



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Monday, July 25, 2011

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

Presiding:                      Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the Council Session to order at 8:26 p.m. after a Roll Call.

## **Mayor Public Announcements**

The Mayor had no announcements.

## **City Manager Public Announcements**

City Manager Bobkiewicz asked Police Chief Eddington to come forward to give an update on the proposed Dominick's Outpost. Chief Eddington stated that Dominick's came to them asking if they could have a Police Outpost at the store, and Dominick's would build and support the outpost. The Chief accepted the request for two reasons: 1) To help deter under aged youth from stealing liquor, which if they are caught they will have a record to follow them down the road. The second reason was to have a positive non-crisis contact with the residents. The question was asked what is the difference between the Howard Street Outpost and the proposed one in Dominick's? The Chief explained the Howard Street Outpost is owned and operated by the Police Department and is manned daily. As for the Dominick's outpost it will be owned by Dominick's and the Officers will have a desk and phone setup to fill out reports and place calls to the Police Station. The Officers will not be there 24/7, just periodically. A second question was what would be the benefit for the south end of Dominick's and its surrounding area? The Chief stated it would be a positive impact with a presence of the Officers who can meet and greet the residents on a non-crisis contact.

Doug Gaynor stated there have been over 300 calls since the three storms, and the crews have been working over time. The first thing must bring down hanging trees and

then during the regular trash pickups will gather up the debris on the neighbors streets and yards, and hopefully be completed by this Friday pending no more storms.

City Manager then introduced Godwin Chin a new employee with the City, who will be ICMA local government fellow for one year working out of the City Manager's Office.

### **Communications: City Clerk**

City Clerk Greene read the Availability of Bond Order, and also read the corrections to the minutes of July 11, 2011 before they were approved on the Consent Agenda.

### **Citizen Comment**

**Priscilla Giles, 1829 Ashland Ave.** speaking for the seniors who use Fleetwood-Jourdain and requested for the replacement of the turn around, for those persons who use wheel chairs and walkers and canes, because it causes an inconvenience for those who use wheel chairs and walkers.

### **Speaking on the proposed budget**

**Junad Rizki, 2767 Ridge,** commented on off duty cops acting as security guards at Barns & Noble Book store and thought that was not to be feasible. He also spoke about the Budget and the selling of the assets and not using the ground floor space at the Maple street garage. He suggested the Council should go through the budget very carefully.

### **Speaking on the Kendall Subdivision**

**Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman** spoke concerning the Kendall re-subdivision proposal and how Council approved the killing of two dozen trees. The Council as she stated pushed through the proposal without consulting with the community at large. She stated the Council violated their responsibilities to the residents by ignoring their legal ethical conflicts of its laws and she asked the Council to undo the wrong things and do the right thing and always remember their duty to the tax payers.

**B.K. Rao, 2246 Sherman** spoke of the 24 trees scheduled for killing with no conversation with the tax payers, and there was no ecological study or any study at all that the Council could show why they voted the way they did. She also mentioned the "Golden Ponzi Award", that was presented by a tax payer to the Council.

### **These persons spoke of their concerns for the Police Outpost at Dominick's**

**Dickelle Fonda, 1220 Darrow** stated the process is completely unheard of without community input and the Council's input. She suggested many options of eliminating the temptation of liquor theft by moving the placement or housing it as it was before. She is requesting a temporary hold on the progress of the outpost and to refer to the Administration & Public Works Committee to follow due process that did not happen.

**John Bushneil, 1805 Crain** suggested the process should be redone while answering 4 questions: 1) Is this really necessary; 2) What kind of impact will the neighborhood receive; 3) What type of impact will the visible presence of Policemen be; 4) Is this the best way to employ a Policeman.

**Mary Trujillo, 1222 Darrow** stated there are many points of view, and when we don't have full answers we make up stuff. She suggested that we were creating precedence

with the outpost and others would come and ask for the same type of treatment. She also asked what was the role of public comments in making decisions of this magnitude? She finally suggested that the Council will take and value the input of the citizens in issues like this.

**Jevoid Simmons, 1220 Darrow** he believed that what the Chief was well intentioned in cutting crime and deterring youth thefts, but in reality he believes it will be a hindrance more than a help. He believes that most of the fear is directed to people of color like me, African Americans, and Latinos.

**Rev Blair Hull, 1215 Dodge** she stated she only had two words to say, process to have a better process and perception. She stated, most of the injury to the security guards at Dominick's is done at night by grown men.

**Nancy Floy, 1811 Greenwood** is the owner of the Heartwood Center of a business in the Plaza at 1818 Dempster. She stated she appreciated the work of the Council and that of the Chief who have a hard job. Her clients are against the idea of the outpost.

**Mary Rosinski, 1729 Chancellor** her concern was the process that took place in the decision making and the outpost is not the way to go, and we need more discussion with the community.

**Bennett Johnson, 708 Washington** stated the outpost at Dominick's is ludicrous and should not be and the rights of the citizens and Council members without the input of the citizens.

**Priiscilla Giles, 1829 Ashland Ave.** spoke of the missing roundabout that was present before has not been replaced even though it was stated the roundabout would be restored. It is difficult for the wheelchair, walkers and persons with canes to get into the center. She also stated she had nothing against Twiggs Park, but is worried about better use of the money in assisting people to stay in their homes.

Alderman Braithwaite stated the announcement of this process which have been going on for a couple of months, and there will be another meeting to have conversation on this Thursday at the Perlus Café at 7 pm. He also thanked those who came out sharing their comments. He then gave a short history of the shootings and the outpost is not just the Dominick's but also the surrounding area. Documents handed out by Alderman Braithwaite will be available in City Clerk's office.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(M1)**Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 11, 2011 with corrections made by the City Clerk prior to the presentation on Consent Agenda.

## **ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

<b>(A1)</b> City of Evanston Payroll through	07/17/11	\$2,836,107.68
<b>(A2)</b> City of Evanston Bills FY2011 through	07/26/11	\$2,483,592.30

**(A3.1) Approval of Contract Award for James Park Irrigation System Improvement Project to Halloran & Yauch, Inc. (Bid 12-30)**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the James Park Irrigation System Improvement Project to Halloran & Yauch, Inc. (28322 Ballard Drive, Lake Forest, IL) for the base bid plus alternate 1 in the total amount of \$79,340. Funding will be provided by FY2011 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) #415411 totaling \$80,000 and additional \$20,000 from FY2011 CIP #415410.

**For Action**

**(A3.2) Approval of Contract Award for the Twiggs Park Renovation Project to Clauss Brothers Inc. (Bid 12-42)**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the Twiggs Park Renovation Project for the base bid to Clauss Brothers Inc. (360 West Schaumburg Road, Streamwood, IL) in the total amount of \$74,012. Funding will be provided by FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #5170.62830 (\$40,000) and a reallocation of FY2010 CDBG funds (\$34,892).

**For Action**

**(A3.3) Approval of Contract Award Recommendation to O'Hara Construction, Inc. for the Cabinet Replacement at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center (Bid 11-62)**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the Cabinet Replacement at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center Project with O'Hara Construction, Inc. (636 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL) in the amount of \$26,360. Funding will be provided by FY2011 Community Development Block Grant Account # 5275.62800 totaling \$30,000.

**For Action**

**(A3.4) Approval of Contract for North Fuel Tank Repairs**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a sole source contract with Metro Tank and Pump Company (1111 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL) in the the amount of \$23,948.00 to repair two underground storage tanks (UST) at the service center. In order to expedite this critical repair since North Tank #1 is already exposed, staff recommends a sole source contract with Metro. This underground storage tank holds 87 octane gasoline. Funding will be provided by FY2011 Municipal Service Center Account # 2610.65515.

**For Action**

**(A3.5) Approval of Contract Award for Towing Services to North Shore Towing, Inc. (RFP 12-37)**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with North Shore Towing, Inc. (2527 Oakton, Evanston, IL) to provide towing and other related services for the City. The contract term is for an initial 3-year period

commencing on August 1, 2011 and terminating on July 31, 2014 with two optional 1-year renewals. Funding is provided by General Fund account 1941.62451 (Boots and Tows).

**For Action**

**(A3.6) Approval of Contract Award to Impactor for Demolition of 1708 and 1710 Darrow Avenue (Bid 12-38)**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in response to Bid 12-38, for the demolition and removal of the residential-style buildings, accessory structures, and trees located at 1708 and 1710 Darrow Avenue to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder Impactor (1460 Fairlane Drive #516, Schaumburg, IL) in the amount of \$27,400. Funding for this work will be from the West Evanston Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Account #5870.62605 – “Other Charges”. The adopted FY2011 budget for the West Evanston TIF included \$490,000 for “Capital Projects,” of which Staff had budgeted \$40,000 for this demolition project.

**For Action**

**(A4) Approval of Change Order #2 for 1964 Filter Addition Rehabilitation Project at the Water Utility**

Staff is seeking City Council approval authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order # 2 in the amount of \$8,927 to the agreement with Keno and Sons Construction Company for the 1964 Filter Addition Rehabilitation project. This will increase the total contract from \$3,453,912 to \$3,462,839. Funding for this work will be from the Water Fund, Account 733048. This account has a budget allocation of \$4,100,000 (\$2,900,000 in FY2011 and \$1,200,000 in FY2012).

**For Action**

**(A5) Resolution 38-R-11 Approving Amended FY2011 Capital Improvements Program**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 38-R-11 approving the amended FY2011 Capital Improvements Program, increasing the FY2011 CIP funding request by a total of \$1,022,513, from \$31,415,446 to \$32,437,959. This resolution was originally presented at the July 18, 2011 City Council meeting.

**For Action**

**(A6) Ordinance 63-O-11 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Fleet Vehicles Owned by the City of Evanston**

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to publicly offer for sale through public auction (Obenauf Auction Service) various vehicles and equipment owned by the City based on Ordinance 63-O-11. The vehicles and equipment are presently out of service and were assigned to various divisions/departments within the City of Evanston.

**For Introduction**

**(A7)Ordinance 62-O-11 Approval of Amendment to Title 4, Chapter 22 of the City Code Regarding Demolition Taxes**

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 62-O-11 amending Title 4, Chapter 22 of the City Code regarding Demolition Taxes. This ordinance will provide a waiver process for properties that involve demolition without possible redevelopment as originally contemplated in the definition of the tax and properties that recycle demolished materials.

**For Introduction**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**(P1)Approval of Recommended HOME Funding for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) Property located at 1509 Emerson**

Staff recommends the approval of \$250,000 in HOME funds to be layered with committed NSP2 funds for the rehabilitation of a 3-unit, mixed-income NSP2 property located at 1509 Emerson. City Council previously approved \$600,000 in HOME funds to be layered with NSP2 properties in March of 2010. Staff have identified and committed HOME funds for three (3) NSP2 properties totaling \$540,000 of the \$600,000 approved. A fourth NSP2 property, 1509 Emerson, needs approximately \$250,000 in HOME funds which will exceed the already approved \$600,000 HOME amount.

**For Action**

**(P2)Ordinance 61-O-11 Amending Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code “Evanston Housing Commission”**

As part of the review process to develop its 2011-2013 Work Plan, the Housing Commission recommends that proposed Ordinance 61-O-11 be adopted to align with current responsibilities. The Housing Commission has reviewed and approved the proposed changes.

**For Introduction**

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**(O1)Ordinance 54-O-11 Amending Portions of Title 7, Chapter 9 of the City Code Relating to the Playground and Recreation Board**

Staff and the Playground and Recreation Board recommend approval of Ordinance 54-O-11 Amending Portions of Title 7, Chapter 9 of the City Code Relating to the Playground and Recreation Board to be called hereafter the “Evanston Park and Recreation Board.” This ordinance was approved by the Rules Committee at the July 6, 2011 meeting.

**For Introduction**

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval and a second was rendered and a Roll Call vote was taken with a 7-0 approval.

**Call Of the Wards**

**Ward 5** Alderman Holmes had no report.

**Ward 7** Alderman Grover had no report

**Ward 8** Alderman Rainey stated the outpost at the Dominick's is not necessary. She stated she was outraged with the saying that with an outpost it is crime ridden. She then criticized the lack of actions from the Chief of Police, and she has been instructed to not talk to the City employee in the building of 135 Custer and she demands a meeting with the landlord and the employee. She also announced a food truck fest and a concert this Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. She also encouraged the formation of a group to look at the landlord tenant ordinance.

**Ward 9** Alderman Burrus followed up on what Alderman Rainey had stated in getting help by hitting the landlords with ordinance enforcements and better solutions to gain compliance.

**Ward 1** Alderman Fiske had no report

**Ward 2** Alderman Braithwaite thanked the Church Street neighbors picnic as well as meeting with the Dewey Street neighbors on Thursday.

**Ward 3** Alderman Wynne had no report

Alderman Wynne then motioned to convene into a Executive Session and it was seconded. Roll Call was performed and the vote was 7-0 for closing the open meeting at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by:  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk