



MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, January 10, 2011

9:35 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

Aldermanic Library

Members Present:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Holmes

Alderman Jean-Baptiste

Alderman Tendam

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Grover

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Burrus

Staff Present:

City Manager, Wally Bobkiewicz, City Attorney, Grant Farrar, Assistant City Attorney, Tom Anger, Assistant

Presiding Member:

Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, Wally Bobkiewicz stated that Mr. Farrar Grant, Corporation Counsel and Mr. Tom Anger, Assistant Corporate Counsel had prepared an indebt report of where the City stands in Litigations. He stated this was a way for the Council to be apprised of the cases that are pending, and their progress.

The Aldermen agreed that the report was very well representative of the litigate cases of the City.

Mr. Farrar then responded, "It was very important for the Law Department to really start showing the impact of the new approaches and ways the Department are Litigating".

Alderman Jean-Baptiste asked what about Risk Management.

City Manager, Bobkiewicz stated the Legal Department and Ms. Robinson were going to get together more often to identify the problem areas around the City to make the repairs that are needed. Also there will be discussions of the types of claims and where they are originating from.

Suggestions were to have the employees to:

- 1) Pick up their phones and make a call to the 3-1-1 system once it is in operation.
- 2) Have a contest for calling trouble spots in
- 3) Start tracking the reports
- 4) Use cement instead of pavers
- 5) Get a 50 /50 agreement with business owners
- 6) Look into standards for the heights of the signs
- 7) Citywide staff ownership orientation
- 8) Half-a-day City shut down for training of all staff

Mr. Bobkiewicz then spoke of the Transfer Station and VEOLIA, and has asked for the Councils permission to move forward with working out the details. He also stated this is a huge money maker for VEOLIA, and VEOLIA would like for the City of Evanston to not play hardball.

Concerns:

- 1) The weight of their trucks
- 2) Are the trucks too heavy for our streets?
- 3) The streets are being torn up

The Council gave the green light to move forward with discussions with VEOLIA after sharing their further concerns, and listening to the options in dealing with VEOLIA from Mr. Farrar and Mr. Bobkiewicz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of December 13, 2010 of the Executive Session be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved at 10:01 P.M.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Greene
City Clerk
Clerk's Office**