ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

MONDAY, November 27, 2006
5:34pm – 6:34pm
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Dolores Y. Cortez, Doug Gaynor, Matthew Grady III, Herb Hill, David Jennings, Vincent Jones, Kevin Lookis, Dennis Marino, Elke Purze, Max Rubin, Rolanda B. Russell

Others Present: Ald. Bernstein, Ald. Tisdahl

Presiding: Alderman Holmes

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With quorum present, Alderman Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of November 13, 2006
Minutes were unanimously approved, 5 – 0 vote.

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

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 11/16/06 $ 2,208,120.80
Item A1 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 11/28/06 $ 4,445,834.60
Item A2 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A3) * Consideration of a proposal from the Public Works Department, Streets & Sanitation Division to eliminate night-time street cleaning on most residential streets and provide cleaning during daytime hours only. This item was held in Committee on 11/13/06.
Ald Rainey remains steadfast about clean streets as opposed to higher fines and towing. She later asked why regarding one side of the street parking, the city does not require people to move their car to the other side of the street for street cleaning. David Jennings (Director of Public Works) explained that the issue is finding the transition time from one side to the other where you prohibit on the one side and allow it on the other. If there is an overlap, we are jeopardizing emergency vehicle clearance. Ald. Rainey believes there is a simple solution. Jennings stressed the importance of emergency vehicle clearance, explaining if the street isn’t wide enough for emergency vehicles, it would have to be cleared. Ald. Rainey gave an example of a resident with a large number of tickets equaling thousands of dollars to show the effectiveness of towing. Ald. Rainey is very adamant about public notification of street cleaning. Ald. Rainey asked how the city will respond if there is a specific request for a street cleaning. Jennings responded that Streets & Sanitation will investigate and clean up.
Ald. Holmes feels the hand crew is useful, Ald. Holmes asked if there was previous discussion regarding problem streets and frequent cleaning.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste is against towing as it relates to the frequency of cleaning which is adversely affecting the objective of keeping the streets clean. Quarterly cleaning is not enough. He feels the city needs a different method of resolving those streets that are cleaned on a quarterly basis. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked how much of the towing fines would come to us. Jennings responded and explained that the higher fine would offset some of the expense of hand cleaning.

David Jennings explained it’s four times a year in the current plan on the one-sided streets. We have devised a method where we clean five times a year instead of four. At that time we were trying to match the proposal that we did with the two-sided streets. We’d be posting five dates on the sign instead of four. Jennings responded to Ald. Holmes’ question about previous discussion of problem areas and explained that we still have the right to tow.

Ald. Hansen wanted a little more clarity on the towing on the streets with one-sided parking being cleaned five times a year in the new plan. She would like to know if there is a way to track problem cars next year. Jennings confirmed and explained for Ald. Hansen the tracking processes in which there are two options that have been used in the past and confirmed delivery of a mid-season report.

Rolanda Russell, Assistant City Manager, clarified that the schedule was based on history, season, and volume of litter. David expounded. Ald. Rainey would like staff to review the new proposal, she wanted to review the new material. David itemized and expounded upon each new point: time and frequency of street sweeping, fines changing, business districts and areas, date posting and schedule posting in printed, digital, video, and audio mediums.

Ald. Wollin mentioned after street construction would be a good time to clean. Jennings explained the city doesn’t normally street clean, but if it’s so that the vehicles can get in there, then we will do it.

Item A3 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A4) * Resolution 65-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 65-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt service property tax levy in the amount of $1,287,618.00 on Series 1997 bonds.
Item A4 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A5) * Resolution 66-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 66-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt service property tax levy in the amount of $3,421,456.00 on Series 1999 bonds.
Item A5 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A6) * Resolution 67-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 67-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt service property tax levy in the amount of $2,806,500.00 on Series 2000 bonds.
Item A6 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A7) * Resolution 68-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 68-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt service property tax levy in the amount of $3,260,000.00 on Series 2002 bonds.
Item A7 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.
(A8) * Resolution 69-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 69-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt
service property tax levy in the amount of $443,932.00 on Series 2002c bonds.
Item A8 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A9) * Resolution 70-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 70-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt
service property tax levy in the amount of $984,788.00 on Series 2003 bonds.
Item A9 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A10)* Resolution 71-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 71-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt
service property tax levy in the amount of $109,450.00 on Series 2004 bonds.
Item A10 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A11) * Resolution 72-R-06 Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 72-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt
service property tax levy in the amount of $1,872,142.00 on Series 2005 bonds.
Item A11 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A12) * Resolution 73-R-06 – Debt Abatement
Consideration of proposed resolution 73-R-06 abating a portion of the 2006 debt
service property tax levy in the amount of $606,198.00 on Series 2006 bonds.
Gerald Gordon, gave address, complimented the construction on Darrow Street,
wanted to know how it was being paid. Matthew Grady III (Finance Director) responded to
resident’s questions explaining that the abatements are related to the fiscal year 2006-2007
budget previously approved by the Council.
Item A12 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A13) * 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
November 27 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.
Max Rubin (Director of Facilities Management) noted that his staff added an addendum and
that his department is asking this item be held and explained the vacillating costs of energy at
this time. Ald. Holmes asked Max when the veto session would be over, he responded the
30th of November. Rubin talked about an “opt out” clause. Staff recommended the item be
held until the results of the legislative session is determined.
Item A13 was held.

(A14)* Ordinance 113-O-06 Proposing the Extension (Years) and Expansion (Area) of Special
Service Area (SSA) No. 4
Consideration of proposed ordinance 113-O-06 proposing the extension (years) and
expansion (Area 0) of Special Service Area No.4 for twelve additional years and
providing for a public hearing and other procedures in connection therewith.
Ald. Rainey inquired about non-for-profit with some exemptions and asked if 1800 Sherman
was assessed before this special service district? Diane Williams responded they used to be
but they were taken off the transfers. Ald. Rainey then reminded Diane that council was
assured that all of the tenants paid lease hold fees. The lease holders still show, yes. Ald.
Rainey is suggesting that this building be omitted from the special service district. Ald Rainey
asked how is the levy spread? Herb Hill (First Corporate Legal) responded it’s based upon
the tax rate applied to that assessed value. Ald. Rainey then asked if there was a ballot or
was it just the hearing? Herb Hill responded there was just the hearing.
Ald. Hansen asked what the next steps were according to the memo if everything goes forward. Herb responded. Ald. Hansen asked why doesn’t any of the funds go toward these activities (on-going maintenance)? Ald. Hansen then inquired about the new boundaries. Diane Williams will address the Alderman’s question in the near future, she did not have that information available and would follow up with additional information at the next Council meeting.

Herb Hill promised to forward to the committee a more legible overlay map. Ald. Bernstein asked for clarification of numbers of property tax payers. Herb explained the 50/50 rule. Ald. Wollin noted that the tax rate is going down. Ald. Rainey asked if someone could remind council of what the city supplements? Diane Williams explained that the biggest component is through the maintenance contract. For the next committee meeting, Council is asking for a couple examples of what this will mean for entities and condos. Diane Williams intends to give examples of each.

Item A14 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

(A15) *Ordinance 116-O-06 One-Way Stop at Seward Street and Barton Avenue
Consideration of proposed ordinance 116-O-06 amending Section 10-11-5, Schedule V(A) of the City Code to establish a One-Way Stop at Seward Street and Barton Avenue.

Item A15 was unanimously approved 5 – 0.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez, Executive Assistant