



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 26, 2012**

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

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The Mayor opened the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:39 pm after a Roll Call was completed and a quorum was established.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations:

Mayor Tisdahl announced the following Proclamations:

Girl Scouts of the USA 100th Anniversary, March 2012

Affordable Housing Month, March 2012

National Public Health Week, April 2 – 8

Mayor Tisdahl announced an Expunging Expo that will take place in Evanston on April 14th from 2-4 pm at the Evanston Public Library, located at 1703 Orrington Ave.

City Manager Public Announcements:

City Manager Bobkiewicz called on Mr. Kevin Brown, Director of the Youth & Young Adult Program to come forward to speak on the Summer Youth Program, as he announced the job fair which will take place on Saturday April 21st in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center from 8:00 am-3pm 14 – 18 years of. He also presented two options for employers (1) pay full pay, or (2) partner with the City in a 50-50 agreement. The pay will be minimum wages \$8.25.

Mr. Bobkiewicz asked the Interim Library Director, Donna Dzedzic to come forward as she will be leaving the end of the week as he praised her work and contributions to the City of Evanston. Karen Lyons will become the new Library Director on Monday, April 16th.

Mayor Tisdahl also gave her congratulatory comments to Donna for all the people in Evanston for bringing peace to the Library issue.

Communications: City Clerk age.
The Clerk had no communications for the evening.

Citizen Comment:

Junad Rizki, spoke of how the City has misused the water rate funds. He questioned the use of tax dollars being used to support private businesses. He also mentioned the move of the TV station to the second floor of the Service Center and how it was not carefully thought out as well as other schemes he says is costing the City money.

These persons spoke on the aggregation proposal:

Steve Perkins, 1127 Hull Terrace spoke on the reducing of emissions in the City and he supports the proposal, as well as passing out a letter from 20 religious leaders supporting the green initiative.

Gladys Bryer, 550 Sheridan Sq. thanked the residents for passing the resolution for cleaner electricity. She suggest to purchase renewable energy.

Ron Fleckman, 1657 Church Street congratulated the Council for placing the electrical aggregation issue on the ballot. He suggested to 100% with green energy.

Eleanor Rovelle, 2815 Lakeside Ct. mentioned the reasons for choosing greener energy and suggested 100% renewable energy.

Mark Werwath, 807 Davis #709 stated he was a lecturer at Northwestern U and his students worked on the electric car charging project and is in agreement with the 100% renewable energy proposal.

Alex Sproul, 646 Judson representing the green sanctuary movement of the Unitarian Church and they too support the 100% renewable energy option, even if it was more expensive than the cheapest conventionally generated electricity.

Jonathan Nieuwsma, 1408 Dempster also supports the 100% renewable energy and he brought with him an entourage of supporters as well. He also thanked the staff as well as Wally for the leg work related to the proposal.

Various Agenda items:

Kevin O'Connor, 1227 ½ Isabella spoke of his refusal to his FOIA request and he stated he has asked for an investigation from Attorney General Madegan into the non-transparent deals and the violations of the Open Meeting Acts. He blamed the Council for making Evanston more bankrupt than what we already are.

Padma Rao, 2246 Sherman mentioned the Kendall Project and her disdain with the Council over the interruption of the 7th ward Alderman during her comments and that the Council's own rules were being violated. She also then pointed out lawsuits against the City of Evanston and suggested the Council abide by their rules of conduct.

BK Rao, 2246 Sherman stated if anyone had any issues with her they should direct them to her Attorney and she said don't bully her or interrupt her under the disguise of wanting to talk. She then talked about the Kendall Project and the trees as well as the incident with the 7th ward Alderman who tried to suggest to them to talk to her. She called the Council's behavior towards them as hostile, intimidating and unbecoming of Elected Officials.

Ms. Nancy Radzevich gave a brief slide presentation overview of the West Evanston TIF (Dempster/Dodge location) redevelopment/revitalization. She stated they were looking for the City Council to adopt two Ordinances and then to have Public Hearings concerning the two Ordinances on April 12th and May 12th and May 14th before the Council, and then a final decision made at the Council's meeting on May 29th.

Items not approved on Consent Agenda:

(A5)Update on Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Referendum, RFP for Indicative Pricing and Qualifications and Next Steps

Staff recommends approval to proceed with the implementation of a Community Choice Electricity Aggregation program in Evanston in accordance with Public Act 96-0176 and the proposed approach outlined at the November 29, 2011 City Council meeting and memo dated February 10, 2012.

For Action

(A14)Ordinance 31-O-12, Amending Liquor License Class AC to Permit Alcohol Consumption in All Viewing Auditoriums

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Staff requests that this item be held over until the April 10, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1)Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 19, 2012

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through	03/11/12	\$2,502,110.65
(A2) City of Evanston Bills FY2012 through	03/27/12	\$1,123,694.48

(A3.1) Approval of Sole Source Purchase of Athletic Field Line Painter Machine

Staff recommends approval of the sole source purchase of a new athletic field line painting machine in the amount of \$24,953 from Kromer Company, LLC (15020 27th Ave., Plymouth, MN). Funding is budgeted in the Recreation Maintenance Account 3085.65110. This purchase will be 100% reimbursed from the field maintenance fees paid to the City by Affiliated Athletic Organizations.

For Action

(A3.2) Approval of Lease/Purchase Contract Award to Reinders, Inc., for Two Riding Mowers

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a lease/purchase agreement for two Toro Groundsmaster riding mowers, from Reinders, Inc., (3816 Carnation Street, Franklin Park, IL) in the amount of \$117,235.64, payable in three annual installments of \$39,078.55. Funding for this purchase will be provided by the Parks/Forestry Division General Fund line items 3510.65550 in the amount of \$38,000, and 3510.65005 in the amount of \$10,000.

For Action

(A3.3) Approval of Contract Award to Behles + Behles for 2012 Parking Garage Roof Project (RFP 12-100)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2012 Parking Garage Roof Project to Behles + Behles (818 Church Street, Evanston, IL) at a total cost of \$45,950 for the Maple Avenue and Church Street garages. Funding will be provided by the Parking Fund Capital Improvement Program Account 416138 with a budget of \$800,000.

For Action

(A3.4) Approval of Contract Award to Behles + Behles for Washroom Renovations at Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center (RFP 12-109)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for consulting services for the Washroom Renovations Project at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center (LHMCC) to Behles + Behles (Behles) (818 Church Street, Evanston, IL) at a total cost of \$47,500. Funding will be provided by the 2012 Capital Improvement Program Account 415175 with a total budget of \$530,000.

For Action

(A3.5) Approval of Contract with CTR Systems, Inc., for 2012 CIPP Spot Lining (Bid 12-102)

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2012 CIPP Spot Line Sewer Rehabilitation (Bid 12-102) to CTR Systems, Inc. (4350 DiPaolo Center #A, Glenview, IL) in the amount of \$21,450. Funding for this work will be provided by the Sewer Fund, Account 7400.62461, with a budget of \$215,000.

For Action

A3.6) Approval of Contract Award for Portable Motorola Radios to SAT Radio

Communications, Ltd.

Staff from the Police Department recommend City Council approval for the purchase of replacement portable radios from SAT Radio Communications, Ltd. DBA Industrial Communications (1019 East Euclid Ave., San Antonio, TX) for the base bid amount of \$45,915.63. Funding will be provided by the Emergency Telephone System Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Account 5150.65625 with a budget of \$40,000.00. \$8,425.56 will be provided by Parking Fund account 7005.64540.

For Action

(A3.7) Approval of Sole Source Street Light Power Center Purchase from Excel Ltd. Inc.

Staff recommends City Council approval to purchase 50 street light power centers in the amount of \$196,400 from Excel Ltd. Inc. (888 E. Belvidere Road, Unit 405, Grayslake, IL). Excel is the sole distributor/fabricator of the street light power centers upon which the City has standardized. Funding will be provided by the General Fund Reserve in the amount of \$196,400 of which \$250,000 is earmarked for the purchase and replacement of 50 street light power centers.

For Action

(A3.8) Approval of Contract Extension for Concrete (Bid 12-33)

Staff recommends City Council approval of a one year contract extension for the purchase of 350 cubic yards of concrete at a cost of \$101 per cubic yard, 200 cubic yards of high early strength concrete at a cost of \$121 per cubic yard, and 50 cubic yards of flow able fill at a cost of \$89 per cubic yard to Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. (2222 South Lumber Street, Chicago, IL) for a total of \$64,000. Funding will be provided by the FY 2012 General Fund Street and Alley Account, 2670.65055 in the amount of \$48,800; the Water Fund Account 7115-65051 in the amount of \$7,600; and the Sewer Fund Account 7400-65051 in the amount of \$7,600.

For Action

(A4) Resolution 20-R-12 Authorizing Extension of a License to Comcast, Allowing Maintenance of a Building and Fence in the Public Right-of-Way Adjacent to 2101 Mulford Street and Park Land in James Park

Staff recommends City Council approval of Resolution 20-R-12 which authorizes a four month extension of license to Comcast for facilities in James Park, under existing terms and conditions until June 30, 2012. The license currently provides the City \$1,200.00 in revenue per month.

For Action

(A6) Approval of 2012 Special Events Calendar

Staff recommends City Council approval of the 2012 calendar of special events, with the exception of 5 proposed events, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines. Costs for city services provided for events require a 100% reimbursement from the sponsoring organization or event coordinator.

For Action

(A7) Ordinance 11-O-12 Amending Title 7, Chapter 15 “Board of Local Improvements” to Enact a New Section for Alley Paving Improvements

Staff recommends the adoption of the proposed ordinance 11-O-12 by which the City Council would amend Title 7, Chapter 15 of the City Code to enact a new section for alley paving improvements. Staff presented several cost sharing options to the Administrative and Public Works Committee on March 19, 2012 and the Committee selected the 50-50 funding split for the construction of both alley types.

For Introduction

(A8) Ordinance 24-O-12 for the Construction of a Local Improvement Known as Evanston Special Assessment No. 1508

Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance 24-O-12 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Brummel Street, East of Richmond Avenue through the Special Assessment Process. Funding will be provided from special assessment funds and from home owners to be collected over a period of ten years. Funding for the City’s share (\$159,368.33) will be provided by the Special Assessment Fund 6365.65515, with a total budget of \$670,000.

For Introduction

(A9) Ordinance 25-O-12 for the Construction of a Local Improvement Known as Evanston Special Assessment No. 1509

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Ordinance 25-O-12 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Brummel Street, East of Hartrey Avenue through the Special Assessment Process. Funding for this work will be from special assessment funds and from home owners to be collected over a period of ten years. Funding for the City’s share (\$181,196.61) will be provided by the Special Assessment Fund 6365.65515, with a total budget of \$670,000.

For Introduction

Adoption of Ordinances to Initiate the Establishment of Dempster/Dodge Tax Increment Financing District

*Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 33-O-12 and Ordinance 34-O-12 which authorize the establishment of interested parties registries and will initiate the public hearing process for the designation of the Dempster/Dodge (a/k/a “Evanston Plaza”) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. **Suspension of the Council Rules is requested to allow Introduction and Action at the March 26, 2012 City Council meeting.***

(A10) Ordinance 33-O-12 Authorizing the Establishment of Interested Parties Registries and Adopting Rules for Such Registries for Redevelopment Project Areas in the City of Evanston

Suspension of the Council Rules is requested.

For Introduction and Action

(A11) Ordinance 34-O-12 Designating, Proposing Approval of a Redevelopment

Plan and Project, Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing, Convening a Joint Review Board, and Calling a Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Dempster / Dodge Redevelopment Area

Suspension of the Council Rules is requested.

For Introduction and Action

(A12)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 Action

(A13)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 Action

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(P1)Resolution 22-R-12 Approving a Plat of Subdivision Yielding Two Lots 1422 Dodge

Staff and the Site Plan and Appearance Review Committee (SPAARC) recommend adoption of 22-R-12, which would approve the creation of two legally conforming lots from one, at 1422 Dodge. SPAARC has also approved the site plan improvements (see attached plan) consisting of new landscaping for the areas of the proposed two lots that front Dodge Avenue and Greenwood Street.

For Action

(P2)Ordinance 35-O-12 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Relating to the Creation of the “Payday Loan or Consumer Loan Establishment” as a Special Use

The Plan Commission and City staff recommend the addition of a zoning definition for “payday loans & consumer loan establishments” to distinguish them from other financial institutions, and recommend those businesses only be allowed by special use in the C2 Zoning District with a 1,000 foot buffer between such establishments. It is recommended that the text amendment be introduced and adopted on March 26, 2012.

Suspension of the Council Rules is requested to allow Introduction and Action at the March 26, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Introduction and Action

RULES COMMITTEE

**(O1)Resolution 19-R-12 Supporting the Northwest Municipal Conference 2012
Legislative Program**

Rules Committee and staff recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 19-R-12 in support of the Northwest Municipal Conference's Legislative Program for 2012 which sets certain state and federal legislative priorities for its member communities.

For Action

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

(O2)Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report 2011

The Housing and Community Development Act Committee and staff recommend the adoption of the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs for 2011. The CAPER must be submitted to the Chicago Field office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by March 31, 2012.

For Action

APPOINTMENTS

For Appointment to:

Arts Council

Kurt Condra

Arts Council

Nan Stein

Commission on Aging

Dorothy Strong

Transportation/Parking Committee

Hugh Bartling, Liaison from Environment Board

For Reappointment To:

Economic Development Committee

Raymond Zenkich

Environment Board

Paige Finnegan

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval of Consent Agenda and it was seconded. Roll Call vote was taken with a 9-0 result.

Items for discussion:

(A5)Update on Community Choice Electricity Aggregation Referendum, RFP for Indicative Pricing and Qualifications and Next Steps

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For Action

Alderman Burrus motioned for approval and it was seconded. Alderman Wilson stated his support but his concern is it is a small step and we are still not decreasing the carbon footprint. The final decision was to allow residential comments before the Council takes a vote to see if they agree with the Council favoring 100% renewable energy. There was an unanimous voice vote to accept staff's recommendation.

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For Introduction and Action

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For Action

Alderman Burrus motioned for approval and it was seconded. There was concern for allowing liquor in all of the theaters. A Roll Call was taken and the result was 7-2 in favor (Alderman Holmes and Fiske voted nay). The motion passed.

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Staff requests that this item be held over until the April 10, 2012 City Council meeting.

For Action

Alderman Burrus stated that staff recommended the item be held over.

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For Introduction and Action

Alderman Holmes motioned for suspension of the rules and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken with a 9-0 and the rules were suspended. Alderman Holmes then motioned for approval and it was seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken with a result of 9-0 and the motion passed.

Call of the Wards:

Ward 5, Alderman Holmes congratulated a new business at 1932 Maple, the SLK Studio Beauty Salon which had a ribbon cutting today, as well as congratulating the owner of the property and business.

Ward 6, Alderman Tendam announced his ward meeting for Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm and the location is to be determined. He mentioned being approached by Tom McCulloch of the 6th ward to have the Council support a resolution for campaign reform on spending and he referred it to the Rules Committee.

Ward 7, Alderman Grover had no report.

Ward 8, Alderman Rainey wanted to remind everyone that the first meeting in April will be on the 10th with both the Annual Township Meeting as well as a Council Meeting. On the 12th of April the Howard Street Business Association will be meeting at 7:30 pm at the Howard Street Outpost. She made a correction in the minutes for the half a million dollars that was left to the Levy Center by the couple that died.

Ward 9, Alderman Burrus thanked the Reba Church for posting a meeting for the redesigning of Reba Park.

Ward 1, Alderman Fiske wanted to make a reference to the Human Services Committee to have a report and update on the various Evanston Farmer's Markets, as well as the estimated sales tax received from them.

Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite thanked staff and Council for the Dempster/Dodge TIF and the streetscape work on Lake & Dodge.

Ward 3, Alderman Wynne thanked Jonathan Webb and Evonda Thomas for the kick off of the W.O.W this past weekend.

Ward 4, Alderman Wilson congratulated the Youth Job Center for their opening.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn and it was moved and seconded, and a voice vote was taken that was unanimous and the Regular Meeting of the Council ended at pm.

Submitted by,
Hon. Rodney Greene, City Clerk