ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006
5:41 PM – 6:30 PM
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404

Members Present: Alderman Hansen, Alderman Holmes, Alderman Wollin, Alderman Jean-Baptiste

Members Absent: Alderman Rainey

Staff Present: Judy Aiello, John Burke, Pat Casey, Dolores Y. Cortez, Paul D’Augustino, Michael Despres, Bob Dornecker, Doug Gaynor, David Jennings, Regina Lookis, Gavin Morgan, Sat Nagar, Commander Niellson, Mary Rodino, David Stoneback, Cathy Radek, Max Rubin, Judy Witt, Brad Yatabe

Others Present:

Presiding: Alderman Hansen

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With quorum present, Alderman Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:41pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of May 8, 2006
Ald. Hansen noted an inaccuracy in the minutes of May 8, 2006 as follows: Ald. Hansen opened the meeting. That is incorrect, Ald. Baptiste chaired until Chairman Hansen arrived. Correction was noted and minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA
Ald. Hansen asked for Consent agenda. All items approved by consent received a vote of 4 – 0.

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 05/18/06 $ 2,165,738.36

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 05/23/06 $ 4,082,707.38
The Chairman reviewed Bills List. Ald. Wollin and Ald. Holmes had a question about where Mokena was referencing the Lunch program. Max Rubin reviewed his Sherman Avenue segment.
Item A2 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.1) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from D’ Land Construction Company (600 S. County Line Road, #1N Bensenville, IL) in the amount of $427,968.14 for the 2006 Block Curb & Sidewalk Replacement Project including Oakton Street sidewalk and sidewalk replacement around the schools. Funding provided by GO Bond Funds & CDBG Funds.
Item A3.1 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.
(A3.2) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from D’ Land Construction Company (600 S. County Line Road, #1N Bensenville, IL) in the amount of $144,036.43 for the 2006 50/50 Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Funding provided by GO Bond Funds & Private Funds.
Item A3.2 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.3) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from A. Lamp Concrete Contractors (800 W. Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL) in the amount of $152,207 for the 2006 ADA Ramps Program (Accessible Ramps). Funding provided by CDBG Funds.
Item A3.3 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.4) * Approval of proposal from Doyle & Associates (800 S. Wells, Chicago, IL) in the amount of $184,500 for Phase Two Architectural Services for the proposed expansion of the Filter Maintenance Shop and the Administration Office area at the Water Treatment Facility. Funding provided by the Water Fund.
Item A3.4 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.5) * Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Lunch at Hand (19450 97th Ave. Mokena, Il 60448) for the 2006 Summer Food Program, in an amount not-to-exceed $73,402. Funding provided by a Federal Government reimbursement program and the balance by the General Fund.
Item A3.5 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.6) * Approval of purchase for one (1) backhoe/loader from West Side Tractor Sales Co., (1560 N. Old Rand Road, Wauconda, IL) in the amount of $81,123.75 from the General Services Administration bid contract for the Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department, Parks/Forestry Division. Funding provided by the Fleet Services account.
Item A3.6 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.7) * Approval of purchase for one (1) backhoe/loader from West Side Tractor Sales Co., (1560 N. Old Rand Road, Wauconda, IL) in the amount of $98,373.75 from the General Services Administration bid contract for the Public Works Department, Street Division. Funding provided by the Fleet Services account.
Item A3.7 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.8) * Approval of purchase of two (2) 2006 Ford F 350 trucks with utility bodies using the State of Illinois contract from Dennison Corporation (1508 Morrissey Drive, Bloomington, IL) in the amount of $76,697 from the State of Illinois bid contract for the Public Works Department, Water Meter Division. Funding provided by the Fleet Services account.
Item A3.8 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.
(A3.9)* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Prairie
International Trucks, Inc (401 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL) in
the amount of $84,025 for a tandem axle truck with grappler for the
Parks/Forestry and Recreation Department, Parks/Forestry Division.
Funding provided by the Fleet Services account.

Item A3.9 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.10)* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Tyler Lane
Construction (4200 West Victoria Street, Chicago, IL) in the amount of
$315,232 for the Door Replacement and Window Painting Project for the
Municipal Service Center. Funding provided by Capital Improvement
Program.

Item A3.10 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.11)* Approval of a proposal from Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.
(9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO.) for engineering services not-to-
exceed $26,200 for a Valuation of the Water Works Properties. Funding
provided by the Water Fund.

Item A3.11 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.12)* Approval of request for additional police service funds in the amount of
$108,420 to address Brummel Park, Downtown Evanston, and the annual
Summer Plan. Funding provided by the General Fund and Downtown TIF.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for this item to be removed from the consent agenda. Ald. Jean-
Baptiste highlighted details of the supporting memo and addressed each segment where
the additional police service funds are to be used. He wanted to know what we are doing
on Dempster and Dodge, Dewey, Monroe, and Madison, and Cleveland. What are we
doing on Fowler, Lake, and Church? Ald. Jean-Baptiste felt these areas are historically
problematic. He wanted to know if there was a plan the council is unaware of. Deputy Chief
Nilsson mentioned that there are locations that will be addressed that are not itemized in
the memo such as James Park, 1700 McDaniel, the lakefronts, the art festival, Custer Fair
Street Festival. Brummel is a trouble area. Nilsson said they are reorganizing and using
staff resources for community outreach and upon aldermanic requests, units are deployed
based on those requests. He included block club party requests are responded to including
bar sweeps and curfew sweeps. The Brummel Park plan will be under review the first
month to measure effectiveness. The Police Department is attempting to come up with
strategies through community outreach. They are conducting drug raids. The Department
realizes that other areas are problematic as the summer continues which is the reason for
the request. A lot has changed over thirty six years such as an increase in population and
economic development. The warm weather and long nights will keep the Department busy.
They will be able to respond with extra cars. Deputy Chief Nilsson promised a monthly
review of the program. Ald. Jean-Baptiste appreciates the thinking and the planning, but he
also thinks we need to expand the thinking. A lot of us are anticipating a lot of issues. If we
could get the same kind of consideration applied to other problem areas. The Alderman
questions whether or not other areas and wards are getting the same kind of attention. He
would like to broaden the thinking beyond the police department. The extra police will help
but we need to move in a way to help minimize the negative distractions kids can get into.
He is asking Deputy Chief Nilsson to come back with a better more expanded plan with a
greater proactive kind of planning for greater areas. The Aldermen want something to take
back to their constituents that will give them a sense of safety. Deputy Chief Nilsson
reiterated the concept of the plan, gave statistics regarding the number of police cars by the
high school, mentioned the ripple effect as problems seem to travel to localized areas that
they're keeping track of the movement. Evanston Police Department’s plan was to get ahead of the Brummel Park issue, control it prior to the summer, set the tone and be able to use cars in other locations. Judy Aiello promised to include the Summer Plan documentation in this Friday’s packet. Ald. Hansen chimed in with the need for hardcopy that contains a plan and supported Ald. Baptiste’s request. Ald. Holmes, part of not only in Brummel Park area, is something that’s happening all over the community. The kids have no where to go and going home may not be answer. Ald. Holmes felt that something needs to be done about that. Maybe that’s an area that police could ask for help from the clergy, or recreation. There’s not always places for them to go or things for them to do. Ald. Wollin agrees. Some of the recreation programs could be highlighted so they could have something to do. Ald. Wollin is also requesting a plan on paper. She would like to move approval on this item so we can get it started, but would also like to see the plan. Ald. Holmes recalled the police department being fully staffed. Deputy Chief Nilsson clarified opened positions and why they’re opened. They are technically down 10% in sick and leave of absence. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked Doug Gaynor (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry) what was the plan on recreation this summer. Gaynor, responded that pretty much the city’s programs are down, the parks close at 11pm. Gaynor stressed that as long as the teenagers are lawful, there’s no problem with them being there. That’s what the park is for. He tried opening Crown Center from 10 – Midnight, but nobody came out. Gaynor mentioned other recreational programs opening this summer that will be supported with police presence. Ald. Holmes asked about basketball courts that only have basketball rims and why was that? Gaynor responded that sometimes it’s by community request. The Three Court design is probably more of the city is going to see. Ald. Hansen asked how will the two additional cars be assigned? In response to the Alderman’s inquiry, Deputy Chief Nilsson will come on at night at 8:15p on assignment as needed, otherwise there will be one officer per car for a total of two cars. Ald. Hansen asked about Northwestern University assistance. Deputy Chief Nilsson stated the Northwestern University police aids often and will come when called.

Item A3.12 was considered and approved. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A3.13)* Approval of a sole source contract with Jennifer Spaulding for JDE Edwards/Oracle Support Services in an annual amount not-to-exceed $79,950. (Requires a vote of 6 alderman for passage). Funding provided by Capital Improvement Program Fund.

Alderman Holmes asked for this item to be removed from the consent agenda. She questioned her (Jennifer’s) motivation to leave Oracle. Pat Casey explained she was willing to leave Oracle to work for the city, less travel, and money are the incentives. Pat shared her willingness to come on board. He specified she’s contracted with no benefits. In the long term the department is going to have to reevaluate their staffing needs at that point. Judy Aiello mentioned the Virchow Krause report and the emphasis on technology. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked how large is our Information Technology staff. Pat Casey replied twelve. Ald. Jean-Baptiste felt that is significant growth. Pat Casey responded it’s been about eight years. We’ve went from four to twelve and we’re straining with the twelve. We’re starting to see things we can’t respond to as quickly. We’re doing okay but we’d like to do better. A more educated staff is maximizing use of technology products and more support is needed. Ald. Hansen needed clarity on Jennifer’s purpose. Pat said we’re not looking solely at her. Ald. Hansen is concerned about her leaving before her contract is up. Casey explained and is putting in a bid for more assistance over the next ten years.

Item A3.12 was considered and approved. Voted 4-0
(A5) * Resolution 33-R-06  Intergovernmental Agreement with Ridgeville Park District
Consideration of proposed resolution 33-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Ridgeville Park District providing for the City to operate its summer food program on Ridgeville Park District land at Elks Park, and to locate a trailer thereon for that purpose.
Item A5 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A6) * Resolution 37-R-06  The Seventh Annual Ricky Byrdsong Memorial 5k Race
Consideration of proposed Resolution 37-R-06 authorizing the Ricky Byrdsong Foundation to close a portion of Sheridan Road from Lincoln Street to Forest Avenue for their annual 5k race on Sunday, June 18, 2006.
Item A6 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

(A7) * Ordinance 67-O-06 - Ridge Avenue Jurisdictional Transfer
Consideration of proposed Ordinance 67-O-06 authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction over Ridge Avenue (from Lyons Street to Howard Street) from the Illinois Department of Transportation to the City of Evanston.
Item A7 approved by consent. Vote of 4 – 0.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez