ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, October 9, 2006
5:39PM – 6:19pm
CIVIC CENTER, 2100 RIDGE AVENUE, ROOM 2404


Members Absent:

Staff Present: Judy Aiello, John Burke, Pat Casey, Dolores Y. Cortez, Paul D’Agostino, Rajeev Dahl, David Jennings, Vincent Jones, Kevin Lookis, Sat Nagar, Neal Ney, Elke Purze, Max Rubin, Carlos Ruiz, Donna Spicuzza, Bobbie Tolston, Brad Yatube,

Others Present:

Presiding: Alderman Holmes

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With quorum present, Alderman Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:39pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of September 25, 2006
Ald. Wollin wanted to correct the minutes re: A3.2: it was not that there were three park projects and three different objectives, the question was why the qualifications and expertise were rated differently from the same company on three different projects. Amendment and Minutes were moved for approval by Ald. Wollin, 2nd by Ald. Jean-Baptiste.

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

(A1) * City of Evanston Payroll through 10/05/06 $2,145,547.40
Item A1 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A2) * City of Evanston Bills through 10/10/06 $3,926,676.46
Ald. Jean-Baptiste: pg. 18, $230, CDBG funds. Ald. Jean-Baptiste would like to negotiate a policy where we would not pay the schools for using their facilities for community meetings. Ald. Holmes agrees with Ald. Jean-Baptiste. Judy Aiello (Assistant City Manager) mentioned that would be a good topic for City-School committee. Ald. Jean-Baptiste would like to hold payment until discussions are held on this issue. Ald. Rainey would like to see expenses like this paid right out of the general fund and reimbursed by TIF if the general fund wants to be reimbursed. Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved that the City hold payment until the next City-School meeting on November 17th. Approve with amendment to withhold payment on the aforementioned line item.
Item A2 unanimously approved, 4-0.
(A3.1) * Approval of a professional services contract with LaBrosse, Ltd. (3121 N. Rockwell St, Chicago, IL) for exhibit consulting and fabrication services for the Evanston Public Library in an amount not-to-exceed $499,255. Funding provided by FY 06-07 and FY 07-08 CIP budget.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for a little more explanation on what is being done on this project. Neal Ney (Public Library Director) provided and explained mounted concept drawings to Council. Ald. Jean-Baptiste was under the impression the renovation was aimed at the teen community. Ald. Jean-Baptiste made sure that the children’s section was renovated and the emphasis was not on the teen community. Neal Ney confirmed the Alderman’s statement. Ald. Hansen asked about the total project budget. Ney responded $2.4 million dollars and the architect is about $75,000. The bigger piece will be the general contractor and there will be one more purchase for shelving. Ald. Hansen confirmed that the figures were not consultant fees only. Ald. Hansen asked about mobility. Neal Ney confirmed that the construction will not be mobile.

Item A3.1 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A3.2) * Approval of professional services contract with Postl-Yore & Associates (2101 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL) in the amount of $24,800 for surveying services for the 2007 Street Improvement Program. Funding provided by Street Resurfacing CIP funds.

Item A3.2 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A3.3) * Approval of professional services contract with Hitchcock Design Group (221 West Jefferson Avenue, Naperville, IL) in the amount of $49,500 for the Framework Visioning Services for the Lakefront Master Planning Project. Funding provided by the CIP.

Ald. Wollin mentioned there being no timetable beginning the project. Paul D’Agostino (Superintendent of Parks & Recreation) responded that the City hopes to begin as soon as possible and will finish in January and February. Ald. Holmes had an inquiry re: recommendation between the two consultants. She is aware of the City doing business with JJR and asked if we are not completely satisfied with JJR’s services as a consultant? Paul D'Agostino replied that Hitchcock’s team seemed to grasp the vision better. No reflection on JJR. Judy Aiello added that it is a different process and that this part is really just the visioning. Judy confirmed the City's satisfaction with JJR. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked for help understanding the process, Paul explained that all the stakeholders will be brought together to focus on what the goals of the master plan should be. There is a lot of different ideas regarding the lakefront. Hitchcock will facilitate the process. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is expecting a report and asked about the next step. Paul replied the next step will be, using that document, to start the master planning process, what should and should not be done. A whole new set of RFP’s will be distributed for the master plan. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if the plan will be reflective of the best ideas in the previous group think. Paul explained to the Council that the master plan will be the response to the opportunities and problems existing on the lakefront. D'Agostino is currently unsure of a projected cost. He explained cost is dependent upon the city's decision. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked that after the master plan is decided, we hire contractors and so what is D'Agostino's projection if all goes according to plan to get the lakefront completed. D'Agostino replied five or ten years depending upon available funding. Ald. Jean-Baptiste stated on the next report the committee receives, they will deal with the concerns. The alderman’s next question was when does the city prioritize. Paul D'Agostino responded, the city will prioritize when we figure out what needs to be done first. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if the city will seek grants, donations, and contributions. Paul D'Agostino said yes. Judy Aiello added clarity about the goals of the master plan. Ald. Rainey wanted to know why the concentration on the central core lakefront and nothing south of Lee Street Beach. She raised concerns about parking restrictions on the lakefront. Ald. Rainey is hopeful of citywide input covering all the concerns. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked
why do we stop at Lee? Why not go to the most southernmost border of the city. Ald. Hansen added that is where the park ends. Paul D’Agostino stated that south of Lee street becomes private property. Paul D’Agostino plans to take the solution of the core section and apply it to all other sections. All other sections will be included in the overall improvement process. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked if the initial citywide discussion will include the area south of Lee that belongs to the City. Paul confirmed. Ald. Holmes stated Paul would also have to include parts north of Clark. Paul replied that there is a separate group looking at the Lighthouse property. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked Paul D’Agostino if he will be coming back to us with an expanded proposal. It is concluded that the ideas garnered from the initial process will be implemented in the sections not included in the initial vision stages. Ald Hansen explained that there is a path that runs from Lee Street to just north of Clark Street Beach that is continuous. Just south of Lee Street you would have to get on the sidewalk and then there are houses on both sides. Ald. Hansen sees a disconnect between areas and doesn’t think we should focus on one section of the lakefront when this is a community project. All areas are not being included in the vision process. Ald. Wollin mentioned dilapidated restrooms once better constructed can be replicated everywhere. That is one of the things she believes will come out of the vision committee. Her other concern is where we take in money referencing kiosks, once we design a good kiosk, we could replicate it. Ald. Rainey feels Evanston’s beaches should be tailored to the characteristics of the community. Judy Aiello asked if Council would like staff to ask for a change order to the project to include the entire community. Although the general consensus is that there should be no additional costs, Judy Aiello is requesting guidance from Council just in case. Ald. Jean-Baptiste is moving approval as amended for expansion that would include south of Lee and north of Clark Street in the lakefront master plan discussion.

Item A3.3 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A3.4) * Approval of contract with T.Y. Lin, Inc. (5960 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL) in the amount of $89,930 for Phase III Construction Administration Services for the Central/Crawford/Gross Point Traffic Signal Project. Funding provided by the CIP.
Item A3.4 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A4) * Approval of Change Order No. #2 to Chicago Avenue Streetscape Project with Kovilic Construction Company (3721 N. Carnation Street, Franklin Park, IL) for purchasing tree grates and frames for the streetscape improvement at the corner of Chicago Avenue and Main Street, increasing the contract amount by $15,417.60 from $242,201.05 to $257,618.65. Funding provided by the CIP.
Ald. Rainey wanted to point out that the developer on that corner contributed approximately $150,000 and should be publicly acknowledged. Ald. Jean-Baptiste and Ald.Holmes asked if there should be recognition. Ald. Holmes suggested a letter of thanks. John Burke explained the additional funding will be beneficial to the grantor and get their units opened quicker. Ald. Jean-Baptiste feels public City/Council recognition would promote duplicate behavior. David Jennings agreed to draft the letter.
Item A4 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A5) * Resolution 57-R-06  Assuming Responsibility for the Temporary Closing of Sheridan Road for the NU Homecoming Parade
Consideration of proposed resolution 57-R-06 by which the City Council would accept liability for the temporary closure of Sheridan Road for the Annual Northwestern University Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 20, 2006.
Item A5 unanimously approved, 4-0.
(A6) * Resolution 58-R-06 Increase in Federal Participation for the Ridge Avenue
Traffic Signal Project
Consideration of proposed resolution 58-R-06 authorizing the City Manager to
execute an amendment to the Local Agency Agreement with IDOT to increase
federal funding participation in the Ridge Avenue Signal Project by $474,855.
This project is federally funded.
Item A6 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A7) * Ordinance 103-O-06 Decrease in Class B1 Liquor Licenses
Consideration of proposed ordinance 103-O-06 amending Section 3-5-6 (B1) of
the City Code, to decrease the number of Class B1 Liquor Licenses from 5 to 4
due to the sale of 1800 Club, Inc., doing business as 1800 Club, 1800 Sherman
Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.
Item A7 unanimously approved, 4-0.

(A8) * Ordinance 104-O-06 Increase in Class B1 Liquor Licenses
Consideration of proposed ordinance 104-O-06 amending Section 3-5-6
(B1) of the City Code, to increase the number of Class B1 Liquor Licenses from 4
to 5 due to the addition of Chicago Outfit Entertainment, Inc. doing business as
1800 Club, 1800 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.
Ald. Rainey is requesting a police report on this club, she read that there were none and
asked if that was true. Pat Casey (Director of Management and Budget) promised to provide
a police report on the 1800 Club. Ald. Rainey confirmed with Casey that this is a late night
license. Ald. Wollin added that she met with the potential new owners and Pat Casey; the
agreement reached is to close the patio at midnight. Noise seemed to be the biggest
problem. No under-aged drinking tickets at this club. The indoor no smoking ordinance
causes outside group smoking and noise. Ald. Rainey asked Ald. Wollin if she had asked if
the no smoking ordinance diminished business at all. Pat Casey added that he spoke to two
business owners and they said business is better. Ald. Jean-Baptiste added IHOP said their
business had improved also. Pat Casey added the two business owners were the 1800 Club
and Tommy Nevins. Ald. Rainey would like a survey of the larger restaurants regarding
business since the no smoking ordinance.
Item A8 unanimously approved, 4-0.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

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