CITY COUNCIL
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, May 7, 2007
Civic Center - Room 2402
8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Bernstein, Holmes, Jean-Baptiste, Moran, and Tisdahl

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Aiello, Jay Terry, Audrey Trotsky

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Vance, Rosemary Jean-Paul, (Evanston Township); Sharon Eckersall, Diane Benjamin, (Township Assessor’s Office); Bennett Johnson, Patricia Gregory, Madelyn Ducre’, Albert Gibbs, Richard Katz

PRESIDING: Alderman Holmes

I. CALL TO ORDER
Alderman Holmes called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2007, MEETING
The minutes of the April 4, 2007 meeting were called and unanimously approved (3-0). (Aldermen Bernstein and Tisdale entered the meeting shortly after the approval of the minutes.)

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 2007 TOWNSHIP BILLS
Alderman Moran moved for acceptance of the Township April 2007 bills, seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

Mr. Terry noted that the bills list before the committee includes the $33,106.25 Hoover legal bills. His understanding is Mr. Hoover has requested an opportunity to speak before the entire City Council when he will be back in Evanston and is tentatively scheduled for May 29th City Council meeting. If the committee wishes to follow the past couple months practice to hold the Hoover bills, $33,106.25 is the amount to withhold from the bills.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval list except for the Hoover legal bills, motion seconded by Alderman Tisdahl. Motion unanimously approved (5-0).

IV. CONSIDERTION OF TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE 41-O-07 WHEREBY THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS TRUSTEES OF THE EVANSTON TOWNSHIP WOULD APPROVE THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BUDGET FOR THE 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR

Ms. Vance gave the committee an overview of the Township budget. Ms. Vance noted the Township proposed budget is in three sections, the General Assistance Fund, the Emergency Assistance Program Fund, and the Assessor’s Office Fund. The General Assistance Program current budget request projects keeping the number of 85 clients per month. Some of the major changes occurring in General Assistance is the Township will now also assume the salary cost for the Emergency Assistance Program as well as an office person and additional monies for utilities and toward some housing costs. Next year’s proposed budget will hopefully cover 100% of the Emergency Services budget. This change occurred due to the projected 85 client case load enabling us to keep the case load down as well as our medical. However, this year they had some $40,000 medical bills which they will be getting some money back for as she filed a claim for catastrophic incidents. We have been able to keep the case load down and manage the expenses. Also our revenue, the actual tax dollars the Township is due to receive, has been coming in. She would like to note they currently have one of the best cash flow balances since she’s been there, but if somebody files and wins a property tax appeal that is money we have to pay back within that tax year. One year our office had to cut back due to some tax appeals that had to be paid back. Mid way last year we increased the amount paid to General Assistance clients and this year she is looking into housing costs pay outs. We have been getting a lot of the anticipated projected revenue.

Alderman Holmes thought 2008 and 2009 tax appeals might be a big concern. Ms. Vance said if a business or a resident appeals and they have collected the money from us the Treasurer’s office will say we owe them back “X” number of dollars which that they take out of that fund, money we do not get. She has seen 4 major businesses in this area that have had tax appeals come through.

Alderman Tisdahl asked Ms. Vance if she has talked with our legislators about the impact of the property tax appeals on your budget, and added the point is to all talk with them. Ms. Vance responded she has not had any communication as currently they are in a good position and not stressed by the property tax as many Townships. Alderman Holmes remarked she mentioned that because it is something we have to be aware of and concerned about because there are so many appeals being made. Commissioner Suffredin was at her last ward meeting and said anyone who’s taxes had...
Alderman Moran noted a number of items in the budget are very positive, and in two instances are negative on an operational basis outcome. He was interested in how Ms. Vance reconciles her budgetary process. Ms. Vance responded when they prepare the monthly financial statements, she along with her bookkeeper and accountant look at what is occurring to see where cut backs are needed and project where we can make up for that. Alderman Moran asked if there was an excess of funds this past year and how was that dealt with. Ms. Vance said these monies go into a fund balance that actually is not used. For example, in the year 2008 we project “X” number of dollars which if we do not receive that amount our expenses are $200,000 or whatever over that would then be taken out of the fund balance and would reduce the fund balance. Alderman Moran asked if the Township has a positive fund balance, to which Ms. Vance responded, yes. Alderman Moran asked if at that point when you’re preparing your projected revenues and expenses for the coming year and you have a positive fund balance do you deduct that from the levy. Ms. Vance said the Township is capped for 4 cents for General Assistance and 3 cents for the Township, 7%, therefore we can only project 3% of the cost of what the cost of living or the CPI is or which ever is the lowest. We can only increase ours by the CPI which also includes losses from property to make sure that money is used and is how our revenue comes in. We don’t lower the 7 cents to be taxed. Alderman Moran asked if the Contract Services is principally for fees. Ms. Vance said their Contract Services include their copy machine or any contract for property and equipment. Their General Assistance budget does not have anything contracted out for legal expenses.

Ms. Vance added that they usually do not fund anything other than the flags for the Veterans. They had $15,000 in that fund this year, $5,000 of which has been obligated toward helping fund the Youth Summit taking place on Saturday. The Township is helping to fund the Youth Summit. There also was an item cut out of the City’s budget for picking up food for the Food Aid Center and we are looking at funding the transportation to pick up the food.

Alderman Bernstein had some questions for the Township Assessor. He questioned the $15,000 increase and wondered why another $25,000 in legal fees is proposed. Ms. Eckersall said that amount was suggested if the case when to the Appellate Court and into a jury trial. Alderman Bernstein said he would discuss that with Mr. Hoover when he attends the May 29th City Council meeting. Alderman Bernstein inquired about the $1,000 Contingency item that was estimated actually at $150 and now proposed at $1,000 which he thinks is ridiculous. He also asked about the increase in Dues and Subscriptions, to which Ms. Eckersall responded they have dues for the Cook County’s Assessor’s Association for $400 or $500 for monthly lunches for Ms. Benjamin and herself, the notary fees $50 or $100 for herself and Ms. Benjamin, there is also a subscription for the office’s new software about $1,500. Alderman Bernstein asked how that software was paid for to which Ms. Eckersall said they will be billed later for the software. Alderman Bernstein asked what equipment Ms. Eckersall proposes spending $4,500 on. Ms. Eckersall said their printer went down and they purchased a new printer for $900 that is a scanner and a fax machine. She had a contract on their old printer for 3 years with Office Depot for which they will be getting a refund of $400 or $500 because the contract was not up, and then the printer will cost less. Alderman Bernstein questioned the Equipment Maintenance item for $2,000 to which Ms. Eckersall said that was for different equipment contracts. They called Compubits when their computer went down which cost $300 or $400 and call them several times during them year to put them back on line. They also had IRIS installed on all their computers. Alderman Bernstein noted Contact Service increased $2,100 to $4,500 and asked what that was for. Ms. Eckersall said she will give the committee a breakdown on the $2,400 used last year and projected increase this year. Alderman Bernstein remarked he wanted a breakdown on everything to include Legal, Contingency Fund, Dues and Subscriptions, Equipment Purchased, and Equipment Maintenance, and would like to see what was purchased in the last 3 years. Supplies have gone from $2,000 actual to a proposed $3,500. Ms. Eckersall said they just bought supplies for the reassessment that will come out of this year’s budget. Alderman Bernstein pointed out Postage has a $600 increase, to which Ms. Eckersall said they had a lot of postage going out of their office and a lot of it has been coming out of Petty Cash which should actually be in postage. Alderman Bernstein did not see a Petty Cash fund in the budget and asked for a breakdown of the Petty Cash fund. Alderman Bernstein noted the Postage and Printing and Duplicating have been increased after the fact. He would have expected a bigger budget during the tri-annual than in the year following when you don’t have that work to do. Ms. Eckersall said the Triennial fell into all of April which will be payable in May. Alderman Bernstein’s concern now is you budgeted last year knowing there was a tri-annual coming which got to us sooner than you anticipated by a couple of months, but your proposal for last year took into consideration that you were going through a reassessment period. Ms. Eckersall the budget now is for the total reassessment and the same with the salaries. Alderman Bernstein wanted the items previously mentioned broken down and right now will say he is going for a reduction in the budget.

Ms. Vance wanted to comment about the $20,000 legal item. When the accountants do their audit they ask how much for the legal is the potential liability. The legal liability spent possibly $75,000 and with the year ended they would have spent $55,000, the $10,000 in there is another $10,000 toward potential obligation. Alderman Bernstein remarked that would be $10,000 of the proposed $25,000.

Alderman Bernstein proposed holding the Assessor’s budget. Mr. Terry said the current schedule calls for the budget to be introduced May 14th, there will be a public hearing, and consideration of the budget would be May 29th. The
Ms. Aiello said the Lighthouse Area Task Force came to you in 2005 when their first recommendation was that we enter into a long term lease with the Park District for the Lighthouse. That was their wish and we began negotiations which took longer than she hoped it would take. What the committee has before them is a proposed lease that the Lighthouse Park District Board and staff are recommending. Ms. Aiello proceeded to highlight a few things that are different in this lease than the leases in the past. Everything was consolidated into one lease where before there were different leases for different tracts of land everything is now consolidated into one. The memorandum outlined what the Park District issues were when we started as they wanted a long term lease to deal with funding and also wanted a longer lease if the City ever decided we would no longer lease the Lighthouse to them, they also wanted us to make a commitment to talk about future use of the fog houses. The City wanted to understand what kind of commitment they were going to make to the maintenance and improvement of that area and wanted minor things such as an annual meeting to discuss that. We also wanted further delineation of the hours of operation and to standardize the insurance provision with the other properties where we have tenants. Over the years three parcels of City property at the intersection of Lincoln and Ridge had been leased to them. They are all passive uses with no development on them, just a green open space. As part of this lease negotiation their board decided they now do not want to lease these parcels from us and the City will be taking back those three parcels. There is an interest for the parcel north of Lincoln at the tail end of the parking lot that the Cause Building has some interest in purchasing. When it gets approved by the City Council their attorney will be contacted to see if they are still interested. The northeast corner of Ridge and Lincoln is a developable parcel but at this point does not recommend the City take any action to sell. The only issue is whether or not the City would want a park bench or anything on it as a function to keeping it the green space it now is. The lease goes into more detail as it relates to our commitments and their commitments. The Lighthouse is the City’s, it was deeded to us from the Federal Government with the provision that at any time they could come back and take it from us, we obviously don’t think they will but that provision has to be in the lease. We have agreed that once a year we will meet to talk about the fog houses. We’d like to explore if there is a way they can get some grants to do some things in their museum or some exhibits that can mesh with what the ecology people do because they have a camp there. There is an opportunity to discuss this on an annual basis to see if there is a way we can both use it a little more. They have to provide us the insurance which if they do not that is one of the reasons we can terminate. The language in how we terminate depends on if the Federal Government takes it over, if they fail to pay their insurance, or if for some reason the City wants it and then they can object to the City Council and the Council will have to hear their objections before we can terminate the lease.

Alderman Tisdahl wanted to add that the Lighthouse is in great condition, this is not because we were willing to tax them extra in order to take care of the Lighthouse. The reason they want this long term lease is for their fundraising, some people would like to give them a significant amount of money but they needed to know they would have control of the Lighthouse for a longer period of time to feel the donation was justified. She very much hopes this will be passed.

Alderman Holmes asked if the parcels west of Ridge would in any way limit the district in terms of their fundraising or taxing. Alderman Tisdahl said their fundraising is pretty much set to the Lighthouse.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste inquired about what would be reviewed on a yearly basis. Ms. Aiello said the fog houses and their maintenance will be reviewed annually, where they will tell us what kind of improvements they will be doing and we will share with them some of the long term maintenance we have to do to the complex whether it is the Arts Center, the Coach House, or the park land like Noah’s Playground. This would be to establish more frequent communication. Other than that the lease would go to 2027 unless they don’t provide us with the appropriate information. Alderman Jean-Baptiste asked why this land was leased for $1.00 a year as opposed to the land made available for utilization by public entities. Ms. Aiello said they raise taxes for those people that live within the geographic area and use that to pay for maintenance, pay for the salary for the Lighthouse keeper, and pay for their programming. They do most of the maintenance, what we do is very minor. We pay for more of the repairs for the Arts Center. Alderman Jean-Baptiste asked if there is a group of people taxing themselves extra to take care of the Lighthouse. Ms. Aiello responded the park land is open to everybody as is the Lighthouse, nothing is reserved for the Lighthouse Park District people that isn’t accessible to the rest of the public, the area is not restricted. The Arts Center has a separate lease and we get a little more in the rent. We do the maintenance by taking care of the outside of the building; they take care of the inside of the building. The land is deeded only for public purposes and not for any commercial purposes.

The committee unanimously (5-0) voted to approve consideration of Resolution R-23-07 to execute a master lease with the Lighthouse Park District of Evanston for Gross Pointe Lighthouse Park, Lighthouse Tower, and Tower Land (Tracts 1, 2, and 3.)

V. CITIZENS COMMENTS
Bennett Johnson said his concern is about law and order and conduct in Evanston. We live in a democratic society where law is made by the citizens for the citizens not for the police, not for the wealthy, not for the businesses but for the people. Problems come when police have power over people that is not within a purview because the policeman has a duty to make an arrest not to administer punishment, not to adjudicate, but make an arrest and take the individual before the court and the court decides guilty or innocent. In our country nobody is guilty no matter how flagrant they were caught until the court decides they were guilty and administers punishment. The punishment is also administered by a jury of their peers which is how things work. The problem is that policemen, because they are out there every day, have a lot of stress and develop pariah complexes because they are dealing with many people who are considered the worst people in our society. Again, the worst people in our society always runs back to race and also runs to powerless and powerless are also women. Sexism and racism are the hallmarks of police misconduct. His concern in our fair City of Evanston is we should do what we can to make sure our police do not take upon themselves the power that is not theirs. In other words they can’t make an arrest because they’re presuming a person is guilty. The first thing Mr. Johnson would propose is training, not the training that once you get a uniform and where you were hired you go through more or less basic training, then you’re put out on the street without ever coming back for any kind of review. People who have authority of the law should be trained on a quarterly basis to come back into the house where someone assesses their attitude toward race, toward women, and toward themselves because self image goes a long way in society of how a person treats his fellow human beings. They should also have training on their understanding of the law, in other words what is their responsibility under the law. Often in any job you take short cuts and forget what the principals are. You need that kind refresher, especially for police more than in other professions. Probably the only other professions would be the health medical profession and teachers.

Misconduct is illegal; a policeman who gets involved in misconducts violates the law which he’s supposed to uphold. It makes the City vulnerable to litigation, not only vulnerable but there is a cost in the litigation not only for the court case and lawyer fees but also the cost of settlement. He knows most of police misconduct case settlements are covered by insurance but that is not what we should be aiming for. We should be aiming for a situation where we don’t have litigation or law suits. Another important thing is the handling of the City, we’re supposed to be Evanston the Athens of the west, and it hurts our image when we have policemen out there doing what they should not be doing. He’s suggesting we have a Civilian Review Board or whatever you want to call it something a lot of people have been talking about this for a long time. He thinks its time to act. First of all there should be a person on the board from every ward in the City. All nine wards should be represented by a citizen, with no members or officials of a Municipal Union on the board, that means no firefighters, no garbage workers, no police officers on the board. This board should be citizens who can advocate for the rights of the citizens and for which is correct and lawful under the law. The board should report to the City Council not to the City Manager because we are the citizens and we should have the power that means we could also delegate this power to other people to retain that power. We should have subpoena power which is very critical because without subpoena power you cannot bring people in front of you and demand that they tell the truth. This board should have an independent budget that comes from the City Council directly to them. The members and subcommittee of this board, if they want to, should screen all complaints. The reason he is bringing this forward now, as this is something he has been thinking about for many years, is Chicago is moving in that direction. If Chicago goes in that direction and leaves us behind what happens to this enlightened City. If it’s effective, which he is sure it would be, it would reduce crime because the citizens will be more involved in reporting complaints to the Police Department and will be given a fair trial. That is the fairness what we ought to be about. He was President of the NAACP for a long time and heard two complaints all the time, one about unemployment discrimination but the more important one time after time after was about policeman misconduct in Evanston, which he was unable to resolve them because the fox was guarding the chicken coop. In a democratic society to have a police force that is not under the control of the citizens is what happened in Germany and what is presently happening. He feels we have a great opportunity here to move forward on this. It’s important for us to change what’s happening in the City of Evanston.

Alderman Bernstein asked Mr. Johnson how would we pick nine citizens to sit on this board. Mr. Johnson said this should be set up as a voting situation because it could get political. He would think the Aldermen or the Council as whole would nominate people with some specific requirements and qualifications so these advocates would have integrity. Alderman Bernstein asked Mr. Johnson if this would be a recommending body to the Council or would they have the authority to act on their own. Mr. Johnson said the problem with acting on their own is the liability problem of making errors, etc. He would think they would make recommendations with advise and consent and be given as much authority as possible. Alderman Bernstein asked if they would be volunteers, to which Mr. Johnson responded yes that is critical.

Patricia Gregory, of 1747 Grey, said wished the way O.P.S. is currently operating could be revamped especially in light of what has come about in Chicago. Her personal experience is thinking she could go to O.P.S. with a potential problem, not looking for the problem to turn into a battle which is what happens most of the time with the people that she talked to. You have police reviewing themselves and their friends without getting to the bottom of the problem. You may get a response from them saying someone was found guilty but what does that mean. When you have people telling you that police are there to protect everyone they should be protecting all the people of Evanston not just a certain group and not making a certain group feel as if they’re the problem and no matter what you say or what you do will not make any difference. She asked a police officer why would he stop a group of boys in a car by pulling them out, searching them, throwing all their stuff on the ground and then telling them to pick it up. The answer the policeman gave her was, “
because I can”. She had problems with the same officer a few years later. You should look at police as being fair, as somebody that is going to protect you not somebody that will potentially battle against you just because you had a problem with them. You’re looking for somebody to resolve a problem not just to battle with the police which is all it’s been since she put in a complaint with O.P.S. She’s not asking the police not to do their job or not to bother her or her family. If they break the law then there’s consequences, but to take your authority and abuse it just because you can and because this person might have a complaint against one of your friends is totally not right. They take you to court where you have to prove yourself innocent when you were innocent from the beginning. Her son was stopped and told the car insurance wasn’t valid. When the officer left the car her son called her to come help him. She knew the insurance was valid because she was stopped a few days prior to that by the same officer. That one little thing turned into something very big and ugly which did not have to happen because the insurance was valid. She is truly baffled by all this but knows that O.P.S. should not be in the Police Department and should not be police policing police because they are people of like minds. Police should not abuse the power or authority they have because now her family doesn’t look at police as protecting everybody as a whole. She is now afraid of the police which she should not be, and does not know if she will be protected by the police is something happens. Living in Evanston and volunteering and doing things in this community she is very appalled that her family has been treated as criminals as they are not. Her one complaint with O.P.S. is an ongoing nightmare of a battle and nobody cares. She would like this committee to know there is a family suffering from police just because they can.

**Madelyn Ducre**, the question that always comes up at meetings and other places is always the same, what are we going to do about the Police Department. She attended a Council meeting when it came up about what to do when the police have the last word. What other avenues can we take to make sure that those things are followed through? She has followed through on a complaint at the Police Department and maybe a couple 3 years later she sees the officer she complained about has been promoted. Things changed, hopefully attitudes changed too but she does not know about that. If one of her children breaks the law and goes to jail he’s suffering the consequences of the police. She wants to know what avenue we can take when an officer breaks those rules. She’s not afraid to go to the Police Station under any circumstances. There are some people who have been discouraged from going to the station to make a complaint. Another thing is the timing, people work during the day, if you’re not there by 4:00 p.m. you’re out of business and therefore they think you don’t want to follow through on certain things. It needs to be out of that building something we’ve been asking for years and years. She’s not asking, she’s demanding that this Council tell us something that would meet with this urgency. You have heard a lot of complaints here and the best practice would be to find out what has been happening, but what you have you been doing about it. She’s tired of coming to meetings and meetings and nothing is being done. These problems go back to the 60’s. Tonight she would like to know what steps this committee plans to take, something definite. Do we have any money for this, there has to be some lawyer to do some kind of investigation or research on how to go about this. Maybe you want us to do it. We really and truly have to make some plan. This committee has to think about this and at the next meeting and have some answers for us.

Alderman Holmes said we have a new Police Chief and we certainly will make him aware of the comments made tonight and ask for some kind of report in terms of his experience from the community he just left. We can ask the Chief to give a report to the overall Council.

**Albert Gibbs**, born in Evanston, a product of the school system and comes from a family that owned business here. He participated in everything the City had to offer children and schools, after school athletics, etc. He’s given back to the community. He speaks his mind and if he’s wrong pays the consequences. He does not allow people to walk over him and dictate to him what he can and cannot do. He was raised to walk the right way where the law is concerned. He remembers when we had a Police Department that was reflective of the community and officers were aware of the entire family. We’re being faced more and more with people who do not have a vested interest in the community and are running rough shot over the children and those who they do not have anything in common with. He’s not saying the whole Police Department is bad, there are some good officers. On his way home from work leaving the grocery store with groceries in his hand they pulled up behind him and said, “Hey you, I’m talking to you, take your hands out of your pockets”. He asked the officer if he was talking to him as he was not breaking the law and gave him his name and address and date of birth which they checked on to see if he had a police record. He was asked why was he walking through the alley, since 1967 he’s been taking short cuts walking through the alley. He knew he was being set up as in reality it’s still a practice of management and racial superiority. If this has not happened to you, you have no idea of what he is saying. The officer would not reveal the difference that he may have with another race or class of people as someone in authority will not do that. Those of you that say he must have done something wrong, yes, he did something wrong he is different than what the officer is and he did not bow down to the officer. Whatever way he handles the situation, courteous respectful he still gets treated like he’s something the officer is scraping off his shoe. He does not say all officers are like but they have too many that demonstrate that type of attitude. He finds it hard that at 55 he can be coming home from the job clothes dirty, groceries in his bag, newspaper in his hand and lighting a cigar that he has to be talked to in a way that makes him think he’s about to be shot. When he called the department about the incident he was told he was manufacturing this as they did not find anything substantiating why he called them. He will never call them again and he won’t allow them to act in the manner that they do. If things like his don’t happen in the 1st Ward or the 7th Ward it shouldn’t be happening in any ward. Let’s be concerned with everyone if this is the City of diversity.
Alderman Holmes promised Mr. Gibbs we are going to make this reference and come back with some kind of report. She recalls that Chief Kaminski said they had something do with the unions in terms of the O.P.S. We now have a new Chief and a different kind of board and we can ask the Chief to research what can be done and look at and learn from what is happening in Chicago.

Ms. Ducre’ said she is yet to hear a date, or a time, she’s heard we’ll get back to you in time. We need to hear a date, a time table. She’s talking from experience as she’s heard this so many times, she needs to hear a commitment tonight. Alderman Holmes said we will make a reference to the Chief and ask him to get back to us with some feedback by the June 4th Human Services Committee meeting at which time we will at least be able to address this. Alderman Holmes thanked everyone for bringing this before the committee.

Richard Katz, came to the committee regarding driving and cell phones. He has done some research on cell phone use and has also done some prevention work with stopping tobacco use with kids. Cell phones are dangerous when you drive which is part of the larger problem of inattention. He knows Chicago has an ordinance to prohibit the use of cell phones while you’re driving which is not enforced. His concern is he thinks it would be great to have a mindfulness driving institute where drivers in Evanston would have to complete some kind of training to be aware of the impact of a poor driving technique. Driving seems to be more of a right than a privilege and people are bombarded by all kinds of distractions such as cell phones, radios, loud music, etc., which prevents them from engaging in driving and results in accidents, deaths, and expense. He knows sometimes the Police Departments can be in a program of mindfulness in driving that somehow ties into the vehicle sticker so that citizens who took the course would get a special sticker for their car or maybe be induced to get a discount on their City sticker. The development of some kind of positive training and something that ties in with BMW or Audi where they all have driving schools where people will be entered in a rally and once a year a person will get a special program with one of these driving schools. The Police Department could develop some champion kind of an institute that will bring safe driving to the City of Evanston and take it around the state or around to communities and they would be known for their unique contribution to safe driving. He has no idea what this would cost but is thinking in terms of actually stopping and ticketing people for driving on the cell phone the expense of tickets, etc., would have to support a program. About a month ago he sent a letter to all the Aldermen about this. He does not know where to go with this but maybe something could happen. Thank you.

Alderman Moran thought this is a very important issue and something he deals with every day. He cannot see how we can make people respectful of each other when they get behind the wheel of a car. Mr. Katz has some very interesting ideas. Mr. Katz thought punishment does stop behavior but on the other hand to reward people for behaving appropriately with a sticker, community awards, some kind of recognition that will note to their fellow citizens that they are doing something right would build some pride in what they’re doing, there is then the probability they will increase that kind of behavior. He does not have an answer for this but knows there is this creeping sort of technology which is encroaching upon independent behavior and with the right planned community pilot program the biggest thing there is the risk management.

Mr. Terry remarked there is a pending reference on this from Alderman Rainey. Neither Chief Eddington nor the Law Department was ready to discuss this tonight; it will be on a future agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respect fully submitted,

Audrey Trotsky, Department of Health and Human Services