CALL TO ORDER
Ald. Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2010 MEETING
*Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved approval, Ald. Grover seconded, approved 5-0.

MONTHLY TOWNSHIP BILLS TOTALLING $89,922.11
*Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved approval, Ald. Tendam seconded, approved 5-0.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste and Holmes asked for an update of the legal bills. Grant Farrar, City Attorney/Corporate Counsel stated all legal invoices pertaining to the Township have been reviewed and approved by the Law Department. Mr. Farrar further stated there is one more case pending litigation so more legal bills will be forthcoming.

ORDINANCE 12-O-10 AMENDING SUBSECTION 10-4-18-1 OF THE CITY CODE, “STANDING OR PARKED IDLING MOTOR VEHICLES”
Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved approval for consideration, Ald. Tendam seconded, Approved 5-0.

Jared Davis 2303 Dempster Ave stated the ordinance and proposed amendment as written are unclear. He chose to listen to the discussion before making a statement because the ordinance may or may not have an impact on his private transportation business.

Mr. Farrar stated the ordinance tracks the State’s statute which currently prohibits idling of commercially license vehicles. Due to residents complaint of
idling vehicles at odd hours of the day and night at a body repair shop the amendment was proposed to preclude that activity on private property. He is not sure in what way a charter service will be affected by the proposed amendment.

Q. Could taxicabs and other commercial passenger vehicles be added to the ordinance?
A. Mr. Farrar will review the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Code of Ordinances on the regulations of taxicabs.

Q. Are school buses exempted in the ordinance?
A. Buses are not defined; Mr. Farrar will review if there is a definition section within the code which defines that term.

Q. On Any public street, public place, or private property, is that the only proposed language change to the ordinance?
A. Yes, that is the only language change proposed.

Ald. Grover suggested in section (A) the second “city” should be capitalized to be consistent, also to add or after inspection to section (J) …as part of the inspection; or

Ald. Jean-Baptiste stated complaints have been made by residents on Emerson St. regarding the idling of the fire engines at the 1332 Emerson St fire station; clarification is needed not just for commercial vehicles but also city owned vehicles.

The complaint was originated in 9th ward; Ald. Burris’s Burrus would like the weight reduced so that large vehicles of residents would be included.

Ald Rainey updated the committee on why the idling ordinance was originated; Chute school had various activities and the buses that brought the participants would park in the parking lot and idle for hours, in which the area residents complained.

Q. If the weight requirement is lowered in Evanston and the State law as written is 8000 pounds, will there be a conflict if a ticket is written?
A. Yes, there may be a uniformity issue because the ordinance tracks the States language.

Diane Korling 1900 block of Orrington suggested rewording the proposed ordinance to allow commercial vehicles to idle away from residents homes.

The proposed ordinance would affect Mr. Davis’s business. He stated the City of Chicago has earmarked designated areas for idling of commercial vehicles and suggested maybe that service could be duplicated in Evanston. The proposed amendment would alienate mini-coach and coach companies that bring business to Evanston, which generates revenue. Mr. Davis offered his assistance to help reword the ordinance.
Q. Could a distance provision be added to the ordinance?
A. Yes, that could be done.

*The proposed ordinance was held in Committee for clarification of the following;
  ▪ Could taxicabs and other commercial passenger vehicles be added to the ordinance?
  ▪ Are school buses exempted in the ordinance?
  ▪ Clarification not only of commercial vehicles but also city owned vehicles.
  ▪ Lowering the weight requirement
  ▪ If the weight requirement is lowered would tickets be valid
  ▪ Distance provision
  ▪ How would charter vehicles be affected

*The Chair requested the ordinance return to committee at the April 5, 2010.

RESOLUTION 20-R-10 ADOPTING THE CITY OF EVANSTON SUSTAINABLE PEST CONTROL AND PESTICIDE REDUCTION POLICY

Ald. Jean-Baptiste moved approval for consideration, Ald. Grover seconded, approved 5-0.

Susan Kaplan co-chair of the Environmental Board stated the goal of the resolution is to reduce the use of pesticides in the City of Evanston through the implementation of sustainable pest control practices on City-owned property, and to educate the general public as well as the private sector about these practices. She also pointed out various sections of the resolution that would meet those goals.

Q. Ald. Grover asked if this resolution will affect the operations of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District and are they a State, Federal, or County authority. Section 12 mentioned State and Federal but not County.
A. The Environmental Board did not speak to the Abatement District, they included section 12 to address the Abatement District; it is not the intent to usurp their role in handling abatement. It was undetermined if the Abatement District is State, Federal or County.

Ald. Grover asked Mr. Farrar to research what does the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District fall under is it State, Federal, or County authority and report back to the committee.

Q. What is the model for the resolution?
A. It is based on various polices and ordinances throughout the country with similar intent.
Ald. Fiske would like the names of the communities that are using a similar resolution, she would like to know the outcome of such a resolution to date; also she suggested removing *animal* from the definition of pests from section 2.c. because it is rather vague and general.

Paige Finnegan co-chair of the Environmental Board stated this resolution is geared towards the City owned property and residents would be educated.

Ald. Grover suggested the following changes:
- Rearranging Section 1: 2 as follows: a. Pest b. Pesticide c. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) d. Integrated Pest Management (IPM Coordinator)
- Anywhere it refers to city property change to city-owned or lease property unless it is defined separately
- Replace ordinance with capitalized resolution everywhere
- Adding semi colon to Section 4. 1) and 2)
- Adding or to Section 4. 2) and 5.g
- Delete Section 7. h
- Change Section 6. Except for pesticides granted an exemption *Except for pesticides exempt* pursuant to Section 5, effective……
- Begin Section 7 the same as section 6

The resolution quotes the EPA definition and EPA regulations are references throughout the resolution.

Ald. Tendam believes it is more an educational process and in this case broader language may be better since the EPA uses this language.

Ald. Grover suggested replacing animals with rodent.

Ald. Jean-Baptist pointed out that there are State laws that protect certain animals i.e. skunks.

Ald Fiske suggested asking the staff of the Ecology center staff for urban wildlife benefits and concerns to the community as it relates to the ordinance resolution.

*The proposed resolution was held in Committee for clarification of the following;*
- Research what category the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District fall under; State, Federal, or County authority
- Names of the communities that are using a similar resolution
- Removal of *animal* from the definition of pests
- Clarification of the definition of pests

*The Chair requested the ordinance return to committee at the April 5, 2010.*

**UPDATE OF CITIZEN REVIEW OF POLICE COMPLAINTS**
Alderman Grover moved approval, Alderman Tendam seconded; Approved 5-0
The Alderman discussed the necessity of reviewing every complaint including the
minor ones. It was concluded to include all complaints and to leave the packets
as is.

Ald. Grover complimented Chief Eddington and the Department on disseminating
information to parents regarding the recent incident at Evanston Township High
School; the information was timely and they were kept up to date.

Chief Eddington also credited the great partnership of the officers supervising the
incident and the officials and staff of ETHS working together with minimal
disruption to the students.

FERAL CAT HOARDING IN EVANSTON
Ald. Fiske felt the hoarding policy implemented last August was not followed to
handle the issues on Grant Street. She thanked Tree House Humane Society,
C.A.R.E. and residents for their assistance helping in trapping, relocation etc.

Ald. Fiske felt due to a lot of miscommunication Tree House was not able to
assist from the discovery of the colony and C.A.R. E. was not involved from the
beginning she also questioned the slow response from staff.

Q. Ald. Tendam asked if the city has any policies regarding feral cats.
A. No, there are no policies regarding how to handle feral cats.

Ald. Grover suggested reviewing the ordinances especially the older ones to
make them more accurate and gender neutral.

Ald. Fiske stated Cook County does have an ordinance for feral cats. When cats
are trap a city animal warden has the responsible to see if any of the cats have
been micro-chipped/ear tipped. In the Grant St. colony there were several cats
there were ear tipped, however they were still euthanized.

Monica Gromley a volunteer at Tree House read a progress report from Jenny
Schlueter, Director of Development of Tree House Humane Society (see
attached)

COMMUNICATION

STD/STI among Evanston Teen Population
Ms. Thomas, Director of Evanston Health Dept stated the communication is data
on std/sti, teen pregnancy, and birth rates. All three topics have increased across
the nation and also in Evanston. At a future meeting she will report her findings
stemming from questions she received regarding defining what pregnancy and
life births represents.
The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Evanston Health Department
Grant Street Cats Progress Report
March 1, 2010

We are happy to report that 14 cats were rescued from the Grant Street colony. 13 of them are now living in four different barn homes. Their new caretakers have reported that they are adjusting slowly but surely. All of the cats are confined to secure stalls or rooms during their acclimation period but will be released in another two weeks or so.

The other one is a six-month-old kitten who we have been socializing at our shelter headquarters. This darling black kitty now called Marian has really blossomed over the last several weeks. She has gone from shy and frightened to curious and affectionate. She is constantly purring and making "happy paws". Alderman Fiske has decided that this sweet, strong kitty deserves a good home back in her hometown so she has decided to adopt her. We know that she will make a great feral cat ambassador for the community!

So far, through our community outreach efforts we have had reports from Ms. Noel Baker who lived next door to 1915 Grant St. about one large, male cat still hanging around. I have repeatedly asked for feedback from Warden Teckler and Asst. Warden Rose about how they want to proceed based on the continued complaints from Ms. Baker but I haven’t heard back from them. The last I heard nearly two weeks ago that Warden Teckler was satisfied that her work was done at 1915 Grant St. after several days of setting traps and not getting any more cats.

In any case, our volunteers have passed out more nearly 100 flyers in the area asking for citizens concerned about the cats to contact us and so far we haven’t heard anything from anyone else.

Because our TNR Program is run by volunteers with fewer time resources for trapping than Evanston Animal Control, we are hoping that any additional trapping that is deemed necessary will be carried out by them. We will still spay/neuter and vaccinate any remaining cats at no charge but we are out of barn homes at the moment so the preferable option would be to return them to the care of a registered feral cat colony caretaker in Evanston.

If Evanston Animal Control feels that their job is done on the 1900 block of Grant Street, then our volunteer team will be happy to continue to work with area residents to manage feral cats in the area and we will work to trap any remaining cats and take care of them as best we can.

We do know that there is at least one "feeder" in the area who we would like to speak with so we can train her about proper colony management and get her registered with the county. She has spoken to some CARE volunteers and has expressed reservation about going "public" with her activities. We really hope that this person will cooperate with us as she would be a big help in preventing this kind of thing from happening again in the area.

In the meantime, we have registered two new colony caretakers in Evanston. So far, one of them has already trapped two cats—one of which was a kitten who we admitted to our adoption program last Tuesday!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. Also, Tree House Humane Society’s “sister site” TNRchicago.org contains a wealth of information about TNR including a copy of the ordinance which I have forwarded on to Deputy Chief of Police Tom Cabanksy.

Thank you.

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