



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, December 12, 2011

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

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Adjourn to Executive Session at 5:10 P.M.

At 5:40 p.m. Council Recessed for Administration & Public Works Committee meeting

Reconvene City Council meeting after Administration & Public Works Committee at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations:

The Mayor presented a proclamation to **Virag Jewelers** Celebrating their 75 years in Evanston and declared December 12, 2011 as their day.

Evanston Day at Northwestern University Men's Basketball – December 17 as the City has partnered with NU once again as the coach thanked the Mayor for allowing him to speak concerning the event. The \$15.00 tickets are only available online.

Mayor Tisdahl asked the City Manager to hold off the penalties of the City stickers until January 3, 2012. He then asked Mr. Voss, Manager of Parking to explain what has happened as a result of the stickers. Mr. Voss explained that the sell is going very well

City Manager Public Announcements:

“Day in the Life of Evanston: A Photo Story“the Contest Winners were viewed from a slide presentation by Ms. Erika Storlie.

Holiday Trash Collections schedule was announced by Ms. Suzette Robinson, Director of Public Works. All schedules will slide back one day

Communications: City Clerk

Clerk had no communications.

Citizen Comment:

Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman spoke of her concerns with the Kendall re-subdivision and the Council's continual actions of violating the rule of not responding to citizen comments. She stated the Ethics Committee's decision in favor of the first ward Alderman and asked that a complete written brief be produced.

BK Rao, 2246 Sherman stated when Alderman Fiske was her neighbor Judy Fiske she expressed to her the Board of Ethics was a big joke, she believed her then as well as now. She stated if her actions by the Board were not determined as being wrong, then the standards have been lowered to the basement level. She asked that the Council members respect their oath of office and stop attacking the taxpayers.

Junad Riziki, 2714 Sheridan stated the Council should start using money for the below poverty line residents and stop wasting money. He also commented on an Alderman's statement of those with expired parking meters are criminals and should pay higher fees. He called this dangerous in attempting to raise revenue. He wanted to know if the license plate recognition program is being put into place for efficiency or to collect revenue.

Leigh Skinner Anderson, Noyes Street commended the discussion for the plastic bag ban and suggested to print up ten thousand tote bags, and provided some examples she bought with her. She also suggested the City to rent out the Parasol Room for wedding ceremonies and other events, and of course the Mayor would officiate. She also stated the building is not built on the codes of the City because it is grandfathered in.

Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese Ave. spoke concerning the Howard TIF and how it is a great Economic Development Plan in Evanston. Also how this plan and the three entities will draw on themselves to promote others to settle in Evanston.

Before the Consent Agenda was presented by Alderman Rainey, Clerk Greene was asked to make a comment. He stated the minutes of the 28th of November had two big gaps that he finally corrected and asked if the Council would trust his corrections and approve the minutes with the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Grover asked Mr. Greene if he would prefer the Council to hold their approval until after they read the minutes and move it to January and he answered yes.

Alderman Rainey stated she trusted Mr. Greene with or without the gaps, but she will take the minutes off the Agenda.

Items not approved Consent Agenda:

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For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M2) Approval of Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of November 29, 2011

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through	11/20/11	\$2,653,239.28
(A2) City of Evanston Bills FY2011 through	12/13/11	\$1,908,511.38
Credit Card Activity – Period End October 31, 2011		\$ 98,772.42

(A3.1) Approval for Purchase of Two (2) License Plate Recognition Systems from Avrio RMS Group, LLC in the Amount of \$118,963 (RFP 11-52)

Staff recommends approval for the purchase of two (2) License Plate Recognition (LPR) systems for the Parking Division from Avrio RMS Group, LLC (1359 Barclay Blvd., Buffalo Grove, IL). Funding will be provided by the Parking Fund.

For Action

(A3.2) Approval for Purchase of Field Arrest and Field Interview Software from Sungard Public Sector in the Amount of \$54,920

Staff recommends approval of the sole source purchase of Field Reporting software from Sungard Public Sector, Inc. (1000 Business Center Drive, Lake Mary, FL) for the Evanston Police Department. Funding will be provided by Administrative Services Licensing & Support Account 1932.62340.

For Action

(A4) Approval for Duncan Solutions, Inc. to Add a Twenty-Five Percent (25%) Collections Fee to the Delinquent Collections Process

Staff recommends City Council approval to permit Duncan Solutions, Inc., (633 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1600, Milwaukee, WI) to add a twenty-five percent (25%) add-on collections fee to the delinquent collections process.

For Action

(A5) Resolution 63-R-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement Agreement with ComEd for Electric Facilities at Fireman's Park

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 63-R-11 authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement agreement with Commonwealth Edison for the installation of an above ground electric switch box with related underground connections at Fireman's Park.

For Action

(A6) Resolution 78-R-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Renewal Lease Agreements with Resident Artists for Studio Spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Staff recommends City Council approval of Resolution 78-R-11 authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements for the second year of a three-year lease term for spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

For Action

Staff recommends review and adoption of the following ten (10) abatement resolutions by the City Council. The Resolutions will abate (decrease) the amount of the 2011 property tax levy needed to retire the outstanding general obligation debt. Generally, abated debt amounts are funded through sources other than property taxes such as TIF incremental revenue, water/sewer receipts, and parking garage revenues.

(A7.1) Resolution 69-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 69-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002C.

For Action

(A7.2) Resolution 70-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 70-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004.

For Action

(A7.3) Resolution 71-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

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For Action

(A7.4) Resolution 72-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 72-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006.

For Action

(A7.5) Resolution 73-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 73-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007.

For Action

(A7.6) Resolution 74-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 74-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008B.

For Action

(A7.7) Resolution 75-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

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For Action

(A7.8) Resolution 76-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 76-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008D.

For Action

(A7.9) Resolution 77-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 77-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B.

For Action

(A7.10) Resolution 68-R-11 General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement

Staff recommends approval of proposed Resolution 68-R-11 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A.

For Action

(A10)Ordinance 104-O-11: Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Fleet Vehicles

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 104-O-11 authorizing the City Manager to sell various vehicles and equipment owned by the City through public auction.

For Introduction

(A12)Ordinance 114-O-11 Amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 12: Schedule XII; Parking Meter Zones

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 114-O-11 amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 12: Schedule XII; Parking Meter Zones. These changes will impact all meter zones including 20 minute, 30 minute, 2 hour, 3 hour, 4 hour, 12 hour and 15 hour zones. It is recommended that the amendment take effect on February 1, 2012.

For Introduction

(A13)Ordinance 115-O-11 Amending Title 10, Schedule XVII, of the Evanston City Code, "Parking Violation Penalties," Section 10-11-17, Increasing the Penalty for Various Fines

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 115-O-11 amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 17: Schedule XVII; Parking Violation Fines. It is recommended that the changes in the initial fines take effect on April 1, 2012.

For Introduction

(A14)Ordinance 117-O-11 Amending Various Sections of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Evanston City Code Regulating False Alarm Systems

Staff recommends City Council approval of Ordinance 117-O-11 which would increase City of Evanston Police and Fire-related false alarm fees. This increase was included as a revenue enhancement item for the FY 2012 Budget and will take effect January 1, 2012.

For Introduction

(A16)Ordinance 108-O-11 Amending the Evanston City Code Title 7, Chapter 12, Relating to the City Waterworks System

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 108-O-11 amending the Evanston City Code relating to the City Waterworks System. Staff is recommending a five percent (5%) water rate increase. Effective January 1, 2012, both the minimum use meter charge and quantity charge is proposed to be raised by five percent. This ordinance was introduced at the November 28, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A17)Ordinance 109-O-11 Amending Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 12 Imposition of Sanitation Service Charges to Increase the Sanitation Service Charge

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 109-O-11 amending Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 12 Imposition of Sanitation Service Charges to increase the sanitation service charge per unit fee structure to: \$7.95 for a 65 gal cart; \$14.95 for a

95 gal cart; \$7.95 per unit for the City condo program; and to increase the additional cart fee to \$7.95 per cart. This ordinance takes effect on February 1, 2012. This ordinance was introduced at the November 28, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A18)Ordinance 111-O-11 Requiring the Recycling of Electronics Products

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 111-O-11 enacting new subsections (F) and (G) to Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 3 General Disposal Requirements to require recycling of electronics products as specified in the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq., as amended). This ordinance was introduced at the November 28, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(P1)Ordinance 91-O-11: Amending Sections 4-2-2 and 4-11-2 of the City Code to Revise Regulations Regarding Expiration of Building Permits

Staff recommends City Council adoption of proposed Ordinance 91-O-11 regarding the expiration of building permits. The major change is the addition of a time limitation for all permits regardless of work status. This ordinance was introduced at the November 28, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(H1)Approval of Township of Evanston November 2011 Bills

Human Services Committee recommends approval of Township of Evanston expenditures for the month of November totaling \$85,062.47, which does not include payment of an invoice of \$2,172.61 for attorney's fees to law firm of Gregory Pelini.

For Action

(H2)Township of Evanston Audit for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2011

Township of Evanston Supervisor recommends that the Township Trustees accept and place on file the Township of Evanston Audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011.

For Action

APPOINTMENTS

(APP1)For Appointment to:

Library Board
Plan Commission

Leora Siegel
James W. Ford

(APP2)For Reappointment to:

Arts Council
Arts Council

Heidi Bloom
Helen Axelrood

Arts Council	Charles Lange
Emergency Telephone System Citizen Board	David Blatt
Ladd Arboretum Committee	Virginia Beatty
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Alderman Rainey motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken with a 9-0 vote to approve. The Consent Agenda passed.

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Call of the Wards

Ward 7 Alderman Grover stated she has her Evanston Day tickets and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Ward 8 Alderman Rainey thanked all who helped with the Howard Street Projects. Since the three properties have been purchased there have been some positive effects on the street. She also thanked all who have donated their time in the development of the area

Ward 9 Alderman Burrus thanked the people on Oakton Street who got petitions to express their problems on Oakton, and the A&PW committee for coming up with good ideas to solve the issues. She wished Happy Holidays to all.

Ward 1 Alderman Fiske thanked the City Manager and staff for attending her last ward meeting. At 7:00 pm at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center there will be a meeting concerning the bed & breakfast revisions in the Zoning Ordinance tomorrow. Also on Thursday the Northwestern City Commission will be meeting in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

Ward 2 Alderman Braithwaite had no report.

Ward 3 Alderman Wynne thanked City staff, City Manager, Council members and the Mayor for a productive year being on the City Council. She wished all a Happy Holiday Session. She looks forward to 2012.

Ward 4 Alderman Wilson had no report.

Ward 5 Alderman Holmes invited all to come to the Holiday fifth ward meeting. She also stated a successful back surgery for Janet Alexander, and wished all Happy Holiday wishes.

Ward 6 Alderman Tendam wished Holiday wishes to all, and stated it has been wonderful working with the Council.

Alderman Grover requested to have meetings to discuss the two referendums that were passed. She wanted to have at least two meetings for the aggregation issue and at least that many for the Township as well.

Alderman Wilson motioned to adjourn and convene as the Executive Board to discuss Personnel, Litigation, Minutes and it was seconded. A Voice Vote was taken and it was a unanimous approval to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene, City Clerk