ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006
5:36 PM – 7:00 PM
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent: Alderman Hansen

Staff Present: Judy Aiello, John Burke, Pat Casey, David Cook, Rajeev Dahl, Paul D’Augustino, Bob Dornaker, Chief Ron Gannon, Doug Gaynor, Chief Sam Hunter, David Jennings, Vincent Jones, Gavin Morgan, Sat Nagar, Neal Ney, Elke Purze, Tracey Roberts, Mary Rodino, Max Rubin, Donna Spicuzza, Bobbie Tolston, Asst. Chief Whalen, Mike Wheeler, Brad Yatube, Allison Zelms

Others Present: Ald. Moran

Presiding: Alderman Jean-Baptiste

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of July 10, 2006
Minutes were approved.

III. STAFF PRESENTATION (Doug Gaynor, Director of Forestry/Parks & Recreation and Michael Wheeler, Finance) WebTrac On-line Computer Registration for Parks, Forestry and Recreation

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON COUNCIL AGENDA
Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a Consent agenda. All items marked with an asterisk approved by Consent agenda.

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 07/13/06  $ 2,430,105.45

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 07/25/06  $ 4,448,104.17

Ald. Rainey asked to have Item A2 removed from the consent list. Ald. Rainey had questions about line item: Evanston Westside Citizen. Bettye Palmer of the Evanston Westside Citizen District Council responded to Ald. Rainey’s questions. There was an agreement for the committee to receive a regular report, but there have been no reports submitted. Ald. Jean-Baptiste added there has been no update or notification on work being done. The Housing and Community Development Act Committee needs to get a status report from the organization before any more CDBG funds are approved for this project (1817 Church - Black American Heritage House.) The organization needs to provide plans and drawings for the rehab with a description of their objectives for rehab and use of the building. Ald. Jean-Baptiste and Ald. Rainey are
suggesting a special meeting to ascertain a complete update on project in order to move forward consistent with city code and ethics. Ald. Rainey would like to approve the $8,754.52 today and hold a meeting with the City Manager about the scope and details of the program.

Item A2 was approved after discussion.

(A3.1) * Approval of bid from Global Emergency Vehicle, Inc./Pierce Manufacturing Inc. (2600 American Way, Appleton, WI), using the Northwest Municipal Conference Joint Purchasing Advisory Committee bid for a final purchase price of $470,541.00. Funding provided by the Fleet Service Capital Outlay account.

Ald. Rainey asked to have Item A3.1 removed from the consent list. Ald. Rainey had a question about the cooperative purchase not really meeting our needs. Ald. Rainey asked if we bargained could we have done just as well. Pat Casey (Director of Management and Budget) confirmed with Council that department staff would be closely analyzing and comparing conference bids in the future. Asst. Capt. Whalen (Life & Safety) further explained the reason for the conference approach and that it is likely that staff would have been unable to procure a lower price on their own. Pat Casey shared information regarding comparative bids and specifications. Casey assured Council that the best methods would be applied in the future.

Item A3.1 approved after discussion.

(A3.2) * Approval of lowest responsive and responsible bid from A. Lamp Construction Concrete Contractors (800 W. Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, Illinois) for additional street resurfacing in the amount of $2,167,622. Funded by GO Bond Funds.

Ald. Rainey asked to have Item A3.2 removed from the consent list. Ald. Rainey has spoken to David Jennings (Director of Public Works) several times saying that A. Lamp does “satisfactory” work. The alderman is familiar with the vendor through another project in progress in her ward. The alderman has observed several dangerous work instances such as a major disregard of safety measures and practices. Wayne Smoke is the General Manager of A. Lamp Construction Concrete Contractors and was present to speak on A. Lamp’s behalf. Wayne stated the superintendent has been replaced. Rocco, the new supervisor, has taken over. David Jennings stated there has been response to situations called to their attention such as street sweeping. Jennings mentioned the level of supervision has been increased. The new superintendent will be full time on the Evanston project. Ald. Rainey asked about the City Staff commitment to supervision. David Jennings responded the necessary rotation of staff due to other projects. Ald. Holmes mentioned an instance where a change was made to prevent cement graffiti. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if there were any Evanstonians employed on this project. Smoke responded he does believe there are several Evanston residents employed on this project and will place an ad to recruit one or two more. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a follow-up report. Ald. Rainey asked the value of the current A. Lamp construction. David Jennings responded. Council concluded approx. 4million and wants a report. Ald. Rainey is suggesting a cease work for any mistakes and will be watching this project closely.

Item A3.2 approved after discussion.

(A4.1) * Approval of Change Order #1 with V3 Engineering (7325 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL) increasing the Ridge/Church/Davis Signal Improvement Project by $ 54,825 from $146,449 to $201,274 for construction engineering. Funding provided by MFT.

Item A4.1 approved by consent agenda
(A5) * **Resolution 36-R-06  FY 2007/08 – 2011/12 Capital Improvement Program**  
Consideration of proposed resolution 36-R-06 Fiscal Years 2007/08 – 2011/12  
Capital Improvement Program in the total amount of $273,400,772 which  
includes a Fiscal Year 2007- 2008 Capital Budget in the amount of $41,765,598.  
Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked to have Item A5 removed from the consent list. Ald. Jean-  
Baptiste found the wording of agenda item cumbersome. There is a difference between the  
numeric content of the Agenda Item Summary sheet and the agenda. Pat Casey confirmed  
that the Agenda Item Summary sheet is correct.  
Item A5 approved by consent agenda.

(A6) * **Resolution 44-R-06  Enterprise Car Rental Space Lease Agreement in the Maple Avenue Garage**  
Consideration of proposed resolution 44-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to  
execute a lease with Enterprise Leasing Company for the rental of a portion of  
the first floor retail and parking spaces in the Maple Avenue Garage. This item was Held in committee on 6/12/06.  
Ald. Rainey asked to have Item A6 removed from the consent list. Ald. Rainey is confused  
about square footage. David Cook (Assistant Director of Facilities Management) responded  
to Committee explaining the discrepancies between the first and new proposal with  
aesthetics and square footage with no rent for the first three months. The city would like to  
be left with a space that is aesthetically pleasing. Judy Aiello (Assistant City Manager)  
explained the perks and the reasons why the agreement was structured the way it is. Mary  
Rodino (Interim Finance Director) offered the committee revenue numbers in a way that  
was better received and understood by the committee.  
Item A6 was approved after discussion.

(A7) * **Ordinance 83-O-06 Four-Way Stop at Dempster Street and Maple Avenue**  
Consideration of proposed ordinance 83-O-06, by which the City Council  
would amend Section 10-11-5, Schedule V (D) of the City Code to establish a  
four-way stop at Dempster Street and Maple Avenue.  
Item A7 approved by consent agenda

(A8) * **Ordinance 84-O-06 Increase in the number of Class Y Liquor Licenses**  
Consideration of proposed ordinance 84-O-06 Amending Section 3-5-6 (Y) of  
the City Code to increase the number of Class Y Liquor Licenses from 0 to 1  
due to the creation of Vine Harmony, Ltd., doing business as Winestyles,  
located at 1714 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.  
Ald. Holmes asked to have Item A8 removed from the consent list. Ald. Holmes referred to  
minutes from the Liquor Commission Review Board where the manager promised to be on  
the premises during open hours. Ald. Wollin asked the actual hours of operations. 11-8  
Monday through Friday and 12 – 5 on Sunday. The location is 1741 Sherman. Please note  
correction on the address from the Ordinance.  
Item A8 was approved after discussion.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
VI. COMMUNICATIONS

(APW1) Electricity Consulting Services for Post-Regulation Energy Supply
Ald. Rainey felt the memo was very staff driven and not enough council involvement. David Cook clarified that staff by no means intended to keep anything from Council. David explained the issue of timing and window of opportunity and the process of occurrence. Ald. Rainey asked about next steps. Cook explained the cost of energy is increasing, it will be deregulated, and prices will change. City staff is trying to get expertise on our side early in a cost effective method. He will bring four or five different proposals from the consultant. David explained cost fluctuation versus time. Ald. Rainey is requesting a full report from the City Manager. Ald. Moran stated the long history re: Council involvement. Everything contained in David’s memo runs counter to the way the City is run. Ald. Moran feels there is an institutional knowledge that was overlooked in the approach to this memo. Ald. Moran has many questions. He stated he would not vote in favor of this. The bidding/consultant relationship and process is questionable. Ald. Rainey would like council to engage the Energy Commission. The Committee asked Ald. Moran to set up a meeting with the Energy Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez