



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
 Monday, January 23, 2012
 Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
 Aldermanic Library

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

Others Present: City Attorney Grant Farrar, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, Marty Lyons, Assistant City Manager, Katherine Agonis, Assistant City Attorney, Greg Klaiber, Fire Chief, Richard Eddington, Chief of Police

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 9:55 pm.

Collective Bargaining:

City Manager Bobkiewicz stated they will give an update of the Collective Bargaining process by Mr. Grant Farrar. Mr. Farrar stated the focus with the Firefighters was on economics. The stumbling block is the separate schedule they will not negotiate on that, and he is waiting to see what the Union will do because the ball is now in their court. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated in two-four weeks they will give an update on any changes that may come up.

Litigation:

Mr. Farrar stated he had voluminous amount of data on the following litigation cases on hand:

- The Allen Belan Arbitration was won with important facts that showed (1) no evidence of sexual harassment, and (2) there was improper conduct based upon Chief Eddington’s testimony. This arbitration is not appealable in the civil suit.
- Kathrein v. City of Evanston: the Judge asked Mr. Farrar to ask the Council if painting the house was an expense on either side would the Council be willing to settle for \$10,000.
- Wellman: twisted her ankle on a sidewalk paver at Church & Benson and is asking for \$350,000. Her medical expenses were only \$20,000 or closer to \$30,000. He suggested to Council to take this case to trial.

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- The Dubrow case is a sixty-seven year-old woman whose husband is a 40-year veteran of the corporation counsel's office in Skokie and he knows how to testify. Her Attorney submitted a demand for \$225,000. He will be trying the case tomorrow, and he is asking to have discretionary power to settle nothing more than \$60,000.

Mr. Farrar then mentioned the objection that was submitted by Padma Rao to the Township referenda. Mr. Bobkiewicz then mentioned that this is a Council meeting and not a Township Board and this issue should not be discussed at this time.

Mr. Farrar then stated he was still working on the VEOLIA situation.

Minutes:

The minutes were held over until the next meeting because changes had to be made. The meeting ended at 10:27 p.m. after a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by,

Hon. Rodney Greene / City Clerk

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