

August 8, 2011



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, August 8, 2011

Roll Call: Alderman Tendam Alderman Braithwaite
Alderman Rainey Alderman Holmes
Alderman Burrus
Alderman Fiske

Absent: Aldermen Wynne, Wilson, and Grover

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order after a Roll Call at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Tisdahl honored US Army Sergeant Kevin Ramon Dunn by proclaiming August 8, 2011 as his day for his service to his country and community of Evanston. He had served four tours of duty in Iraq before coming home.

The Mayor also declared September 2011 as being National Yoga Month and on Sunday the 18th at 8:00 am on the Lake front there will be a free Yoga Class.

City Manager Public Announcements

Community Picnic August 28, 2011 was announced by Mr. Gaynor who stated there would be food, games, entertainment and backpacks given to kids for back to school.

Labor Day Trash Collections schedule was announced by Ms. Suzette Robinson, and there will not be any collection on September 5th. All collections will occur one day later during the week, and the condo services will return to normal schedule on Thursday.

Paint Evanston Purple September 2011, and on September 10th at 2:30 there will be a game and recognition for various facets in the community as well as a pep rally on September 8th. This was announced by Ms. Adelita Hernandez, Outreach Specialist.

as being September 11, 2001 Commemoration ceremonies were announced by Chief Klaiber of the Fire Department. Arrington Lakefront Lagoon and the gathering will be at 8:45 am. The Chief also stated there would be a dedication of an actual artifact from the Trade Center.

City Manager announced a community walk & talk, orchestrated by the Peaceable Cities Evanston on Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 pm starting at the Dar Sinai Mosca at 2045

Brown Ave. and ending at Jewish Reconstruction Congregation of Evanston at 303 Dodge Ave.

Communications: City Clerk

The City Clerk read a few points of interest from a letter from AT&T concerning programming on their U-verse TV service, which will begin to affect certain channels that are now being offered to the customers.

Citizen Comment

Kevin O'Connor, 1227 ½ Isabella stated he was tired of the City taken money from the tax payers to privatize businesses outside of Evanston. He also stated the Mayor should be more consistent when giving time to speakers who agree or disagree with the Council member's decisions.

Linda Balla, 800 Elgin Rd. spoke about the night crew janitorial services as not meeting Standards. She had a petition that she handed to the Clerk, Aldermen and City Manager requesting to keep public services accountable.

Leane Casten, 1030 Asbury spoke against the move to privatization and she gave her reasons for not supporting the change. One of the reasons was privatization is a clear union buster and would prove destructive to the American worker.

Len Lamkin, 835 Ridge Ave. #406 stated it is the City workers that have always kept the city clean while cleaning up behind GROOT when they don't pickup or have stuff falling off their trucks. What would be next? Maybe you ought to privatize your office sir (City Manager) then why not privatize the way we run the City like other cities in the south. He also stated we vote just like the people in Chicago who voted out Aldermen who did not stand up for the working people in their city.

Elliot Zashin, 715 Asbury Ave. spoke against the movement toward privatization of city services, because the city gives up an amount of control, and the city loses institutional knowledge gained over the years

David Matusek, 2976 Library stated GROOT went on strike twice in the last 5 years and the City employees have never gone on strike. He asked what if next year the City gets twenty inches of snow and the City workers call in and say we won't move one inch of snow until we get a twenty percent raise. He stated the workers have helped the City out during tough times, but where do your loyalties lie?

Shawn Pestka, 1520 Washington asked how can we create the most livable city in America if you take away the services that make the place where people want to live. He encouraged the Council and the residents to not let the services be taken apart one by one that make Evanston, Evanston.

Junad Rizki, stated the water waste study is a total waste of taxpayers money as well as the license plate recognition system appears to be a big joke and a waste of taxpayers money. He stated there is no data to support the justification for the system, and the style of management here that has a problem. It assumes things are being done and they are not because things have not been approved it is not acceptable, as he verbalized his concerns.

Ted Loda, 1314 Washington asked can you (the Council) afford the privatization of the City, he stated the answer is a resounding no. He also stated the workers for the City are dedicated because they are committed to servicing the City.

Cindy Levitt, 1645 Church stated she was against privatization, and she is in favor of the Council to encourage VEOLIA to move out of the City. They are also coming in

earlier than the noise Ordinance allows (5:30-6:00 am), but through some type of negotiations they now start around 6:30 am, and it is a health issue and an environmental injustice issue.

Dorothy Headd, 1823 Laurel Ave. read a letter from Janet Alexander-Davis speaking against VEOLIA and the transfer station which is available in the Clerk's Office to read.

Bill Geiger, 1200 Grove St., CEO of the McGaw YMCA wanted to thank the Council for their actions of honoring to street names: 1) for the Emerson Street YMCA and 2) between Chicago Ave and Greenleaf for Joseph Levy, Jr.

Kristen White, 1801 Hartrey spoke to encourage the Mayor to offer comments for the actions of VEOLIA's attempts to get around the City's Ordinance, and there should be no modifications to the site and that VEOLIA should be made to comply to the best practices.

Betty Ester, 2031 Church spoke on the transfer station fee and why are health, safety and environment to an Ordinance that deals with the weight of trucks going into the transfer station.

Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese Ave. spoke of the news article that found chemical in Lake Michigan and Erie water as being cancer causing at a high risk, and Evanston's testing stated the water was at an acceptable level. He also wanted someone to explain how the same water is acceptable in one place and not in another.

John Bushne, 1805 Crain St. spoke of his concerns of the Police outpost in Dominick's and when did our problems become the Council's problems. He stated it was a terrible precedent and the City Council need to discuss how public resources can be used to assist private corporations.

Jeroid Simmons, 1220 Darrow he spoke of his concerns for the outpost at Dominick's and it is not very clear. He did not believe Chief Eddington's statement that it was his decision. He believes it is a lot of pressure behind the scene and the Council should have more open discussions on the matter.

Rev. Blair Hull, 1215 Dodge she spoke of concerns of the outpost and that because her Alderman (Braithwaite) commenting this is a dangerous neighborhood, one of the businesses in the shopping center said many of her workers will not come back to work because they are afraid of the neighborhood.

Dickelle Fonda, 1220 Darrow spoke against having the public resources being used in a private corporation. She also stated the community did not have a voice in the issue of the three meetings that were held. She showed a poster that said City of Evanston with the Police and Dominick's in Partnership, there is no community.

Dr. Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman conceded her time to Mr. Cannon and the remainder to her mother.

D.R. Cannon, 65 W. Jackson stated he was the Attorney for the Rao's and he directed his remarks to the Mayor about the video tapes he has played time and time again and his clients have been wrongly treated. He urged the Council to take a hard look at the Illinois Open Meeting Act, and he stated he did not think the Council wanted to find itself on the short end of a Civil Rights Litigation. He also mentioned the conflict of interest involved with the law firm of Holland & Knight.

B.K. Rao, 2246 Sherman stated the disturbing matter of the Alderman's son working for Holland & Knight and the firm took money from the taxpayers representing the City and then took up a case against the City. She also spoke of the abusive use of the Mayor's power to allow the Lawyer to discredit her daughter, and if this is the way to treat taxpayers it sends a chilling affect on the freedom of speech.

Bennett Johnson, 708 Washington Court stated he support the movement of VEOLIA and not to move to privatization. He stated money influences decision making in two ways in government 1) as a bribe or 2) as interest in corporate community over the individual. The Dominick issue is not logical and the City Council members who have a vote should consider if they are following a Judas goat to the slaughter based upon someone else's interest whether corporate or personal interest in making a wrong and illogical decision.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

(SP1) FY2012 Budget Update

It is recommended that the City Council receive an update on the FY2012 budget preparation process, the review of City of Evanston service change ideas, services value matrix and provide additional direction to staff as appropriate.

For Action

City Manager Bobkiewicz presented the FY2012 Budget Discussion to the Council and assembly with assistance from Ms. Joellen Earl and Mr. Marty Lyons. Due to the length of the presentation a copy of the presentation can be found on the City's website or in the Clerk's Office.

Items not approved on Consent Agenda:

(A3.2)Approval of Contract Award for Malcolm Pirnie to Update the 2009 Water Cost of Service Rate and Fee Study

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For Introduction and Action

(P7)Consideration of Appeal of the Decision of the Sign Review and Appeals Board Denying the Wall Sign Variation Requested by Office Depot

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Option #1: To decline to hear the appeal.

Option #2: To set a date for a hearing to occur at a subsequent Planning and Development Committee Meeting to consider the appeal.

For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 18, 2011

(M2) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 25, 2011

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 07/31/11 \$2,750,112.68

(A2) City of Evanston Bills FY2011 through 08/09/11 \$3,466,890.45
Credit Card Activity for Period End June 30, 2011 \$ 98,049.94

(A3.1) Approval of Contract award to Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. for Clark Street Brick Replacement and Emerson-Green Bay Intersection Improvement Project (Bid 12-40)

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in response to Bid 12-40 to award the Clark Street Brick Sidewalk Replacement and Emerson-Green Bay Intersection Improvement Project to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Schroeder & Schroeder Inc., (7307 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, IL) in the amount of \$352,244. Funding will be provided by The Washington National TIF Fund Project/Account # 416006.65515 (Downtown/Clark) at \$255,000 and the Capital Improvements Fund Project/Account # 415920.65515 (Emerson/Green Bay) at \$100,000.

For Action

(A3.3) Approval of Contract Award Recommendation to Restore Masonry L.L.C. for the Tuck-Pointing and Masonry Restoration Project at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center (LHMCC) (Bid 12-36)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the base bid plus alternate 1 for the Tuck-pointing and Masonry Restoration Project at the LHMCC to Restore Masonry L.L.C. (5721 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL.) in the total amount of \$62,600. Funding for this work will be from the FY2011 Capital Improvement Program Account #415175 with a total budget of \$450,000.

For Action

(A4) Ordinance 64-O-11, Amending City Code Subsection 3-5-6-(V), Class V Liquor Licenses, to Permit Sale of Alcohol Other than Beer and Wine

Local Liquor Commissioner recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 64-O-11. On July 13, 2011, the Liquor Control Review Board convened a hearing to consider amending the Class V liquor license to permit licensees to sell liquors other than beer and wine. Consideration arose from a request by the only Class V licensee, D&D Finer Foods.

For Introduction

(A6) Authorization for Mayor to Submit Comments to the Illinois EPA Regarding Veolia Permit Submission

Staff recommends City Council authorization for the Mayor to submit comments and objections to the Illinois EPA regarding Veolia's recent permit request relative to the Veolia Transfer Station. Veolia seeks to modify and expand the transfer station in ways which violate certain of Evanston's zoning regulations. Staff recommends Council approve and authorize the Mayor to submit comments and objections to Veolia's request that the Illinois EPA alter the Evanston transfer station permit.

For Action

(A7) Ordinance 63-O-11 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Fleet Vehicles Owned by the City of Evanston

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to publicly offer for sale through public auction (Obenauf Auction Service) various vehicles and equipment owned by the City based on Ordinance 63-O-11. The vehicles and equipment are presently out of service and were assigned to various divisions/departments within the City of Evanston. This ordinance was introduced at the July 25, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A8) Ordinance 62-O-11 Approval of Amendment to Title 4, Chapter 22 of the City Code Regarding Demolition Taxes

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 62-O-11 amending Title 4, Chapter 22 of the City Code regarding Demolition Taxes. This ordinance will provide a waiver process for properties that involve demolition without possible redevelopment as originally contemplated in the definition of the tax and properties that recycle demolished materials. This ordinance was introduced at the July 25, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(P1) Resolution 47-R-11 Designating the Portion of Emerson Street between Maple Avenue and Oak Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Emerson Branch YMCA"

Staff and the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Public Place Names recommend City Council approval of Resolution 47-R-11. The Citizens' Advisory Committee on Public Place Names received a request from Robert Reece and Alderman Peter Braithwaite to designate the portion of Emerson Street between Maple Avenue and Oak Avenue with the honorary street name sign, "Emerson Branch YMCA" in honor of the Emerson Street Branch YMCA. At their July 26, 2011 meeting the Committee recommended approval unanimously. Funds for the honorary street name sign program is budgeted in the Streets and Sanitation Division's materials account #2670.65115.

For Action

(P2)Resolution 48-R-11 Designating the Portion of Chicago Avenue between Greenleaf Street and Lee Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Joseph Levy Jr. Way”

Staff and the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names recommend City Council approval of Resolution 48-R-11. The Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names received a request from Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein, Michael P. Krasney and Alderman Melissa Wynne to designate the portion of Chicago Avenue between Greenleaf Street and Lee Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Joseph Levy Jr. Way”. At their August 2, 2011 meeting the Committee recommended approval unanimously.

For Action

(P3)Resolution 49-R-11 Designating the Portion of Maple Avenue between Davis Street and Grove Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Jay Rogosich Way”

Staff and the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names recommend City Council approval of Resolution 49-R-11. The Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names received a request from Tyrone Fahner and Alderman Don Wilson to designate the portion of Maple Avenue between Davis Street and Grove Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Jay Rogosich Way”. At their July 26, 2011 meeting the Committee recommended approval unanimously.

For Action

(P4)Resolution 46-R-11 Approval of Plat of Consolidation for 729 Sheridan Road

Staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution 46-R-11 a consolidation of two lots of record into one zoning lot. John Cara and Joan Cherry, property owners, seek to consolidate two lots of record into one lot of record. A single family residence exists on the southern lot at 729 Sheridan Road while the lot to the north is vacant.

For Action

(P5)Ordinance 67-O-11 Amending Various Portions of the Zoning Ordinance Relating to the Creation of “Domestic Animal Daycare Center” and “Kennel” Uses

Plan Commission and staff recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance 67-O-11 to establish “Domestic Animal Daycare Center” and “Kennel” uses within the City and as allowable special uses in the following zoning districts: Business-B1, B2, B3, and B1a; Commercial-C1, C1a, and C2; Mixed Use-MXE and MUE; and Industrial- I1, I2, and I3. At present, the only zoning code definition dealing with the care of animals is Animal Hospitals. The Animal Hospital definition does not fit proposals where the primary purpose is the daily sheltering of animals.

For Introduction

(P6)Ordinance 66-O-11 Granting Major Variations Necessary for the Construction of a Cultural Facility at 1026 Davis Street in the D2 Downtown Retail Core District

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 66-O-11, granting major variations necessary for the construction of a cultural facility at 1026 Davis Street. DS Productions Holding Company LLC proposes to construct a 45’ high, 520 seat cultural facility at 1026 Davis Street.

For Introduction

(P8)Ordinance 61-O-11 Amending Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code “Evanston Housing Commission”

As part of the review process to develop its 2011-2013 Work Plan, the Housing Commission recommends that proposed Ordinance 61-O-11 be adopted to align with current responsibilities. The Housing Commission has reviewed and approved the proposed changes. This ordinance was introduced at the July 25, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(H1)Approval of July 2011 Township of Evanston Payroll and Bills

Township of Evanston Supervisor recommends that City Council approve the Township of Evanston bills, payroll, and medical payments for the month of July 2011 in the amount of \$183,955.43.

For Action

(H2)Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Update and Proposed Reallocation of Funds

Staff recommends approval of reallocations of HPRP funds among participating agencies. The purpose of this reallocation is to prepare for grant close out that is anticipated to occur prior to December 2011 and to align funds with current and proposed new cases/services that are being provided by CEDA, the McGaw YMCA and Connections for the Homeless. Funding is provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development \$801,454 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing grant.

For Action

(H3)2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of allocations of 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant funding totaling \$84,885: \$80,645 to four social services agencies which provide housing and services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and \$4,240 to the City of Evanston for grant administration. Funding source is the City's 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant entitlement allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

For Action

(H4)Ordinance 49-O-11 Provisionally Adopting, Enacting and Re-Enacting New and Amended Code Provisions to Titles 8, 9, 10

Staff submits for review and consideration adoption of Ordinance 49-O-11 provisionally amending Titles 8, 9, 10 to the Evanston City Code. At the August 1, 2011, meeting of the Human Services Committee, the Committee noted the length and complexity of the Code sections amended in this installment of the Code modernization project and recommended a careful and comprehensive review of the proposed changes by the full Council before passage.

For Introduction

OTHER COMMITTEES

(O1)Resolution 45-R-11, Amending the 2011 One Year Action Plan Recommended by the Housing & Community Development Act Committee

Approval of Resolution 45-R-11, a Substantial Amendment to the City's 2011 Action Plan and funding reductions in 17 CDBG allocations necessitated by the City's 2011 CDBG grant of \$1,753,386, is recommended by the Housing & Community Development Act Committee. The 17 CDBG allocations for which reductions are recommended are in the categories of Administration and Public Services, in which spending must be reduced from the 2011 Action Plan to comply with spending caps in those categories due to the reduction of \$341,794 from the estimated CDBG grant used to develop that Plan.

For Action

(O2)Amending Allocation of Funding for Dodge/Dempster Merchants to be Inclusive of West Village

The Economic Development Committee recommends to City Council the allocation of balance of the funds awarded to Dodge/Dempster merchants group in October 2010 by City Council to be shared with all merchants in the area now known as the "West Village". The Funding Source will remain the same, the Economic Development Fund's Business District Improvement Account (5300.65522). The remaining balance of the \$9,000 will be shared with other businesses in the "West Village".

For Action

(O3)Approval for Assistance from the Façade Improvement Program for Oceanique, 505 Main Street

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommend approval of the revision of scope for the Façade Improvement project for Oceanique located at 505 Main Street. Oceanique is requesting a Façade Improvement reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000. The total expenditures for work performed totaled \$20,022, which is less than the original estimate of \$37,500. The Participant's completed façade project is within the eligible amount of \$10,000. The funding source originally approved for the project was the Economic Development Fund's Business District Improvement Fund (Account 5300.65522).

For Action

(O4)Approval of 2011-12 Funding for Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CNSCVB)

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommend approval of \$65,564.90 in funding for a twelve month period, commencing July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, to the Chicago North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CNSCVB). This is the same amount that has been provided for the past 3 years. Funding will be provided from the

Economic Development Fund's Economic Development Partnership Account (Account 5300.62659). The FY2011 budget allocated \$229,000 to this account for the city's economic development service partners. To date, \$56,700 has been allocated from this account.

For Action

(O5)Ordinance 54-O-11 Amending Portions of Title 7, Chapter 9 of the City Code Relating to the Playground and Recreation Board

Staff and the Playground and Recreation Board recommend approval of Ordinance 54-O-11 Amending Portions of Title 7, Chapter 9 of the City Code Relating to the Playground and Recreation Board to be called hereafter the "Evanston Park and Recreation Board." This ordinance was approved by the Rules Committee at the July 6, 2011 meeting. This ordinance was introduced at the July 25, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

APPOINTMENTS

For Appointment to:

Ladd Arboretum Committee
Library Board
Preservation Commission
Mayor's Youth Task Force
Mayor's Youth Task Force

Kathie Biddle
Sergio de los Reyes
Thomas Hagensick
Vernon Clark
Rev. Michael Dennis
Seth Green
Naria Santa Lucia
Richard Mosley, Jr.
Sam Pettineo
Joey Rodger
Wendy Weaver

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval of the minutes and it was seconded. A Roll Call Vote was taken which resulted in a 6-0 affirmative approval. The Consent Agenda was approved

Discussion of items not approved on Consent Agenda:

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For Action

Alderman Holmes motioned for approval with a second. With a 3-3 Roll Call vote the motion failed due to the fact it takes 5 votes to approve any motion from the Aldermen present during the meeting. Aldermen Rainey, Braithwaite and Holmes voted nay.

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For Introduction and Action

Alderman Holmes motioned to suspend the rules and it received a second. A Roll Call vote resulted in a 6-0 vote and the motion passed. Alderman Holmes then motioned for approval of the Ordinance with a second. A Roll Call was taken and resulted in a 6-0 positive and the Ordinance was approved.

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Alderman Rainey motioned to suspend the rules and a second was made. A Roll Call vote revealed a 6-0 count, and the motion passed. A motion was made to accept only option #2 of the proposed request and a second was received. A Voice vote was taken with a 5-1 (Alderman Fiske voted nay) vote and the motion passed. A motion was made to approve the request with the amendment and it was seconded. A voice vote was taken with a 6-0 result and the request passed.

The Mayor thanked Northwestern University for the ambulance they donated to the City.

Call of the Wards

Ward 6 Alderman Tendam had no report

Ward 8 Alderman Rainey stated the event at Brummel Park was a success, and outages in her ward and she has requested some ideas of what we can do to resolve some of these issues with COMED.

Ward 9 Alderman Burrus had no report.

Ward 1 Alderman Fiske announced her next ward meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th from 7-9 pm at the Evanston Public Library. She also wanted the City Manager to look into the comments made by Linda Balla.

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Ward 2 Alderman Braithwaite thanked those who came to last week's second ward meeting. This Saturday he stated he would be meeting with the Lake Round neighborhood block club August 13th 1-5 pm (block party), and stated his concerns of the budget and the areas that have a great impact on wards 2, 5, and 8.

Ward 5 Alderman Holmes stated she ditto Alderman Braithwaite's comments on the budget. She announced her next ward meeting will be Thursday, August 18th and their ice cream social with special guest the 311 personnel.

The City Manager asked that the City Council not meet in Executive Session. Alderman Rainey gave a slight history of the Council allowing the sale of alcohol in the stores and how it was required of all stores to keep it separate from other sale items.

A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Burrus and it was seconded. A Roll Call was taken and the vote was 6-0 and the meeting ended at 11:20 pm.

Submitted by,
Rodney Greene, City Clerk