

City Manager presented the 2011 Top Corporate Citizen Award from North Shore United Way to the Mayor.

Citizen Comment

The following persons spoke on SP2:

Joan Rothenberg, 1575 Ashland, stated that real data on freshwater wind farms' impacts on the ecology of the Great Lakes must be incorporated into our effort to reduce our carbon footprint. It is shortsighted to cause more unnecessary irreparable damage to the Great Lakes.

Andrew MCgonigle, 2528 Princeton Ave. an employee of Northwestern University and their evaluation of the model that was presented did not provide enough information, and they advise the City of Evanston to decline from pursuing the wind farm initiative.

Jonathan Nieuwsma, 1408 Dempster stated he was an strongly supports the of-shore wind farm initiative. He also stated we are not the first but are behind others who already have wind farm projects.

Fred Wittenberg, 1726 South Blvd. member of the Mayor's review committee submitted the committee's report which is included as an attachment. They were against the off-shore wind farm program and Evanston will not gain any benefits from this project.

Barbara Janes, 802 Colfax stated she was here to urge the Council to stop their idea of pursuing an off shore wind farm, and there will be no benefit for the Evanston tax payers.

Barbara Saxes, 3007 Thayer stated there is a lack of science data to support the use of off shore wind farms. She urges the Council not to proceed with the project, but to put an immediate halt. her non-support of the wind farm project as she continued with a long non-stop dissertation

Ginny Rosenberg, 1133 Judson stated her concern was a lack of geological information and how deep the pillions will have to be driven into the Lake bottom.

Carl Bova, 1322 Rosalie Street stated his qualifications and urged the Council to stop the project. His written statements are included as part of these minutes.

Jeanne Lindwall, 625 Library Place stated the City Council should drop further consideration this idea until the Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy Council completes its report. Her statements were submitted in a written form which is included in these minutes.

These persons spoke on the Kendall project.

Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman spoke of her concerns for the destruction of the trees located on the Kendall Re-Subdivision. She stated science facts that trees produce oxygen and remove harmful carbon dioxide from the air. She asked for each member cite the laws and matter on their decision to killing these trees.

B.K. Rao, 2246 Sherman stated her concerns of destroying the trees that are an integral part of the ecological system in providing oxygen and removing carbon dioxide from the air. She also stated the trees were here even before there was an Evanston.

Junad Rizki, 2262 Ridge spoke about his concerns of the possible opening of the Clinic Center in the basement of the Civic Center, the rooms are not ADA accessible. He also talked of the Elected Officials being more fiscally responsible.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

(SP1) Climate Action Plan Update

Staff recommends that City Council receive the Climate Action Plan update which will be presented at the Council meeting.

For Discussion

Ms. Catherine Hurley, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a video presentation of the Climate Action Plan that also was part of the reason the City received the 2011 Mayor's Climate Protection Award which was presented to Mayor Tisdahl in Baltimore. She gave an update of the strategies that the City of Evanston had accomplished and the strategies that are still progressing. To date the City of Evanston has saved up to 100,000 kilowatts of electricity and \$11,000.00 in savings. A question concerning what could be composted, and the answer was yard waste and not dog poop or organic garbage. One citizen identified Earlene the Compose Queen in Evanston who supplies composting for the residents of Evanston.

(SP2) Wind Farm Committee Report

Staff recommends City Council consider the information provided by the Mayor's Wind Farm Committee, and that City Council provide direction regarding next steps. Recommendations from the Mayor's Wind Farm Committee for next steps can be found on page 4 of Attachment 2.

For Action

Ms. Hurley announced the presence of individuals who were present to present their findings and proposal for the implementation of the Wind Farm Project. One of the groups came forward to present their findings and their suggestion was from the committee. The decision after discussions by the Council was to accept the report and to send the plan back to the agenda of the Council for the meeting on July 11, 2011 to supply ideas for the next steps. There will be two residents on the committee and those persons will be identified at the July 11th, 2011 meeting of the City Council.

(SP3) 311: 1st Quarter Report

Staff recommends that City Council review the 311: 1st Quarter Report which will be presented at this Council meeting.

For Discussion

(SP4) Mass Notification: Public Information Option

Staff recommends City Council consideration of the Mass Notification: Public Information Option which will be presented at this Council meeting. Staff recommends that City Council provide direction to staff.

For Discussion

Mr. Joe McRae, Assistant to City Manager and Susan Pontarelli, Supervisor of 3-1-1 and the Police Service Desk Supervisor gave an update of the operation. Ms. Pontarelli explained the busiest days are Mondays or any day after a holiday, as well as the water shut-off days. The slowest day is Sunday. The average daily service requests are 49 where Public Works receives the majority of the calls. Mr. McRae also showed a graph of the break down of the wards call for service. The top five Service Requests were:

1. Trash - Special Pickup (\$100,000.00 revenue/year for bulk pickups)
2. Trash - Missed Pickup (results as the set outs from the change of supplier)
3. Broken Parking Meters (213 service requests, 134 were generated by staff)
4. Trash Cart – Large (the numbers should be “0” once all have been delivered by July 1st)
5. Trash – Missed Recycling Pickup (in-house crews workable equipment issues)

In the fall a free application for download to your cell phone 3-1-1 application to place request from your phone. Cricket is the only phone system that will not connect with the 3-1-1 system.

(SP5) FY2012 City Council Goals Update

Staff recommends City Council consideration and discussion of the FY2012 City Council goals.

For Discussion

City Manager then reviewed the Council goals and noted they will be televised in the Council Chamber. He stated to have further meetings to discuss the remaining issues for further directions.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn and it was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Rodney Greene
City Clerk