



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Monday, July 15, 2013

Roll Call:                   Alderman Tendam                   Alderman Braithwaite  
                                  Alderman Grover                   Alderman Wynne  
                                  Alderman Rainey                   Alderman Wilson  
                                  Alderman Burrus                   Alderman Holmes  
                                  Alderman Fiske

Presiding:                Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl  
Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the Council to order at 7:07 pm.

## Mayor Public Announcements

Mayor Tisdahl gave recognition to Life Guards David Altman, Jack Killheffer, and Tudor Byas and presented them with certificates for their heroic saving of a man's life, whose boat capsized in Lake Michigan. The Life Guards were then given the opportunity to speak and thanked all for the recognition.

2013 Preservation and Design Awards were presented to the recipients by Mr. Garry Shumaker, Chairman of the Preservation Commission.

### **Award for Sensitive Alteration/Adaptive Reuse**

629 Colfax

### **Award for Sensitive Alteration/Rehabilitation**

2829 Sheridan Place

### **Award for Proper Rehabilitation/Alteration**

2648 Lawndale Avenue

### **Award for Proper Rehabilitation/Restoration**

1814 Wesley Avenue

### **Award for Adaptive Reuse**

1200 Davis Street (Roycemore School)

### **Award for Sensitive Addition/Alteration**

1041 Judson Avenue

### **Award for Sensitive Alteration**

1014 Michigan Avenue

### **Award for Sensitive Addition/Alteration**

618 Emerson Street (Delta Gamma Sorority House)

### **Award for Proper Rehabilitation/Restoration**

630 Dartmouth Place

Also, for the first time a new category has been introduced for Life Achievement/ Preservationist of the Year. **Award for Life Achievement/Preservationist of the Year** Anne O. Earle and Mary B. McWilliams – Ms. Earle and Ms. McWilliams are both being recognized with the Life Achievement/Preservationist of the Year

#### City Manager Public Announcements

Citizens Greener Evanston Wind Energy Update was presented by Jeff Smith. He referenced the Lake Michigan Wind Energy Act (HB2753) that Representative Robyn Gabel introduced in Springfield. He finalized his report by seeking encouragement and support from the City.

#### Communications: City Clerk

The Clerk announced that FEMA along with SBA (Small Business Association) have joined to assist home repairs that resulted from the storms and flooding. To be eligible the damage had to occur during the month of April 16 thru May 5, 2013. You only have until July 24, 2013 to apply.

#### Citizen Comments

##### **Citizens speaking on SP1**

**Ken Deans**, 2513 Prospect asked the questions why now and is there a recent crime problem in Evanston with these type of weapons. He stated this is a solution looking for a problem.

**Joey Rodger**, 1730 Hinman was speaking as the Executive Director of Peaceable Cities Evanston and on behalf of the Board of Directors. She stated her intentions were to urge the passage of the assault weapons ban will not ebb all the violence in Evanston, but it is one step one you can take tonight.

**Father Robert Oldershaw**, 2244 Sherman thanked the Council for the work on the assault weapons ban and he urged the Council to do it tonight for the young people who have lost their lives to gun violence, do it tonight for the common good of the people of Evanston.

**Ralph Zarumba**, 736 Central stated his non-support of allowing assault weapons in Evanston and physiological testing should be enforced if they are allowed.

**Eileen Soderstrom**, 2204 W Greenleaf, Chicago is in support of the gun ban and she stated there has been an assault weapons ban from 1994-2004. She also quoted some statistics concerning gun violence

**Chad Gailey**, 1019 Sherman Ave. he honored the thoughtful bill, but it is a bandage on the problem that exist here.

**Marjorie Fujara**, 343 Dewey had a concern of the exception given to gun collectors.

**Elloria Chiocca**, 736 Central was in favor of the gun ban and the emotional trauma that the children experience due to the gun violence.

**Denyse Stoneback**, PO Box 1672 stated an armed America is not a safer America as she supports the gun ban.

**Dr. Michael James**, 326 Callen spoke of the wonderful sight of children were playing, but was disturbed when he was reminded of the gun violence, and a solution must be arrived from both sides of the issue.

**Karl Kurman**, 343 Dewey a former army officer urging the passing of the gun ban and take the first step to prevent these look-alike combat weapons.

**Jeff Smith**, stated a family member was a victim of gun violence, he supports the Council to do the right thing. but the bill does not support accurate facts to ban these guns.

**Lee Goodman**, Northbrook recited a poem speaking of a town, world, or country being free and living peacefully. Make this town what we want it to be.

**Carolyn Murray**, 1930 Gray came to protest the verdict of George Zimmerman along with a group of young residents who wanted to express their outrage to gun violence.

**John Chrusciel** 716 Brummel said the revision of the new ordinance was excellent, and he supports the ordinance.

**Virginia Schulbert**, 2523 Asbury stated there is no need for any weapons in a home, and semi-automatic rifles have no place even for the hunters.

**Mike Weisman**, 2N125 Virginia is not an Evanston resident, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Illinois State Rifle Association who spoke on behalf of the gun owners in Evanston. He alluded that the Village Attorney came with a second bad ordinance.

**Carla Willis**, 1333 Maple Ave. she thanked the Council in advance for hopefully passing the ordinance and that the residents of Evanston support the ban and will not be intimidated by the gun lobby.

**Todd Kennedy**, 830 Reba Place stated he is a libertarian and against the ban, and he wanted to know who to contact for answers to questions. Mayor Tisdahl said to send them to her and she will direct them to the right person.

**Kristen Schelbert**, 2523 Asbury Ave. stated the right to bear arms should require the licensing and registration just as with having a driving license.

**The following persons spoke on the Harley/Clark issue:**

**Junad Rizki**, 2284 Sheridan stated the City has had numerous meetings to sell Light House Beach Park and has distorted the facts. The City is trying to sell 2.5 acres of land, and he also commented on Alderman Grover as smiling during his comments.

**Mary Rosinski**, 1729 Chancellor stated the negotiations for the sale of this property should stop immediately, and if you go through with it shows how out of touch you are with your constituents. She said we need money, but something's money can't buy.

**Camille Blachwicz**, 806 Colfax stated the Lake Front Plan stated the uniqueness of Evanston's Lake Front is what draws and keep people, and it should not be used for privatization.

**Chad Galey**, 1019 Sherman Ave. stated he hope the Council will preserve the park acres and not sale to private entities.

**Anita Gewurz**, 713 Ingleside Place stated her concern of the plans to build this expansion, and will the residents be prevented from going on the beach. She then urged Alderman Tendam to recuse himself from the voting since he was the recipient of a gift from Mr. Pritzker.

**Lou Harms**, 2115 Livingston called himself as an 87 year old geezer who has lived in Evanston all his life and enjoyed the various beaches, and to have it evaporate will be a travesty.

**Tiffany Houston, Alanna Williams, Jerome Smith, and Clara Baker**, along with a group of youngsters came forward to protest the George Zimmerman verdict as well the gun violence. They chanted no justice, no peace, I am Trayvon Martin.

**Linda**, 1318 Judson stated she has spoken to many residents all over Evanston and she urged the stoppage of the sale of the Harley Clark Mansion.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

### **(SP1) Ordinance 76-O-13 Assault Weapon Ban**

Staff submits for consideration Ordinance 76-O-13, with revisions, following the extensive comments received from Council and residents at the July 8, 2013 meeting, and responsive to further comments received since the meeting.

#### **For Action**

Alderman Rainey commented staff should not be presenting ordinances or resolutions, This is a function of the interested Aldermen to present. Alderman Rainey motioned for approval and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote was done and with a 9-0 response the motion was approve.

### **(SP2) Discussion of Snow Emergency Parking Regulation Fee Increase**

Staff recommends City Council consider an increase of fines for snow related parking emergencies. Staff will give a PowerPoint presentation for discussion.

#### **For Discussion**

There was a unanimous voice vote and the item was approved for introduction.

### **(SP3) Resolution 42-R-13 Arrington Foundation Lagoon Gift Agreement**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Arrington Foundation to accept a donation in the amount of \$500,000 for the renovation of the lagoon in Dawes Park.

#### **For Action**

Alderman Wynne motioned for approval and it was seconded and approved with a unanimous voice vote.

### **(SP4) Comprehensive Non-Union Compensation Study**

Staff recommends acceptance of the recommendations of Evergreen Solutions, LLC, the company which conducted a comprehensive compensation study for all non-union positions within the City of Evanston. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz intends to implement Phases 1, 2, and 3 in 2013 at an estimated annual cost of \$59,307. The recommended changes will not exceed the current budget allocation for wages.

#### **Accept and Place on File**

Accepted to place on file by a unanimous voice vote.

### **(SP5) Hotel-Motel Tax Ordinance and Collection**

Staff recommends City Council receive a report regarding the City's Hotel-Motel Tax, and provide direction if necessary.

#### **For Discussion**

Reference for Ordinance to include all licenses for acceptance, and it was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

### **(SP6) Approval of Contract with Duncan Solutions for the Parking Meters and Multi-Space Pay Stations (RFP 12-147)**

Staff recommends approval of a unit price contract for the purchase and installation of parking meters and multi-space pay station technology with Duncan Solutions (633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1600 Milwaukee, WI). The recommended configuration results in an estimated cost of \$1,094,260. Funding for the project will be provided by the Parking Fund capital improvement account (701515.65515).

**For Action**

Alderman Wynne moved for approval and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote resulted in a 9-0 vote for approval.

**(SP7) Approval of Contract Extension with Professional Account Management, LLC for the City's Parking Ticket Management and Payment Processing**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with Professional Account Management, LLC (a division of Duncan Solutions, Inc.) (633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1600, Milwaukee, WI) for the outsourced portion of the City's parking ticket management and payment processing functions. Funding is provided by 2013 Administrative Services Account 1910.62449 with a budget of \$415,600.

**For Action**

Alderman Wynne moved for approval and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote resulted in a 9-0 vote for approval.

**Call of the Wards:**

**Ward 6**, Alderman Tendam had no report.

**Ward 7**, Alderman Grover had no report

**Ward 8**, Alderman Rainey had no report

**Ward 9**, Alderman Burrus had no report

**Ward 1**, Alderman Fiske had no report

**Ward 2**, Alderman Braithwaite had no report

**Ward 3**, Alderman Wynne had no report

**Ward 4**, Alderman Wilson had no report

**Ward 5**, Alderman Holmes announced her 5<sup>th</sup> ward meeting this Thursday.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn, it was so moved and seconded and with a unanimous voice vote the Regular Meeting of the City Council ended at 10:10 pm.

Submitted,

Hon. Rodney Greene, CMC  
City Clerk of Evanston