



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, April 16, 2012

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

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order after a Roll Call was accomplished and the quorum was established at 7:06 PM.

Mayor Proclamations and Public Announcements:

Mayor Tisdahl announced and proclaimed that April 15-21, 2012 would be National Volunteer Week. She then asked all of the volunteers who were present to come forward as she and the volunteers stood for a photo shot with the framed proclamation.

City Manager Public Announcements:

Mr. Bobkiewicz announced that Earth Day is upon us and called on Catherine Hurley to give an update of the upcoming activities. She stated this Sunday will be the 42nd Annual celebration of Earth Day in the United States. The City's Official Earth Day will be this Saturday at the Ecology Center, with a cleanup from 9-noon and then followed by various activities. The ETHS jazz band will be supplying music for the day. At 1:30 the two Households that won the contest will be announced and presented with one year free electricity. Also April is cans for cash month as well as a list of other activities on the City's website for your viewing pleasure. She then introduced Ms. Debra Poneman, of the Environmental Hall of Fame, who will share information about another award.

Ms. Poneman stated the mission of the Environmental Hall of Fame is to empower, encourage, and reward individuals and communities for their efforts in supplying environmental sustainability. She presented framed certificates to Mayor Tisdahl and Allen Ruben, the founder of the Environmental Hall of Fame. She also mentioned a quilt that will be traveling all over the world and that Evanston will have its own quilt soon. Mayor Tisdahl then invited Ricky Recycle to come forward, and she mentioned the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program interviews start this Saturday at 8 am.

City Clerk had no communications:

Citizen Comments:

Carl Bova, 1322 Rosalie Street stated he agreed whole-heartedly with the staff for the approval by the City Council to direct the moving forward with the new salt dome. His reasons for supporting are: (1) It's economical, (2) The chosen location is already proven

and costs the City nothing, (3) The need has been well established, and (4) There were many various locations considered.

Donna Spicuzza, 229 Wesley spoke of her concerns for the item SP2 the Yellow Line. She stated she could agree with the recommendation as it appears now, even though the report was very informative. She believes the construction of the new Yellow Line station would be at a great expense and an inconvenience to houses in the area and traffic.

Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese Ave. commented on the hands free cell phones and stated the Ordinance is no more distracting than other things people do in their cars, and he passed out a newspaper article addressing the use of hands free phones.

Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman Avenue spoke again her concerns for the Kendall Project, Dissolution of the Township, accusations against the 8th ward Alderman and the attacks on her and her mother from the Council. She also talked about the City's Legal Counsel Incompetence as well as her mentioning the issues with VEOLIA and the Keg.

B.K. Rao, 2246 Sherman Avenue repeated many points of the previous speaker (her daughter). She also spoke of the Council's duties and priorities towards the taxpayers.

Special Order of Business

(SP1) Homelessness Task Force Report

The Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and staff recommend City Council to Accept "Heading Home: Working to End Homelessness, A Five-Year Plan for the City of Evanston"

For Action

After the Chairperson's presentation of the report Alderman Grover motioned to accept the report and it was seconded by a number of Aldermen. A Unanimous voice vote was received and the report was accepted.

(SP2) CTA Yellow Line Infill Station Engineering Feasibility Study

Staff recommends City Council's acceptance of the findings of the CTA Yellow Line infill station engineering feasibility study.

For Action

Alderman Rainey motioned to accept the Feasibility Study that was presented that also acknowledged the assistance of Mr. Rajeev Dahal, and Mr. Tom Twigg (Senior Traffic Engineers)

(SP3) Updated Report on the Construction of a New Replacement Salt Dome and Storage Facility

Staff requests City Council approval to proceed with the design and construction of the salt dome/salt brine system to be located at the Municipal Service Center. Funding for the new salt dome, salt brine, and storage facility will be provided by CIP Account 416088 which has \$460,000 budgeted for 2012.

For Action

Alderman Rainey motioned to accept the proposal of staff's recommendation for the replacement of the Salt Dome and it was seconded. With a Voice Vote it was unanimous and so the recommendation was accepted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Tendam and it was seconded as well. A Voice Vote was taken with a unanimous result and the meeting ended at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by, Hon. Rodney Greene/City Clerk of Evanston