



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 19, 2012

Roll Call: Alderman Wilson Alderman Burrus
 Alderman Holmes Alderman Fiske
 Alderman Tendam Alderman Braithwate
 Alderman Grover Alderman Wynne
 Alderman Rainey

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 8:40 pm after the Roll Call had been completed.

Mayor Public Announcements

The Mayor read House bill 3884 discusses over head utility damage prevention act concerning trees and the rules of planting vegetation near utilities, which allows utilities to cut down any trees they wish.

Citizen Comment

Bonnie Wilson, Township Assessor made a few announcements concerning the senior exemptions and that they need to file for their exemption to allow it to be applied to their next installment. The deadline for the freeze and exemption is March 28th, and the household must be under \$55,000.00/year to qualify each year. March 26th is the deadline for appeals and the Township Assessor's Office is now open to accommodate the residents from 8:30 – 5:00 as well as this Saturday from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm.

Kevin O'Connor, 1227 ½ spoke his concerns for the statement on the fliers that were mailed out saying vote yes for the dissolution referendum and he stated it did not show any neutrality at all. He spoke also on items A6, A8 (where are the Administrative policies? He asked), O1, and lastly 1.4 million dollars to be spent on the Trader's Joe deal should have an outside investigation of this non-transparent deal.

Mike Vasilko, 2728 Reese Ave spoke against the golf course requesting free water when the residents have to pay for their water. In his opinion the hands free phone ban is over-reaching when considering other things that drivers do while operating their vehicles. He requested the postponement of the vote for the draft Economic Development Plan until at least one or two community meetings are held, and he circulated an article concerning Chicago's EDP to the Council. He is in favor of the 5th ward school referendum.

Junad Rizki, he spoke against the “Trader’s Joe” on Chicago Ave. and the “Wine & Cheese Bar” on Howard Street where large sums of taxpayers money is being once again given away. He stated the taxpayers’ money is not monopoly money of the Council to spend as they wish. He suggested with the new tree house bill COMED will cut down any tree they determine interferes with their power lines and the taxpayer will have to pay.

Sharon Echersall, 2519 Ashland disputed Assessor Wilson’s statement of not being tax exempt because the office was when she held office. She spoke on item A10 and asked if an up-to-date appraisal been obtained for that parcel of land located at 1225 Chicago Ave. She also questioned the Township Bills request not following proper procedure when being voted on.

Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman spoke of the Kendall Development and the tree destruction and the proposed alley and the conflicts of interest with this developer as well as with the Township dissolution referendum. She accused the Council of being blinded by their greed and arrogance. Alderman Grover was instructed by the Mayor to wait until the citizen was finished. Ms. Rao then asked the Mayor was she interrupting her or not, and the Mayor’s answer was she was not. Ms. Rao continued with her statements.

Alderman Grover offered her business card to Ms. Rao and invited her to talk with her and then commented on the proper decorum and Robert’s Rules of Order when speaking and the non use of personal attacks after being recognized by the Mayor. Ms. Rao suggested Alderman Grover to talk to her Attorney.

B.K. Rao, 2246 Sherman asked the Alderman if she was inviting her also and the answer was yes. She then spoke of the needless traffic from the proposed alley on the Kendall property and the Township dissolution that will in her opinion hurt the most needy in the City. She also suggested the Council take lessons from retired Mayor Lorraine H. Morton in treating everyone as her equal no matter who they were, and for the Council to put Evanston first in their decisions.

Jeff Smith, 2724 Harrison stated the Council will have the support of the electors if the Council moves forward in creating a sustainable green policy for Evanston, and if the referendum passes or not tomorrow.

Tom Fischl, 2519 Ashland Ave. stated his concerns for the \$150,000.00 that will be spent on the Maple Garage. He stated he had sent letters to the Mayor and City Manager saying for that same amount of funds he could remodel the space and reopen Official Sports and repay the \$150,000.00 back to the taxpayers but his request was denied. **The Mayor recognized the City Manager** who stated Mr. Fischl was asked to come and speak on the February EDC Agenda and he informed the Committee he was not prepared and was asked to come back to the March 28th meeting where he would be heard. Mr. Fischl responded that he was never given any response and that staff informed him it would not go before the committee.

Harriett Sallach, 802 South blvd. spoke of the signage teams in Evanston where photos of all the signs are meeting Federal standards, and she wanted to know were these new standards or pre-existing standards, when they took place, what is the gauge of the medal, if it is holding up, who’s paying for these teams, who’s going to pay for the needed replacements. Once again the City Manager offered answers before Ms. Robinson, Director of Public Works was given the opportunity to speak.

In Recognition of Adrian and Daphne Dortch the Mayor presented them with framed certificates naming them the VIP's for the "W.O.W." kickoff for their appearance on the "Biggest Losers" Program.

City Manager Public Announcements

Women Out Walking (W.O.W.) Kick-off Announcement was made by Ms. Evonda Thomas, Director of the Health Department stated the walk will begin March 24th for a 12 week program starting at the ETHS at 8:00 am, \$5.00 fee for non-Evanston residents.

Fleetwood Jourdain Art Guild Gallery Announcement was made by Ms. Shanee Weston, Management Analysis that will open this Saturday, March 24th in room 2200 in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center from 10:30 am-12:00 noon.

Mr. Doug Gaynor, Director of Parks & Recreation introduced Mr. Kevin Brown the new Youth Program Director. Mr. Gaynor elaborated on Mr. Brown's accomplishments and the duties he will be performing within the City.

Communications: City Clerk

Clerk Greene announced that 1,515 early voters crossed the doorways of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center in room 2200. He also urged voters to get out and use their privilege to vote and if not do not complain when something gets in and you did not cast your vote.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

(SP1) Memorandums of Understanding with Area Municipalities for Study of Future Water Sales

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) to begin necessary engineering studies for the potential purchase of water from the City of Evanston with: the Northwest Water Commission, the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency, the Village of Niles, the Village of Lincolnwood, the City of Des Plaines and the City of Park Ridge. Each individual agency is committing through the MOU to fund up to \$30,000 toward the cost of engineering studies which will be reimbursed to the City.

For Action

Mr. Stoneback, Director of Water and Sewer gave a report on the process of selling Evanston Water to the surrounding communities. Mr. Stoneback urged the Council to approve the item SP1 to allow potential purchase of water to move ahead. Alderman Rainey moved to accept the memorandum as presented and the motion passed with a Roll Call vote of 9-0. City Manager also announced that the City has won the regional contest and are hoping to win the title of "Best Tasting Drinking Water in All of Illinois", as Mr. Stoneback travels to the Illinois Chapter of the American Waterworks Annual Conference in Springfield, Kevin Lucas will be installed as the President of the Illinois Chapter.

(SP2) Economic Development Plan

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommend City Council adoption of the 2012-2014 Economic Development Plan, dated February 17, 2012.

For Action

Ms. Nancy Radzevich, Division Manager of Economic Development Division Department gave an update of the vision statement and listed the four components of the vision statement: (1) Promoting and supporting Citywide entrepreneurial Culture (2) Business Retention & Expansion, (3) Attraction of new businesses including technology and, (4) Employment growth and tax base enhancement.

The Mayor called for a voice vote and the vote was unanimous and the plan was accepted.

Items not approved on Consent Agenda:

(A3.4)Approval of Purchase of Auto Parts from CARQUEST

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For Action

(A6)Approval of 2012 Fleet Purchasing Plan and Green Initiative Update

Staff recommends City Council approval of the 2012 Fleet Purchasing Plan which includes the 2012 Equipment Replacement Proposal in the amount of \$2.4 million, the 2012 Additional Equipment Replacement Proposal in the amount of \$1.1 million and the 2013 Equipment Specification and Bid Plan. Funding for this plan will be from the Fleet Fund in the amount of \$2.4 million, Fleet Fund Reserve in the amount of \$600,000 and the General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$500,000.

For Action

(A14)Ordinance 23-O-12 Increasing the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses to Permit Issuance to Evanston Pub, Inc.

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For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 27, 2012

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1)	City of Evanston Payroll through	02/26/12	\$2,638,074.85
(A2)	City of Evanston Bills FY2012 through	03/20/12	\$3,941,913.91
	Credit Card Activity for period ending January 31, 2012		\$ 81,880.63

(A3.1)Approval of a Contract Award to Gallagher Materials for 2012 Cold Patch

Material Purchase

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in response to Request for Bids through the Municipal Partnering Committee to award the 2012 UPM (Unique Pavement Material) cold patch material purchase to Gallagher Materials (18100 S. Indiana Ave, Thornton, IL) in the not to exceed amount of \$50,000. Funding will be provided by the Streets General Fund (2670.65055) in the amount of \$30,000, Water Fund (7115.65051) in the amount \$10,000, and Sewer Fund (7400.65051) in the amount of \$10,000.

For Action

(A3.2)Approval of a Contract Renewal of Watercraft Maintenance and Repair Services to Full Throttle Marine Incorporated (Bid 11-51)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the renewal of the watercraft maintenance and repair services contract (Bid 11-51) to Full Throttle Marine Inc. (45 Baker Road, Lake Bluff, IL) in a not to exceed amount of \$40,000 for the period of April 15, 2012 through April 14, 2013. Funding will be provided by the Fleet Services Fund for Major Maintenance Account 7710.65060 with a FY2012 Budget of \$950,000, of which \$48,000 is allocated for these services. There is no increase in pricing for this renewal.

For Action

(A3.3)THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

(A3.5)Approval of Emergency Rental of Scaffolding for the Sherman Parking Garage from Gilco Scaffolding Company LLC

Staff recommends City Council approval for the rental of scaffolding from Gilco Scaffolding Company LLC (515 Jarvis Ave. Des Plaines, IL) for pedestrian safety purposes during the inspection of the Sherman Parking Garage façade. Total estimated costs are \$31,672 for installation and removal. Funding will be provided from the Parking Fund which has an \$800,000 budget in the 2012 Capital Improvements Program.

For Action

(A3.6)Approval of a Contract with American Pipe Liners, Inc. for the 2012 Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining Contract A (Bid 12-101)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2012 Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining Contract A with American Pipe Liners, Inc. (P.O. Box 28, Highland Park, IL) in the amount of \$362,408. Funding will be provided by the Sewer Fund, Capital Improvement Account 7420.62461 with an allocation of \$250,000 for this type of sewer rehabilitation work. The remaining \$112,408 will be funded from Account 7420.65515, which has an allocation of \$428,000 for sewer improvements on streets being resurfaced.

For Action

(A3.7)Approval of 1-Year Extension of the Agreement for Wholesale Water Sales Engineering Services with CDM Smith (RFP 11-41)

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a one year extension of the agreement to provide engineering services associated with wholesale

water sales (RFP 11-41) to CDM Smith (125 South Wacker Drive, Suite 600, Chicago, IL) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000. Funding will be provided from the Water Fund, Account 7125.62180. This account has a FY2012 allocation of \$100,000 for these services.

For Action

(A4) Approval of Estimated Annual User Charge for 2012 with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for Disposal of Sludge

Staff recommends City Council approval of the Estimated Annual User Charge for 2012 with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for disposal of sludge generated as part of the water treatment process in the amount of \$304,119.65. Funding will be provided from the Water Fund, Account 7110.62420, with a budget of \$458,000.

For Action

(A5) Approval of Modifications to the 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Street Resurfacing and Power Center Projects

Staff recommends City Council approval of the modification to the 2012 CIP to resurface additional streets in the amount of \$1,000,000, and to replace power centers in the amount of \$250,000. Funding will be provided by the General Fund Reserve.

For Action

(A7) Resolution 7-R-12 Authorizing Easement Agreement with Sunesys, LLC for Fiber Optic Cable

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 7-R-12 which authorizes the City Manager to execute a 20-year easement agreement with Sunesys, LLC for the installation of dark fiber optic cable on public property at the alleyway south of Davis and east of Orrington Avenue for a fee of \$2,015.

For Action

(A8) Resolution 13-R-12 Authorizing Easement Agreement with Evanston Venture Partners, L.L.C.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 13-R-12 which authorizes the City Manager to execute an easement agreement with Evanston Venture Partners, L.L.C. (formerly Focus Development LLC) in the City's right-of-way adjacent to the property commonly known as 1717 Ridge Avenue for the installation of tie back rods and earth retention materials for a fee of \$3,050.

For Action

(A9) Resolution 21-R-12, Designating Room 2200 in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center as the "Fleetwood-Jourdain Art Guild Meeting Room"

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution 21-R-12 which designates Room 2200 in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center as the "Fleetwood-Jourdain Art Guild Meeting Room". The room will serve as a gallery and meeting room.

For Action

(A10)Ordinance 32-O-12 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Assignment of Real Estate Contract for the Purchase of Real Property at 1223-1225 Chicago Avenue, Evanston

Staff recommends that City Council approve Ordinance 32-O-12, authorizing the City Manager to execute an assignment of a real estate contract for the purchase of real property at 1223-1225 Chicago Avenue, Evanston. The acquisition of the property at 1223-1225 Chicago Avenue is recommended to support the parking needs at the new Trader Joe's development at 1211 Chicago Avenue.

For Introduction

(A11)Ordinance 29-O-12 Increasing the Number of Class C Liquor Licenses to Permit Issuance to Sankalp & Shanti LLC, d/b/a Mt. Everest Restaurant

The Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 29-O-12 increasing the number of Class C liquor licenses from 27 to 28 to permit issuance to Sankalp & Shanti LLC, d/b/a Mt. Everest Restaurant, 630 Church Street.

For Introduction

(A12)Ordinance 30-O-12, Amending Liquor License Class AA to Permit the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor

The Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 30-O-12, which amends Subsection 3-5-6-(AA) of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, to permit service of alcoholic liquor for immediate consumption.

For Introduction

(A13)Ordinance 31-O-12, Amending Liquor License Class AC to Permit Alcohol Consumption in All Viewing Auditoriums

The Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 31-O-12, which amends Subsection 3-5-6-(AC) of the Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, to permit consumption of alcoholic beverages, purchased on-site, in all viewing auditoriums.

For Introduction

(A15)Ordinance 14-O-12 Decreasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses Due to Closure of Donatella Mediterranean Bistro

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 14-O-12 decreasing the number of Class D liquor licenses from 24 to 23 due to the closure of Donatella Mediterranean Bistro, 1512 Sherman Avenue. This agenda item was introduced at the February 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A16)Ordinance 15-O-12 Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses to Permit Issuance to Creperie Saint Germain, Inc.

The Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 15-O-12 increasing the number of Class D liquor licenses from 23 to 24 to permit issuance to Creperie Saint Germain, 1512 Sherman Avenue. This agenda item was introduced at the February 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A17)Ordinance 16-O-12 Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses to Permit Issuance to Todoroki, LLC.

The Local Liquor Commissioner recommends adoption of Ordinance 16-O-12 increasing the number of Class D liquor licenses from 24 to 25 to permit issuance to Todoroki, 524-526 Davis St. This agenda item was introduced at the February 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A18)Ordinance 18-O-12 Decreasing the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses Due to Closure of Merle's Smokehouse

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 18-O-12 decreasing the number of Class B liquor licenses from 17 to 16 due to the closure of Merle's Smokehouse, 1727 Benson Avenue. This agenda item was introduced at the February 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A19)Ordinance 20-O-12 Amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, to Exempt Residents of Parking District A from the Two-Hour Parking Restriction on Benson Avenue, East Side, University Place to Emerson Street

The Transportation/Parking Committee and staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 20-O-12 amending City Code Section 10-11-10, Schedule X-(F)-6; "Residential Exemption Parking District A" to exempt residents of Residential Parking District 'A', from the Two-Hour parking restriction on Benson Avenue, East Side, University Place to Emerson Street. This agenda item was introduced at the February 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(H1)Approval of February 2012 Township Bills

Township of Evanston Supervisor recommends that City Council to approve the Township of Evanston bills, payroll, and medical payments for the month of February 2012 in the amount of \$154,333.48.

For Action

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(O1)Approval of Recommended Changes to the Façade Improvement Program

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommend City Council approval of modifications to the Façade Improvement Program described in the staff memo and in the updated Façade Improvement Program Guidelines and Program Agreement dated February 17, 2012.

For Action

APPOINTMENTS

(APP1) For Appointment to:

M/W/EBE Development Committee Donna Su

(APP2) For Reappointment to:

Firefighter's Pension Board Liz Rorke

Items for discussion:

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For Action

Alderman Burrus motioned for approval and then asked Alderman Rainey to speak on the item. Alderman Rainey voiced her concern for the committee not giving an opportunity to a local proprietor not being included in the bid for A3.4. The motion was then moved and seconded with a Roll Call vote of 8-1 (Alderman Rainey voting nay), the motion passed.

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For Action

Alderman Burrus stated this item was held in committee and will be on the April 10th agenda.

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For Action

Alderman Burrus stated it will be sent back to the Liquor Commission to consider creating a different kind of licensing. Grant Farrar, City Consul stated direction was given to him to create a new tavern/bar license. Mayor Tisdahl asked would that be a straight bar license. Mr. Farrar stated yes that was the direction given to him from the committee. Alderman Burrus stated they could not approve the issuance of a license because it did not conform to what they were asking for and could not offer it as it

stands.

Call of the Wards:

Ward 4, Alderman Wilson wanted to challenge the low turnout and urged voters to get out and vote.

Ward 5, Alderman Holmes had no report.

Ward 6, Alderman Tendam had no report.

Ward 7, Alderman Grover she thanked Matt for his organizing an excellent Evanston Day in Springfield, and the trip to Washington and a report is coming soon. She also announced the death of a Betty Moore as well as giving a slight historical background.

Ward 8, Alderman Rainey made a reference to the Minority Business Committee for an explanation of how decisions are made concerning local businesses. She mentioned the death of a couple by the name of Carter and the unbelievable collection of baseball cards he possessed. She also mentioned the Carter's donation of a half-a-million dollars to the Levy Center.

Ward 9, Alderman Burrus she thanked all who came to her ward meeting, and she spoke of

Ward 1, Alderman Fiske had no report.

Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite urged the voters get out and vote.

Ward 3, Alderman Wynne echoed the comments of Aldermen Burrus and Grover's statements concerning the two trips.

Alderman Wilson motioned to convene into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Minutes. It was a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was closed at 9:35 pm.

Submitted By,

Hon. Rodney Greene/City Clerk