ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, September 25, 2006
5:37PM – 5:57PM
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Judy Aiello, Sgt. Bellino, John Burke, Pat Casey, Dolores Y. Cortez, Paul D’Augstino, Doug Gaynor, Matthew Grady III, David Jennings, Vincent Jones, Interim Chief Dennis Nilsson, Max Rubin, David Stoneback, Bobbie Tolston, Brad Yatube

Others Present:

Presiding: Alderman Holmes

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With quorum present, Alderman Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:37pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of September 11, 2006
Minutes were moved for approval by Ald. Holmes, 2nd by Ald. Hansen.

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

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 9/21/06 $ 2,267,123.83
Item A1 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 9/26/06 $ 2,692,592.27
Item A2 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.1) * Approval of the lowest responsive proposal from RJN Group Inc. (200 West Front Street, Wheaton, IL) in the not-to-exceed-amount of $248,628 for engineering services related to the 2007 Water Main, Sewer, and Street Improvement project. Funding provided by Water Depreciation, Improvement, & Extension account.
Item A3.1 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.2) * Approval of professional services contract in the amount of $35,800 from JJR (30 W. Monroe Street, Suite 1010, Chicago, IL) for the Perry Park Renovation project. Funding provided by the Capital Improvement Project fund.
Ald. Wollin noticed the next three items are park projects and asked why were there three different contractors. Paul D’Agostino (Supervisor of Park/Forestry & Recreation) explained the strengths and weaknesses of each contractor. The criteria of
each project is appropriate and relevant to the awarded contractor. Ald. Jean-Baptiste
would like to see a statement clarifying the apparently arbitrary selection of
contractors. Ald. Rainey thought that the bidders were pre-qualified. Doug Gaynor
and Paul D’Agostino explained that they are not pre-qualified and the process used
was an open RFP.
* Item A3.2 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.3) * Approval of professional services contract in the amount of $40,100
from Site Design Group (888 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL) for the
Smith Park Renovation project. Funding provided by the Capital
Improvement Project fund and CDBG.
* Item A3.3 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.4) * Approval of professional services contract in the amount of $33,128.40
from Thompson Dyke & Associates (213 W. Institute Place, Suite 700,
Chicago, IL) for the Megowan Park Renovation project. Funding provided by
the Capital Improvement Project fund.
* Item A3.4 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A4) * Resolution 56-R-06 Lease Agreement with the Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for Permalawn
Consideration of resolution 56-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to sign the
amendment to the lease agreement dated April 6, 2006 between the City and
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago on 2.1 acres of
real estate at 2222 Green Bay Road (formerly known as Permalawn – North
Shore Parcels 2.12 and 2.13).
* Item A4 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A5) * Ordinance 101-O-06 Kendall College Property Public Alley Vacation
Consideration of proposed ordinance 101-O-06 by which the City Council
would vacate a city alley located north of Colfax Street, east of Sherman
Avenue, south of Lincoln Street and west of Orrington Avenue.
* Item A5 unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A6) * Ordinance 102-O-06 Increase in the number of Class B Liquor Licenses
Consideration of proposed ordinance 102-O-06 amending Section 3-5-6 (B) of
the City Code to increase the number of Class B Liquor Licenses from fifteen
to sixteen due to the addition of Bandana Entertainment, L.L.C. doing
business as BAT 17, 1709 Benson Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.
Ald. Wollin asked about a “B” license being a “3am” license. Pat Casey responded
it is a “2am” full license. Ald. Wollin asked about the liquor menu. The owners
were present and clarified there would be wine and beer. Ald. Wollin asked what
percentage of space would be bar space. The owner clarified about 10% of the bar
and explained the stressors would be on the quality of food and the liquor is to
attract the movie crowd, serving from 11am – 2am. The owner clarified business
hours would be Monday through Friday 7am to Midnight, Saturday and Sunday
until 1am. Ald. Wollin showed concerned because the restaurant is in her ward.
(A6)  *Ordinance 102-O-06 – cont.*

Ald. Rainey asked the fire hazard capacity, the owner responded a total of 44 seats, including the bar. Ald. Wollin asked had everyone taken their BASSET training. The owner has, the manager will go through BASSETT training.

Item A6 unanimously approved, 5-0.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Restorative Justice memo: Ald. Wollin mentioned that it appeared to be very successful. Interim Chief Nilsson explained that this program was initially a one time problem solving mediation the Police Department brought in. The program was used because it is something that is more community based. Ald. Wollin asked about the process. Cynthia Harris from the Evanston Police Department spoke about the Restorative Justice Program and parental involvement. Council would like a copy of the e-mail that Cynthia Harris sent out regarding the free training in Urbana, IL.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Y. Cortez, Executive Assistant