ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday, January 25, 2010

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Council Chambers


Members Absent: Ald. Jean-Baptiste


Others Present:

Presiding: Ald. Rainey

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
With a quorum present, Chairman Rainey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of January 11, 2010
Minutes were unanimously approved, 4-0

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1)* City of Evanston Payroll through 01/17/10 $2,622,425.72
A1 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A2)* City of Evanston Bills through 01/26/10 $1,160,535.32.
A2 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A3.1)* Purchase of One Pierce Arrow-XT Fire Engine through the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Bid Award
Staff recommends approval of the purchase of a Pierce Arrow-XT Fire Engine (pumper) from Global Emergency Products (1401 N. Farnsworth Avenue Aurora, IL) in the amount of $539,024.00. Global is the bid winner within the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) for Pierce Manufacturing Heavy Fire Apparatus. Funding for this purchase will come from the Northwestern University donation that was received by the City of Evanston.

Ald. Rainey noted that Northwestern University had donated 500 thousand dollars towards the purchase. This will allow the City to sell one engine and still maintain one for backup. She asked what the projected delivery date was. Chief Berkowsky (Chief of Fire Department) said it is six to seven months from date of order. Ald. Holmes asked what model year it will be. The Chief said it should be a 2010 model. He also mentioned that he intends to have a plaque made to commemorate the donation. This was previously done in the 70s for a similar gift.

A3.1 was unanimously approved, 4-0
(A3.2)* Purchase of a 36” Gate Valve for the Water Department (Bid 10-80)

Staff recommends City Council approval of a contract in response to Bid 10-80 for the purchase of a 36-inch gate valve to HD Supply – Waterworks (29950 Skokie Highway, Lake Bluff, IL) in the amount of $36,223.00. Funding provided from the Water Fund (Account 733086).

Ald. Fiske asked how serious the leak was. Marty Lyons (Assistant City Manager) said there have been two main breaks this year. Dave Stoneback (Superintendent Water and Sewer Division) said this purchase would solve the problem. It was a constant leak not a serious one. Ald. Fiske said it was a lot of water. D. Stoneback agreed saying it was at a pressure point but it was quick fix. Ald. Rainey asked how long it would take to place the new valve and D. Stoneback said about five hours.

A3.2 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A4)* Resolution 1-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Two (2) Ten (10) Year Leases Allowing Continued Use of City Parking Lot 15 Located in the Main-Sherman Business area

Staff recommends City Council approval of Resolution 01-R-10 authorizing the City Manager to enter into two (2) ten (10) year leases allowing continued use of City Parking Lot 15 located in the Main-Sherman Business area. Leases would be with GTC Main Street, Inc., 710-716 Main, Evanston, Illinois 60202 and 706 Main St., L.L.C., 706 Main Street, Evanston, Illinois 60202. Funding for leases will be provided by the Parking Fund: Account 7015.62375 for FY 09/10 $18,000; Account 7015.62375 for subsequent years.

Ald. Rainey asked if each lease was for 18 thousand dollars and M. Lyons responded that that was correct.

A4 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A5)* Resolution 6-R-10 Authorizing Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 2010 Street Construction and Design Engineering Services

Staff recommends City Council approval of proposed Resolution 6-R-10 authorizing use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of $1,600,000 for the 2010 Street Resurfacing Project and $122,500 for Design Services by Engineering Staff. Since this request precedes the adoption of the 2010-2011 Annual Budget, approval of this action will require the authorized expenditure $1,722,500 of MFT funds be included in the Capital Improvements Plan and in the Annual Budget when adopted in February for the 2010-11 budget year.

Ald. Rainey confirmed that this request is in anticipation of the 2010 – 2011 Annual Budget and by approving the MFT funds; the Council will in fact be approving in advance the expenditure of 1,722,500 million dollars. M. Lyons said she is correct and that it will coordinate with water main work and MFT resurfacing for the eight streets outlined to Council a while back.

A5 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A6)* Resolution 7-R-10 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Cooperation and Grant Agreement with the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County for a $13,498 Grant Earmarked for Police Technology

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a Cooperation and Grant Agreement for $13,498 with the Judicial Advisory Council of Cook County.

A6 was unanimously approved, 4-0
(A7)* Ordinance 4-O-10 Amending the City Code to Establish a Four-Way Stop at Forest Avenue and Greenleaf Street  
Staff recommends the adoption of the proposed Ordinance 4-O-10 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 Forest Avenue and Greenleaf Street. Funding would be through the general fund-operating budget for signs and pavement markings.  
A7 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A8)* Ordinance 6-O-10 Amending Title 10, Chapter 4 Section 13, paragraph (D) Snow Emergency, Snow Route Parking Ban, Other Regulations  
Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 6-O-10 to amend Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 13, paragraph (D), Snow Emergency. This ordinance corrects language in the City code to conform to Ordinance 64-O-09 approved by Council on September 14, 2009. Staff recommends suspension of rules at Council to introduce and adopt at the January 25, 2010 meeting.  
As this ordinance is to correct language in a previous ordinance, the committee voted to suspend the rules and send it to Council for action.  
A8 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A9)* Ordinance 7-O-10, Decrease in the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses for Flat Top Grill  
Local Liquor Commissioner and staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 7-O-10 which amends Section 3-5-6(B) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class B liquor licenses from 15 to 14 due to change in ownership of Flat top Grill at 707 Church Street, 60201.  
A9 was unanimously approved, 4-0

(A10)* Ordinance 8-O-10, Increase in the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses for Flat Top Grill  
Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 8-O-10 which amends Section 3-5-6(B) of the City Code to increase the number of Class B liquor licenses from 14 to 15 due to new ownership of Flat top Grill at 707 Church Street, 60201.  
A10 was unanimously approved, 4-0

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Ald. Rainey requested some time to revisit Ordinance 2-O-10, Regarding School Safety: Fines for School Zone Speeding that is on tonight’s Council agenda for “action.”  
Ald. Burrus said she supports getting mandatory fines but cannot see what help this change will bring about. Grant Farrar (Corporation Council/City Attorney) said that what usually happens with a school zone ticket is a Judge in a branch court frequently would amend down to simple speeding on tickets like these. If not done, it could impact the driver’s license/insurance. This ordinance was tailored to mimic the State statute. It is to keep the action in the adjudication officer’s area. Of those tickets that go to Skokie, 90 to 95 percent are amended down to a simple speeding with a lower fine. That results in reduced fines and less weight on the driver’s record. In addition, speeding is not reported to the Secretary of State. Ald. Rainey asked if this change in ordinance would cause incidents to be reported to insurance companies. G. Farrar stated that the ordinance was rewritten to confirm that the incident must be reported to the Secretary of State. The
courts are the ones who report it to insurance companies. Ald. Rainey asked if it means the City will collect the fine, not the Circuit Court. M. Lyons said yes and the City can get dollars to the schools faster. Ald. Rainey noted that this ordinance does not mean greater enforcement. G. Farrar agreed but stated that enforcement is another issue. Ald. Holmes reminded all that there are mandatory fines for alcohol incidents and the City has never been able to collect the $500.00 fine. G. Farrar said that also is correct. This ties into the larger issue of judicial discretion. Once this ordinance is adopted, we’ll see administrative adjudication review set in place. Ald. Rainey asked if a Police Officer has the discretion to write a ticket as a Municipal code violation or as a State code violation. G. Farrar said that he would need to talk with the Police Department concerning the implementation question. The ticket book needs to track that information. I’ll need to sit down with Administrative Adjudication and the Police Department to work this out he said. Ald. Rainey asked him to also check on the seat belt ordinance. She understands that the Police Officers do not have the proper ticket books. G. Farrar said that he would roll that into the same discussion. All Aldermen agreed to recommend adoption of this ordinance at full Council this evening.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As a closing item, Ald. Rainey said she would like to have staff convene a meeting to discuss committee start times. M. Lyons stated that he would follow-up on that idea.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Phillip G. Baugher