ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

MONDAY, December 11, 2006  
5:45pm – 6:24pm  
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:  Ald. Holmes


Others Present:

Presiding:  Ald. Hansen

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of November 27, 2006  
Minutes were unanimously approved, 4 – 0 vote.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA  
Items were individually considered.

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 11/30/06  $ 2,032,148.91
    Item A1 was unanimously approved 4 – 0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 12/12/06  $ 3,139,506.26
    Item A2 was unanimously approved 4 – 0.

(A3.1) * Approval of Change Order No. 1 (final) to the Phase X - Contract B Relief Sewer project with Benchmark Construction Co., Inc. (2103 West Bartlett Road, Bartlett, IL) The change order decreases the contract amount by $361,560.46, from $7,148,765.60 to $6,787,205.14. Funding provided by the Sewer Reserve, CIP, and Water Fund accounts.  
    Item A3.1 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A3.2) * Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the 2006 Water Main Improvements – Contract A project with Bolder Contractors, Inc. (440 Lake Cook Road, Unit 3B, Deerfield, IL). The change order decreases the contract amount by $1,904.21, from $3,874,952.30 to $3,873,048.09 and extends the contract completion date by 67 days, from October 2, 2006 until December 8, 2006. Funding provided by the Water and Sewer and CIP account.  
    Item A3.2 was unanimously approved 4–0.
(A3.3) * Approval of Change Order No. 3 (final) to the Colfax / Bryant Storm Sewer project with Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp. (40 Noll Street, Waukegan, IL) The change order decreases the contract amount by $194,928.45, from $2,570,152.18 to $2,375,223.73. Funding provided by the Sewer Reserve account. Item A3.3 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A4) * Resolution 78-R-06 for Cook County Mobile Video and Data Communication Network Participation Agreement Consideration of proposed resolution 78-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cook County Mobile Video and Data Communication Network Participation Agreement. Item A4 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A5) * Resolution 77-R-06 Studio 221 Lease Agreement Between the City and Artist Maggie Wiess Consideration of proposed resolution 77-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City and current Noyes Resident Artist. Item A5 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A6) * Resolution 74-R-06 for the Purchase of Electrical Power for the City of Evanston Consideration of proposed resolution 74-R-06 to allow the City of Evanston to enter into an agreement for the purchase of Electrical power with either Sempra Energy Solutions or Constellation New Energy. Costs and supplier are to be provided on December 11, 2006 due to volatility of the commodity. Costs for the electricity used will be allocated to each account without any changes. Costs not to exceed $1,795,268.00. This item was held in Committee on 11/27/06. Council asked for a verbal summary different than what is in the package. Max Rubin (Director of Facilities Management) explained dollar amounts and choosing the vendor. David Cook (Associate Director) distributed a packet to Council and explained dollar amounts and what part was fixed. Council asked for a much clearer explanation of what was done, there was too much material in front of them for proper review at this time. Freddi Greenberg, Attorney, responded to Council’s inquiry about how a vendor was chosen. Other listed vendors are being challenged (Illinois Retail Choice Law), Constellation is not included in the group currently being challenged. A motion was being made by the Acting Chairman when Max Rubin asked if the Resolution should be edited to include a cost not-to-exceed $1,806,113 per appendix B. The Acting Chairman then made a motion to include the new data Max Rubin and David Cook agreed upon. Ald. Rainey seconded the motion. Ald. Rainey asked for a presentation to better inform the public. David Cook mentioned that someone from Constellation will be at the City Council meeting. Item A6 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A7) * Ordinance 119-O-06 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement Agreement for property at Evanston Prairie I, LLC Consideration of proposed ordinance 119-O-06 executing an agreement with Evanston Prairie I, LLC, for a subsurface easement for wall and column footings adjacent to 2607-2617 Prairie Avenue. Item A7 was unanimously approved 4–0.

(A8) * Ordinance 121-O-06 Authorizing the Issuance of Not-to-Exceed $15,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Consideration of proposed ordinance 121-O-06 authorizing the city manager to execute an issuance in an amount not-to-exceed $15,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B for the purpose of refunding a portion of Series 2002C and 2003B G.O. Bonds.
Ald. Rainey opened the floor for comments from the Finance Department. Matthew Grady III (Finance Director) introduced John Peterson (bond salesman), asked Council to waive the reading of the first ordinance, and explained his approach, the position of the rates (high vs low), savings the city will receive over five years and explained the process of selling, and logic in bond issuance.

*Item A8 was unanimously approved 4–0.*

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

**(APW1) Comcast Rate hikes for 2007**

Ald. Rainey had questions about the difference between packages. Max Rubin will ask the Comcast Representative to describe/explain packages in layman’s terms or consumer language. Rubin reassured Council that Evanston has the lowest prices in the surrounding communities.

**(APW2) Options for reducing the Police and Fire Pension Funds' unfunded liability**

Grady introduced Ron Brumbach from the Fire Department and Tom from the Police Matthew Grady III, explained the memo and it’s target audience. Explained it is 45-day tracking period. He explained the issues and the memo is an update that explains two different options and he explained each option. Matthew explained where each department is in their funding and where each department should be to be healthy. Matthew Grady responded to all of the council’s questions. Ald. Rainey is asking on behalf of the Council that the Finance Department keeps Council abreast of the process as it occurs not afterwards. Grady vows not to bring a resolution to Council expecting approval without previous explanation. Ald. Wollin added that other cities and communities are suffering as well. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is interested in seeing how incurring more debt will get rid of a growing 94 million dollar debt. He is very interested in the structural observation of the savings will occur. Grady explained that it is much like re-financing your house. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a time frame of when this topic will be revisited. Staff quoted the first quarter of 2007, late January or early February.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT 6:24pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez, Executive Assistant