



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Monday, February 27, 2012
 Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
 Aldermanic Library

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

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

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

Security Procedures:

City Manager Bobkiewicz stated the Chief of Police, Richard Eddington was here to inform the Council what has been happening in the City in preparation of the G8 & NATO summits that will be held at the McCormick Center in Chicago in May from the 18th through the 22nd. Chief Eddington went through an overview of the event and the involvement of the Secret Service and they may close Lake Shore Drive, the Stevenson and all transportation going under McCormick Center. The Secret Service guys have no sense of humor and they are very serious and any possible threat to the President or any other dignitaries they will shut down everything with no remorse, because they are leaving town on May 22nd.

The decisions they will be making will be coming fast and furious because of the late start in preparation. This is the first time they have combined in the Continental United States, and when you combine the events you combine the protestors (the G8 as well as the NATO protestors will be coming together). There will be several emergency operational setups: (1) The FBI Headquarters Commander Elliot and Amanda Deacon (Crime Analyst) will be sent to that location where they will be in the ramp up process, (2) The light duty personnel will be sent to the Skokie Emergency Operation Center (and he asked to not repeat this location), and the reason was if the anarchist should hit this facility they would shut that operation down and would compromise the EOC and would be little or no use to us. The Chief mentioned the 1968 incident made an indelible impression on these groups and they do not want to mix it up with Chicago PD. When they realize the preparedness of the City Police they will go and test out the surrounding suburbs, and that may just happen here as well. If the Secret Service decides there are too many protestors in the area they will shut down the trains and other transportation, preventing them from coming any further into the City.

He then mentioned some of the places that Anonymous has hit which included one of the major manufactures of the tear gas. The protestors are also using very distinct graffiti acknowledging to their fellows places to stay for free and under the radar. If he has shifts of 12 it would cost \$185,000.00 for personnel cost. The protestors are very determined and precise in their attacks. They wear scarves to hide their faces and shoot rockets from the ground as to not be recognized, change clothing and jump in and out of the crowds.

Concerns:

- 1) Do you expect to assist in Chicago? Answer: No, we will not be going to McCormick Place.
- 2) Are you anticipating disruption in Evanston? Answer: We would be foolish if we didn't considering events of the past.
- 3) The use of tear gas
 - It's not free
 - Wind directional flow when deployed
 - Asthmatics
- 4) Fire hoses and water (very controversial)
 - Because of miss-use in the past
 - Will the Police be authorized to do this
 - Or will we just have to loose a City block
 - Occupy Evanston (have been here all along, & are peaceable)
 - These are not peaceable people or cooperative individuals
- 5) What's a bad day for you and what will they do? Answer: The trains are stopped protestors get off they will then come down the streets breaking windows and causing disruptions with fires being set as well.
 - All decisions are made after passing on information to command center
 - The equipment will not be used willy-nilly
 - Will only be used as needed
- 6) Are there communications to the schools in Evanston? Answer: He has contacted both school districts and will be disseminate the same info that the Council has

The final conclusion is to be aware of what is about to happen during the month of May. The City Manager has given the Chief a free hand in obtaining the necessary protective gear and the Council will be apprised of further information.

Litigation:

Mr. Farrar gave a litigation update on the following cases: (1) Wellman trial which he has completed day five. He gave praise to Kathy and James for their assistance with the case. He will cross examine the plaintiff as the last witness on tomorrow will do closing arguments and the jury will get the case around 11:30, with a verdict sometime in the afternoon. He stated we will loose this case and it is just a matter how bad. The reason for his bluntness was he received a number of debilitating discoveries that hurt the case. Once he receives a verdict he will inform the Council tomorrow. (2) In the Dubro case he reported on this one about six weeks ago which is another sidewalk paver. \$97,500.00 is the amount they are seeking at this point and he has exceeded the original amount of \$60,000. He is asking to move the amount up to about \$72,000.00 to settle the case which is an increase of \$12,000.00. (3) He reported on the Martin case of a disgruntle employee who first resigned and then turned around to sue the City for wrongful separation from the job and he had six claims that is now down to one. He is asking for an amount not to

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exceed \$5,000.00. (4) VEOLIA substituted Judges and he is engaging in motion actions and their motion was a 17 page document.

Real Estate:

Mr. Bobkiewicz announced the grocery store project the City is working on and there has been no progress on the parcel that belongs to Northwestern, and the remaining thing is for TERACO to come up with their final deal with Northwestern. He announced that he and Ms. Nyden started on a new project, with VOGUE Fabrics moving to Dempster Plaza. They will move as soon as they can sell their property and they are working with the developer of Dempster/Dodge to get them there. He stated he will keep them posted.

Minutes:

The minutes of February 13, 2012 were approved with amendment and the meeting ended at 7:15 p.m. after a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene / City Clerk

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