ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006
5: 36 PM – 6:14 PM
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Chief Berkowsky, John Burke, Dolores Cortez, Paul D’Augustino, Suzette Eggleston, Doug Gaynor, Susan Guderly, Vincent Jones, Dennis Marino, Sat Nagar, Elke Purze, David Stonebeck, Bobbie Tolston, Brad Yatube

Others Present: Ald. Tisdahl

Presiding: Ald. Jean-Baptiste then Alderman Hansen

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of April 24, 2006
Ald. Wollin noted Tisdahl marked present, make change.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA
Ald. Jean-Baptiste requested item by item consideration until the Chairman arrives.

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 05/04/06 $2,144,922.91
Item A1 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 05/09/06 $2,833,972.48
Ald. Wollin had billing questions about Executive Search and tuition reimbursement, Judy Aiello (Asst. City Manager) explained both. Ald. Wollin asked about an eight-hundred dollar mattress for the Illinois Department of Corrections (pg. 5) Aiello promised to get more concrete info. Judy Aiello in conjunction with Vincent Jones responded to the SWANC question.
Item A2 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.

(A3.1) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from DNB Construction Company (714 North Michigan Avenue Villa Park, IL) for the 2006 MFT Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of $1,082,480.10. Funding provided by Motor Fuel Tax Funds
Item A3.1 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.
(A3.2) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Pedersen Construction Inc. (936 Holmes Avenue, Deerfield, IL 60015) in the amount of $38,310 for the Chandler Center entry renovation project. Funding provided by Capital Improvement Program ($50,000).
Item A3.2 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.

(A3.3) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from KGI Landscaping (P.O. Box 265, Skokie IL) in the amount of $48,384 for the Green Bay Road landscape maintenance project. Funding provided by General Fund.
Ald. Holmes expressed concerned about appearance. Paul D’Augustino (Superintendent of Parks) explained there is no additional aesthetics planned, purely replacement and maintenance. Ald. Holmes wants it to look like the neighborhoods north of Noyes. Doug Gaynor (Director of Parks/Forestry/Recreation) responded it’s the same stuff except for maybe the slope. Holmes has a question about quality and quantity. Judy A promised to investigate and return with a response. Wollin asked if this is the same company that has been doing this all along? Gaynor responded yes. Judy explained the need for a change order if an upgrade request is submitted and granted. Gaynor suggested meeting with the Aldermen on site to discuss addition to maintenance agreement.
Item A3.3 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.

(A3.4) * Approval of prequalification of four (4) architectural and urban design service consultants in the West Evanston TIF area: Farr Associates (53 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 650, Chicago, IL), JR, LLC (30 West Monroe, Suite 1010, Chicago, IL), Yas Architecture (1603 Orrington Avenue, Suite 1000, Evanston, IL), and the Lakota Group (212 West Kinzie Street, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL).
Ald. Jean-Baptiste noted the error of defined perimeters in the TIF area and asked about the next phase. The Assistant City Manager, Judy Aiello responded fully to Ald. Jean-Baptiste including a date for the first meeting. Holmes noted the change in the second map that was passed out this evening.
Item A3.4 was approved. Vote of 3 – 0.

(A4.1) * Approval of Change Order # 1 to the Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp., (40 Noll Street, Waukegan, IL) contract for the Colfax / Bryant Storm Sewer Project decreasing the contract by $60,905.32 from $2,505,461.50 to $2,444,556.18. Funding provided by the Sewer Reserve account.
Patrick McDonough, 1010 Colfax (speaker) lives on the eastern end of the block. (Speaker Narrative) The western quarter of the block, the curbs were shaved and the blocks were widened. The problem is the rest of the block varies in width. We got new asphalt five years ago. Council interrupted because what Patrick was explaining didn’t make sense. It was noted by David Stoneback (Assistant Superintendent of Operations) that Patrick may be referencing item 4.2. Council made the decision to postpone speaker until the next item. Agenda item A4.1: Ald. Rainey asked about the chain of events that lead up to this change order. David Stoneback explained the changes. Ald. Rainey asked if we received the credit before or after the collapse. Stoneback explained there was no way to find structural discrepancies until excavating and how what was discovered had to be replaced on an emergency basis. Ald. Rainey asked if we were having situations that we didn’t
have before and what kind of oversight that’s being provided that could’ve prevented this? Stoneback explained it is old construction done 100 years ago. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if we had blueprints for the old construction. Stoneback explained a sewer atlas is available, no blueprints from 100 years ago.

Item A4.1 was approved. Vote of 4 – 0.

Baptiste turned over chair responsibilities to Ald. Hansen upon her arrival at 5:52pm.

(A4.2) * Approval of Change Order # 2 to the Joel Kennedy Constructing Corp., (40 Noll Street, Waukegan, IL) contract for the proposed widening of Colfax Street and Grant Street from the current project limits to Ridge Avenue increasing the contract by $125,596 from $2,444,556.18 to $2,570,152.18. Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Program.

Patrick quickly reviewed for Ald. Hansen what he had spoke of during Agenda Item 4.1. He feels the city is wasting money by making corrections. John Burke (Director of Traffic Engineering) responded: recalling the presentation and measurements, referencing the exact area the speaker was talking about as well. John mentioned having worked with Fire Department to determine standardized, publicly safe, measurements. He explained the 600ft would be reconstructed to match other measurements. Burke clarified specifically what the change order deals with. Ald. Rainey gave an example where she and another alderman witnessed a fire truck having to back down a block because he couldn’t get through. She feels it is worth the money for emergency vehicles to be able to navigate on a city block. The Chairperson (Ald. Hansen) directed Fire Chief Alan Berkowsky to speak to issue. Ald. Rainey asked if everyone on Mr. McDonald’s block opposes corrective street widening. Tisdahl said she received three phone calls opposing. Ald. Rainey asked the Chief to call each person. Burke gave results of survey taken in January – of the 66% return rate, 24% said no. McDonald explained his neighbor became ill and an ambulance and fire truck were able to respond. For the record, the measure of tolerance is so miniscule; it’s a waste of tax payers’ money. Ald. Hansen asked if anyone had been out to measure the curbs. Dave Stoneback agreed Patrick’s measurements might be accurate. Ald. Tisdahl supports the Chief’s position. 23’9” is not enough. 24’ - 26’ is city code. The street should be widened.

Item A4.2 was approved. Vote of 5 – 0.

(A5) * Resolution 34-R-06 - Reimbursement Resolution for 2006 GO Bonds

Consideration of proposed Resolution 34-R-06 by which the City Council would authorize that any payments made relating to FY2007 CIP projects would be reimbursed by the subsequent General Obligation (G.O.) bond issuance.

The issuance of the 2006 G.O. Bonds is expected to take place in July 2006. Ald. Rainey asked when are we going to get a presentation on the bonds, etc. Judy Aiello responded next Monday at 6pm, CIP will be included.

Item A5 was approved. Vote of 5 – 0.
IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT 6:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez