



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Monday, April 23, 2012
 Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
 Aldermanic Library

Present: Alderman Braithwaite Alderman Wilson
 Alderman Holmes Alderman Fiske
 Alderman Tendam Alderman Grover
 Alderman Rainey Alderman Wynne

Absent: Alderman Burrus

Others Present: City Attorney Grant Farrar, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz,
 Police Chief Richard Eddington,

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 9:18 pm

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated this item will be put off until a next meeting with an update as well. He stated there was one Real Estate update and he turned it over to Mr. Farrar.

REAL ESTATE

Mr. Farrar stated the Bernard Haske Property at 1131 Sherman. The building was demolished and now the adjoining owner wants to purchase the lot. His proposal is to sell the property to Mr. Hammergren who lives at 1129 Sherman to recoup the CDBG funds and to make a modest profit he is seeking authority to sell the property for \$30,000.00. The approval was moved and seconded to follow through on the offer. The appraisal of the property was \$21,000.00. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated they will come back to Council in open session with the proposal.

LITIGATION

He commented on the case of the shooting of Mr. York by three Evanston Police Officers. At the close of the case when monies were allocated to the plaintiff, Mr. Farrar sent a Derogatory question to the jury. This asked the jury did the three Officers really believe that they were in danger of bodily harm as well as the bystander in the basement who was being menaced by Mr. York. The jury answered yes, so the City had no damages to pay. This was a wrongful death case, but the Officers testified very well and Chief Eddington and his staff did very well in preparing the Officers in their testimonies to be very professional. Alderman Wilson then commented how pleased he is with the Legal team that the City now has in place in representing the City of Evanston.

Chief Eddington commented on that inside the Police Department it is a realization that they are represented by competent Legal counsel and it has not been perceived that way in the past.

Mr. Farrar also mentioned the Kankakee tax case where they had joined Chicago in the event of suing the big box retailers but through discovery found no connection of Evanston against these retailers so in good conscience he was removing Evanston from the case.

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated the only other thing to be considered is the minutes.

MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Closed Session Meeting. They were approved in a unanimous decision, with a slight correction to the minutes by removing the word "and" and replacing with "if".

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Submitted by,
Hon. Rodney Greene/City Clerk

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