



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, January 10, 2011**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call:

Alderman Burrus	Alderman Wynne
Alderman Fiske	Alderman Holmes
Alderman Jean-Baptiste	Alderman Tendam
Alderman Wynne	Alderman Grover

Absent: **Alderman Rainey**

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Council Meeting to order after the Roll Call of the Aldermen was completed at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Public Announcements:

The Mayor called for a moment of silence honoring Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, the twenty victims and the six who died as a result of the shooting in Arizona. She also announced the vendor problem with the City Stickers is being resolved, as well as apologizing to the public at large. She stated she wrote a letter supporting the income tax increase, but not the entire proposed increase.

Mayor Proclamations

The “North End Mothers’ Club” is celebrating their 100th Anniversary January, 2011 and the proclamation will be delivered to them tomorrow.

City Manager Public Announcements and Presentations:

Nancy Radkovich, Economic Development Manager, reported she received an email today that “Converged Communication Systems” (an Evanston based business) will be expanding their services by opening a second location at 1732 Central Street in the City of Evanston.

Mr. Bobkiewicz gave a power-point presentation initiating the new City Transparency Website that had been in its initial process for some time. The website displays all information the City of Evanston is involved with.

Mr. Bob Dorneker, Director of Recreation announced the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Ceremonies and the associated events of the day, and pointed out the events are posted on the City’s website as well. Residents are asked to provide a

non-perishable food item when attending any of the events.

Ms. Suzette Robinson announced the schedule of trash pickups for the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday.

Communications: City Clerk had no communications to report.

Special Order of Business: FY2011 Capital Improvement Program:

Mr. Bobkiewicz gave a presentation of the various projects the City of Evanston will possibly pursue in the near future. He stated the City of Evanston has over one hundred million dollars in General Obligation Debt. He then asked Ms. Joellen Earl, Director of Administrative Services, to come forward and discuss the priority one projects and the General Obligation Debt. She gave a break down of the CIP projects and the associated amounts to complete the projects.

Mr. Lyons, Assistant City Manager, continued the discussion on the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Doug Gaynor, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, spoke on the abatements in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center in response to Alderman's questioning.

To answer the various questions posed by the Aldermen to obtain understanding of the projects, each department head was in attendance to respond to the questions with clarification.

On February 14th City Manager stated staff would come back with a report showing an amount closer to 5 million than the 6 million dollars for the CIP projects that were presented tonight.

Citizen Comment

Junad Rizki, spoke of his concern of not receiving the FOIA information he was requesting, and he also asked the Council to investigate the safety of employees riding on the side of the City's trash collecting vehicles.

Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese, spoke on the tax increases proposed by the Legislators in Springfield. He also stated increasing higher taxes is not the solution.

Ms. Bonnie Wilson, Township Assessor announced the process for property Assessment appeals will begin on Tuesday, January 11, and will end on Thursday, February 10th.

Items not approved on the Consent Agenda:

(A3.4) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for City of Evanston Clean Refuse/Recycling Truck and Clean Motor Grader Project

Staff recommends authorization for the City Manager to sign the application for federal assistance for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program for

the City of Evanston Clean Refuse/Recycling Truck and Clean Motor Grader Project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$645,000; including IEPA Grant funding of \$161,250 and Fleet Funds of \$483,750.

For Action

(O4) Ordinance 47-O-10, Amending Section 2-5-1, et seq. of the City Code Regarding the Duties of the Human Relations Commission

Rules Committee recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 47-O-10. The proposed code amendments would require the Commission to implement a work plan regarding its activities, and strikes the sections which currently allow the Commission to conduct investigations and to convene public hearings. This ordinance was introduced at the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of Dec. 7, 2010

(M2) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of Dec. 13, 2010

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS

(A1)	City of Evanston Payroll through	12/19/10	\$2,354,670.68
	City of Evanston Payroll through	1/2/11	\$2,273,135.55
(A2)	City of Evanston Bills through	1/11/11	\$4,026,597.12
	City of Evanston Credit Card Bills through	11/30/10	\$ 65,453.99

(A3.1) Approval of Fire & Life Safety Department Vehicle Replacement Purchase
Staff recommends approval of this replacement vehicle-purchase in the amount of \$25,447.93 from Currie Motors (9423 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort, IL) in the amount of \$25,447.93. Funding provided by Fleet Services Capital Outlay Budget for Automotive Equipment (7720.65550). Staff conducted a “green” review of this purchase to determine if any “hybrid vehicle” would be feasible. However, staff believes a “hybrid” in this style of vehicle at twice the cost of a non-hybrid version to be cost prohibitive. Staff will continue to review each fleet purchase with the goal of moving to a “greener fleet” in the future.

For Action

(A3.2) Approval of Contract Extension for Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2011

Based on a review of current chemical prices, staff recommends City Council approval of a ten month contract extension to the following four vendors to supply water treatment chemicals: 1) JCI Jones Chemical Company (600 Bethel Ave., Beech Grove, IN) in the amount of \$34,845.00 to supply chlorine, 2) Alexander Chemical Corp (1901 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL) in the amount of \$174,675.00 to supply HFS acid (fluoride), 3) SNF Polydyne Inc. (One Chemical Plant Road, Riceboro, GA) in the amount of \$23,800.00 to supply

polymer, and 4) Pristine Water Solutions (1570 Lakeside Drive, Waukegan, IL) in the amount of \$88,268.25 to supply blended phosphate. The total of these proposed purchases is \$321,588.25, provided by accounts 7110.65015 and 7110.65030.

For Action

(A3.3) Accept and Place on File of Single Audit for FY 2009-10

Staff recommends that City Council review and place on file the Single Audit report for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010. Single Audit is the audit of Federal Grants money received/spent by the City of Evanston.

For Action

(A4) Ordinance 1-O-11, Amending City Code Section 7-15-1 to Amend the Membership of the Board of Local Improvements

Illinois law (65 ILCS 5/9-2-7) establishes the membership of each board of local improvements (“BLI”) in cities having a population of 50,000 or more and less than 500,000. Section 7-15-1 of the City Code establishes the membership of the City’s BLI. Ordinance 1-O-11 will ensure the City Code complies with the statute and uses the current job titles of the board members.

For Introduction

(A5) Ordinance 3-O-11 Amending Various Sections of Title 8, “Mobile Food Vehicle Vendors”, Chapter 26 of the City Code

The Law Department submits for consideration ordinance 3-O-11 amending Title 8, Chapter 26, of the City Code. The proposed amendments reflect a pro-rated fee for licenses granted after July 1 of any calendar year. The amendments also authorize the City Manager or his/her designee to enter food trucks at a reasonable time to ensure compliance with the Code. Finally, the amendment clarifies that vendors need not obtain temporary food establishment permits for private events unless the vendor changes its menu for the private event.

For Introduction

(A6) Ordinance 75-O-10 Amending Various Sections of Title 9 “General Offenses”, Chapter 8, “Weapons”

Staff submits for consideration Ordinance 75-O-10 which amends the City’s current handgun ordinance. The proposed language constitutes reasonable regulation of firearms in accord with recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. This ordinance was introduced at the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A7) Ordinance 92-O-10 Regarding Sale of Sewer Service to 2010 Hawthorne Lane

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sell a portion of sewer service, owned by the City of Evanston and located beneath McCormick Boulevard and 2010 Hawthorne Lane, to the abutting property owner Marvin Kantor. This ordinance was introduced at the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

For Action

(H1)Approval of Township of Evanston December Monthly Bills

Township of Evanston Supervisor recommends that City Council approve the Township of Evanston bills, payroll, and medical payments for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$136,717.24.

For Action

OTHER COMMITTEES**(O1)Resolution 2-R-11, reallocating unspent 2008 and 2009 CDBG Funds Recommended by the Housing & Community Development Act Committee**

Resolution 2-R-11 amending the 2008 and 2009 Community Development Block Grant programs and authorizing the reallocation of \$ 6,872.79 in unexpended funds to the City's 2011 CDBG program is recommended by the Housing and Community Development Act Committee. Funding source is the City's 2008 and 2009 Community Development Block Grant.

For Action

(O2)Resolution 3-R-11, Approving the 2011 One Year Action Plan Recommended by the Housing & Community Development Act Committee

Housing & Community Development Act Committee recommends approval of the proposed One Year Action Plan for FY 2011 and the estimated FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program budgets totaling \$ 2,744,311. Funding sources are the City's estimated CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement grants; CDBG and HOME program income; and required matching funds for HOME and ESG, which are made up of the Affordable Housing Fund and other public and private sources of funding.

For Action

(O3)Ordinance 2-O-11, Eliminating the Board of Examiners of Stationary Engineers, Boiler or Water Tenders

Title 4, Chapter 3 of the City Code establishes the Board of Examiners of Stationary Engineers, Boiler or Water Tenders to license said professionals. The Board has been inactive and unstaffed for years, and the Council has not amended the cited Code provisions since adopting the 1957 City Code. The Rules Committee recommends eliminating the Board.

For Introduction

(O5)Ordinance 89-O-10, Amending Title 2, Chapter 14 of the City Code to Make the Energy Commission the Utilities Commission

Rules Committee recommends City Council approval of Ordinance 89-O-10 Amending Title 2, Chapter 14 of the City Code to Make the Energy Commission the Utilities Commission. This ordinance was introduced at the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

For Action

Alderman Wynne motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda, and it received a second. A Roll Call was taken with an 8-0 yes for approval.

Items for discussion:

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For Action

This was removed from the Agenda in committee.

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For Action

The decision by the Rules Committee members was to approve this Ordinance because the members of the Human Relations Commission had not responded to any attempt to direct their thoughts or ideas to the Rules Committee. Roll Call vote was taken with a result of 8-0 for approval.

Call of the Wards

Ward 9: Alderman Burrus had no report.

Ward 1: Alderman Fiske wished a Happy New Year and was very impressed with the City Managers Transparency Website.

Ward 2: Alderman Jean-Baptist had also wished a Happy New Year to all. He referenced the Human Services Committee and Doug Gaynor to look into the process of the Youth Initiatives of how we are reaching those youths who are seemingly falling through the cracks.

Ward 3: Alderman Wynne had no report.

Ward 4: Alderman Wilson had no report.

Ward 5: Alderman Holmes announced a joint meeting with Alderman Jean-Baptiste on Saturday, January 15th at 10:00 a.m. until noon at Fleetwood-Jourdain concerning foreclosure prevention workshops.

Ward 6: Alderman Tendam had no report.

Ward 7: Alderman Grover she thanked Jonathan Perlman for his roll in facilitating the search for a second home location for “Converged Communication Systems” on Central Street in Evanston.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste announced that Wednesday would be the one year anniversary of the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, and he encouraged the ongoing well wishes for the Haitian community, as well as the other activities which are planned to commemorate Dr. Kings Memorial Day.

Executive Session

Alderman Wilson motioned to convene into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Minutes the motion was seconded and a Roll Call was taken with a 8-0 yes, and the Open Meeting was closed at 9:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Greene, City Clerk**

Minutes of this meeting will be placed online two (2) days after approval by Council at the next Regular Council Meeting on January 24, 2011.