Mike Radziewicz introduced themselves as representatives of ComEd. Council and staff had a copy of the report Rudy read verbatim. The report contained statistics on Com-Ed’s performance independently and in comparison to other electricity suppliers. Ald. Wollin showed concern about the Library and discussed protocol when the electrical goes out. Mike explained that the problem doesn’t have to be fixed before power can be restored. Bill added that a ComEd staff person has to come out to the site. Max Rubin (Director of Facilities Management) confirmed outages at the library were at most two hours. Julia Carroll (City Manager) asked whether or not ComEd was going to make an investment in automated technology. ComEd’s response was no. The City Manager wanted to know why not and explained one of the premium advantages of automated switching technology is a reduction in outage time. Mike explained the costs of automated technology vs
overloaded capacities. Mike talked about downtown areas and explained what happens during a failed transformer. He explained the number of communities being served, the amount of money it would cost to invest in current technology, and finally the supply reserve. Mike said that ComEd does not have the money or availability to make the switch. Julia was also concerned about loads at 90% for one-third of the Evanston system. Mike clarified that statistic was at the peak of the summer. Julia wanted to know how far in advance are they planning for Evanston’s future growth. Mike responded ComEd has a five year plan. Mike reviewed ComEd’s interactive process with the city through Dennis Marino. Ald. Rainey feels Evanston is much improved and gave credit to the relative committees. (Report can be provided by request).

(APW2) Report from the Taxicab Advisory Board
Kevin Lookis (Collector’s Office) introduced Mike Decker, Sam McKinnley, and other drivers both public and industry. Mike Decker touched on all the matters being discussed with the City. The ordinance hasn’t been reviewed in some years. Coupons were an issue. The ordinance needs to be more responsive to the needs of the industry. Inspection methods for 140 taxis are on the list of concerns, along with privatizing and rate setting. Ald. Wollin asked where would she bring complaints? Mike responded either to Kevin or Steve. He suggested talking to the company before going to city staff. Ald. Rainey questioned the number of cab companies: North Shore, Best, Better, 303, and Magic Cab (legal issues pending for Magic Cab). The Alderman mentioned during the past weekend two horrible crimes took place in her ward and asked if those were Evanston cabs? Mike hasn’t heard anything officially. One was Evanston, one was a Chicago cab. Howard street is also a strip of cab crime. Ald. Rainey wanted to know if the industry is taking any action. Wally explained they are always in contact with the police department and newer technology is making for quicker and more discreet calls for help. (i.e. panic buttons / emergency buttons.) Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked to what extent are the companies interacting in trying to get constructive criticism or are they just dealing from driver to company. Mike explained who has been having meetings. He mentioned that the MPDA tax will effect cabs, not from Evanston but from Chicago. Ald. Rainey is asking to know when the next meeting is. The next meeting is Tuesday at 6pm. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is interested in capacity, licensing, are we serving the community, and what’s the competition.
V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez
City Manager's Office