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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of May 12, 2008
Ald. Rainey requested that in the future, corrections be noted on the corrected copy. Minutes of May 12 were unanimously approved, 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of May 27, 2008
Minutes of May 27 were unanimously approved, 5-0.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1)* City of Evanston Payroll through 05/29/08 $2,366,602.87  
Item A1 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A2)* City of Evanston Bills through 06/10/08 $4,143,712.21  
Ald. Wollin asked if the results are in for the survey (p.1 $4,994) conducted by Northern Illinois University. Gavin Morgan (Assistant to City Manager) said that BPAT did the survey and he will ask them to share the results. Ald. Wollin asked why the two amounts paid to Accountemps (p.2 Accounting) were for different amounts. Steven Drazner (Interim Finance Director) said that this is payment for two months and for two different people from the Agency. The first had to be replaced when it was discovered she did not possess advanced EXCEL capabilities. Ald. Rainey asked if we had hired someone not proficient in EXCEL. S. Drazner said that her talents were not advanced enough for what was required by the Accounting Department. Ald. Wollin noted a charge on p.4 to the Glenview Police Department and wondered if it was for rental time on the firing range. Chief Eddington (Police Department) said it was. Ald. Wollin asked for a more specific explanation of the charges (p.9) for the Boat Ramp - Church Street. Doug Gaynor (Director Parks Forestry & Recreation) said that it was for dredging and a crane to get the ramp into the water. On p.10, Ald Wollin asked about the cost for, recycled plastic bench. D. Gaynor said that this is the type of product the City is using. Ald. Wollin asked if the price was for one or more. D. Gaynor thought only one but will confirm the number and get back to the Alderman. Ald. Rainey asked about the interest payment to Wells Fargo. S. Drazner said that 100% of the payment
was interest. The second payment for principle is due in December of this year. Ald.
Rainey asked what the outstanding balance is. S. Drazner said that he would get that
figure to the Committee. The attached maturity schedule is for all bonds. Ald. Rainey
asked what the interest rates are and S. Drazner noted that is the second document
that accompanied the answers to the Bills List. Ald. Rainey asked if the bonds were
issued be for the City’s AAA rating was lowered. S. Drazner said yes.

Item A1 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.1)* Approval of Contract (RFP 09-10) for Replacement of Fire/Police Radio Antenna
Tower
Recommend approval of a contract with T. Steele Construction (8300 42nd Street
West, Rock Island, Il.) for the purchase and installation of a 140 foot radio antenna
tower at the cost of $154,850 plus a 10% contingency for a total request of $170,335.
Funding provided by the Emergency Telephone System Board Capital Outlay
Account. This item was introduced and held in committee on 5-27-08.

Ald. Holmes noted that an attached letter date May 6, 2008 recommended that the City.acquire references on T. Steele Construction. Chief Berkowsky (Fire Department) said
that he had followed up on the recommendation and all contacted were happy with the
work. Ald. Rainey asked if Ald. Bernstein had held a community meeting. Chief
Berkowsky said that Ald. Bernstein said that he would handle it.

Item A3. was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.2)* Approval of Contract to Perform Maintenance Repairs on Central Street
Recommend approval of construction contract to provide maintenance repairs on
Central Street with Johnson Paving (1025 E. Addison Court, Arlington Heights, IL)
in the amount of $78,000. Funding provided by the IDOT Extraordinary
Maintenance Repair Fund.

Ald. Wollin stated that the street is in horrible condition. She asked if the committee
needs to suspend the rules to get the work done by July Fourth. John Burke (Public
Works Director) said it was not necessary and the vendor has agreed to complete the
work by June 30th.

Item 3.2 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.3)* Approval of Purchase for CCTV Camera Equipment
Recommend approval of the purchase of closed-circuit television (CCTV) truck
camera equipment from the sole-source vendor, EJ Equipment (P. O. Box 665,
Manteno, Il.) in the amount of $34,000. Funding provided by the Sewer Fund.

Item 3.3 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.4)* Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (09-18) for 2008 50/50
Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Program
Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (09-18) for 2008
50/50 Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Program to Schroeder & Schroeder (7306
Central Park Avenue, Skokie, IL) in the amount of $93,000. Funding provided by
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the matching funds of the property
owners participating in the program.

Item 3.4 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

(A3.5)* Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (09-20) for 2008 ADA Ramp,
Parking Lot and Block Sidewalk Programs
Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (09-20) for 2008
ADA Ramp, Parking Lot & Block Sidewalk Programs to Chicagoland Paving
Company (225 Telser Road, Lake Zurich) in the amount of $162,185.50. Funding
provided by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ($100,389) and the
Parking Fund ($61,796.50).

Ald. Rainey asked what the deadline is for residents to put in requests for the 50/50
sidewalk program. J. Burke said they take requests to the end of July.

Item 3.2 was unanimously approved, 5-0.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(APW1) “City of Evanston Solid Waste Franchise”

J. Burke opened this discussion by stating that on April 8, 2008 A & P W requested a public meeting be held to solicit input from the community concerning a solid waste franchise. This meeting was held on May Nineteenth and attended by approximately thirty commercial business and multi-family owners and managers. J. Burke felt that they were a good cross section of small businesses, property management firms and institutions. Two primary issues from two distinct groups came forward in the public meeting and for that matter throughout the nearly 2-years the franchise has been discussed. First, small business owners have expressed that they operate on a short margin and rely on being able to negotiate contracts to keep costs low. Only a couple of small business owners have stated that there costs would actually be higher under the solid waste franchise. Mr. Burke referenced Bruce Nesvig and Dick Peach. He noted that in Skokie, there were just 5 businesses that ended up paying more under the franchise. None-the-less, staff would recommend that in addition to freezing their lower contract price for a one-year period, that over the following three years, their contract price be increased incrementally to the franchise fee cost. This would take the impact of increase out of any one year. The second primary concern came from the larger institutional organizations – specifically Northwestern University and the hospitals – who are multi-jurisdictional entities and expressed in the strongest of possible terms that they object to being included in the franchise - that they are already deriving the benefits of franchising with respect to economies of scale, recycling, etc. and that their waste handling requirements are unique. J. Burke stated that staff recommends exempting these organizations. He believes that the vast majority of businesses in Evanston would benefit from the franchise in terms of lower costs, increased recycling and service. He noted in Skokie that the businesses saved $1,000,000 overall in lower franchise fee costs the first time the franchise was bid out and another 12% in the second bid. He would like to bring the ordinance to the next A & P W Committee meeting. Ald. Rainey asked how many responses to the RFP were received. J. Burke responded five. Ald. Rainey asked if all five were qualified. Suzette Eggleston (Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation) said they all were. Ald. Rainey asked if she was going to tell the Aldermen who the provider will be and if the lowest bidder has been selected. J. Burke said that in this type of RFP, no one is informed of the lowest bidder until the City Council is informed with an agenda item bringing the contract forward. He added that usually this is a quick process from selection to Council but in this case it has been held over for nearly 6 months. Ald. Rainey, noting the amount of time that has passed so far asked how long will the providers wait at their quoted prices. Suzette Eggleston said the price has already been held for a good amount of time. Ald. Wollin asked when the price came down in Skokie were the savings passed on to individual businesses. J. Burke said that they were, and prices should continue to decrease in subsequent years as uncertainty and risk is reduced for the bidders. Jacquelyn Johnson (Public Works Management Analyst) said that the first franchise hauler in Skokie had significantly lower prices and with the re-bidding five years later for a new contract, came down even further with the savings going directly to the franchise users. Ald. Hansen asked if all the prices are set in stone. S. Eggleston said that those who questioned costs were contacted individually. Ald. Rainey noted that cleaners were told that hangers are not recyclable. S. Eggleston said that is true. Hangers however are reusable. Disposal is another area. Ald. Rainey asked who would be exempt. S. Eggleston stated that multi-jurisdictional language is in the ordinance. Exemptions will not be issued in advance. Ald. Rainey asked if multi-unit buildings are exempt. S. Eggleston said they can apply for an exemption. Ald. Rainey asked if they did not have a new vendor a few years ago. S. Eggleston said that the condo contract with Flood Brothers is up in 2010 and at that time will be considered. Ald. Rainey asked
if it is true that small condos do not use the City system. S. Eggleston said they had opted out. Ald. Rainey said a condo is the same as a single family house how can a condo not be covered. A. Eggleston said that condos serviced by the city are exempt. Ald. Rainey asked what if they are not in the City program. S. Eggleston said that they will be in this program. Ald. Jean-Baptiste noted that 170K in revenue is projected to be generated. He asked what additional staff would be required to handle this. S. Eggleston said that the existing staff would handle the administration. The vendor will do all the billing and answer user’s questions. Ald. Jean-Baptiste asked how the service is priced. S. Eggleston said it is based on the size of the container. Streets and Sanitation will administer this program without a staff increase. Ald. Rainey asked what SWANNC got out of this. S. Eggleston said that they are advisors to the City. They get nothing. She also noted that the new recycling program could net the City 30K more. The City will get a certain percentage of what SWANNC sells. Ald. Rainey thought that whoever is selected will collect and deliver to Groot. S. Eggleston said that is correct. Ald. Rainey asked why the City does not deal directly with Groot. S. Eggleston said they charge the City. Recycling can be better controlled this way. Ald. Rainey asked in Dominick’s, Walgreen’s and Jewel are exempt. S. Eggleston said they can apply for an exemption. Ald. Rainey said that Walgreen’s gets income from recycling, and wondered if they will give up the money. Ald. Wollin noted the City is pushing recycling and this system will get trucks off of the streets. J. Burke noted that Niles and Morton Grove recently came on board with franchising and SWANNC has relayed that there has not been many requests for exemptions in other communities. S. Eggleston said that some can opt for garbage and not recycling. Ald. Holmes asked if all the big institutions replied to the survey. S. Eggleston said they did not. Ald. Rainey asked how the businesses and residents will know the City is doing this. S. Eggleston said that the awarded vendor will go from door to door to explain the City’s new system long before a new dumpster arrives. Each business must sign a contract. Ald. Wollin made the motions that an ordinance be written and submitted to the A & P W Committee. Ald. Jean-Baptiste seconded. It was passed unanimously, 5-0.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
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