



CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 28, 2011

ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

Alderman Holmes
Alderman Tendam
Alderman Grover
Alderman Rainey
Alderman Burrus

Alderman Fiske
Alderman Braithwaite
Alderman Wynne
Alderman Wilson

A quorum was present.

PRESIDING: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council convened at 7:23 P.M. after the Roll Call and a quorum was present.

Mayor Proclamations and Public Announcements:

Mayor Tisdahl made the following Proclamations:

National Fair Housing Month, April 2011

National Public Health Week, April 7-13

Shore Community Services 60th Anniversary, April 9, 2011

Introduction of Dwight Hohl as Fire Division Chief of Life Safety Services was accomplished by Chief Klaiber Evanston Fire Department. Chief Klaiber gave a brief statement concerning Chief Hohl's fitness for the job as he apologized for not formally introducing the Chief earlier.

Chief Klaiber announced the Promotion of Office for Geoff Block to Fire Division Chief of Training and Administrative Services. After giving a short background of his accomplishments, the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the New Chief.

City Manager Public Announcements and Presentations

Presentation by William Geiger, President and CEO of McGaw YMCA, gave a short power-point presentation of the 125th year of service to the community. He pointed out that there are two "Y's" in Evanston, YMCA and the YWCA. He wanted to provide a clear understanding of what the YMCA in Evanston is all about. He

also stated the YMCA will now be known as the “Y”. Environmental Hall of Fame Award was presented by Ms. Deborah Vercondon, for Evanston creating a sustainability project. She then named a few of the accomplishments that qualified the City of Evanston for receiving the Hall of Fame recognition. The plaque was presented to the Mayor.

Communications:

City Clerk Greene announced the closing of early voting on this Thursday, March 31, 2011. He also stated the April 5, 2011 Election Day will have polling places open from 6 am-6 pm.

Citizen Comment

The following persons spoke on P1 & P2

Attorney Douglas R. Cannon spoke on behalf of Padma Rao and B.K. Rao and Their question in light of the Environmental Hall of Fame Award, how can the City of Evanston considering destroying 24 or more mature trees. Give some thought when you decide the fate of these trees was his remarks as he concluded by saying, “an award without true action, is no reward at all”.

Leigh Skinner,1123 Noyes St stated she has a Master degree in Elm Trees and she stated it is less expensive to inoculate than to cut down the trees. She asked the Council to vote for option 1 tonight.

Virginia Mann, 3004 Normandy Place stated Evanston has have a long history of preserving trees, and that the economics of tree inoculations outweigh the cutting them down and to vote for option 1.

Affordable Housing supporters

Jill Willis, 8938 Forestview Rd. stated she was very pleased with the City’s decision to address the issue of affordable housing. She is upset with the non-Evanston entity that has control of the funds who do not include the Evanstonian contractors to participate in the project.

Keith Banks, 2125 Washington St. stated he was upset that the CHODOS were not given an opportunity to participate in the rehab and rebuilding of the houses in Evanston. The outside developer was not required to be partners with the Evanston developers, and contractors, and need to be a fairer distribution of the wealth.

Ben Johnson, 708 Washington St. spoke for the Evanston Minority Business Consortium, Inc. he then introduced members of the Consortium and invited all to Attend their meetings that are held on every Saturday morning.

Person (s) speaking on item A5

Robert Buchanan, 914 Brown Ave. stated the reason for him being here was to voice his opposition to the paving project. His reasons were: 1) It would increase traffic flow; 2) It is an unnecessary expense to the City and the residents.

Fiscal issues speaker (s)

Kevin O'Connor, 1227 ½ Isabella spoke on how to solve the budget deficit of the City of Evanston: 1) Take the \$400,000 in the City Manager's contingency fund; 2) Dismantle the 311 Center (which cost \$611,000) This would reduce the City's Deficit by \$200,000 + or -. There are many inconsistencies in the City Manager's proposed budget from last week.

Junad Rizki, 2262 Ridge stated the proposed budget seminars is a total waste of time and energy on the City staffs efforts as well as the citizens. He stated the Council should look carefully at all the spending strategies of the City.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Steve Griffin, Director of Community and Economic Development introduced the staff members of the various divisions of the Department: Sarah Flax, CDBG Grants Administrator, Jolene Saul, Housing Specialist with NSP2, Mary Ellen Pool, Housing Planner.

Sarah Flax stated the meaning of Affordable Housing is a family of modest means who are likely to spend more than 30% of gross income on housing. She gave an overview of what the Department division are involved in.

Mayor Tisdahl thanked Mrs. Flax for helping to bring the \$18,000,000 for the NSP2 program.

Ms. Jolene Saul presented the NSP2 prospective as trying to stabilize the communities that were hardest hit by the foreclosure issues. She gave her report explaining what has occurred since the funds were received. She also stated the five units that have been started will be completed by this summer/fall.

Ms. Mary Ellen Pool manages the Federal Home Program and the Local Federal Housing Fund which are the two main funds used for housing in Evanston. These funds are used to assist homeowners with rehab and they have also partnered with Interfaith who supplies counseling to affected families of foreclosures and homelessness.

Questions and Concerns

- 1) You stated in your presentation that the houses that already begun repairing will be completed this summer or is it next summer?
Answer: Those houses will be completed this summer.
- 2) How soon will the house next to mine have the work started again, and when will it be completed?
Answer: Work will begin hopefully next week and it will take a number of months to complete. The house came with a lot of challenges and we jokingly said it came with an amenity a skate

park in the living room with a warped floor.

- 3) Please expand on how the marketing and looking for these subcontractors.

Answer: The City has done the following:

- qualifies as many contractors or businesses as possible after receiving their paperwork
- Evanston businesses, Women owned as well
- Compiled a list of 200 businesses and most are Evanston businesses
- Give priority to the Evanston businesses
- Using geographic data Evanston contractors are considered first, especially Evanston Section 3
- They run adds, send out complete packets and try other ways to inform the businesses and contractors

(SP1)Affordable Housing Update

Affordable Housing is one of the 13 City Council goal areas. Affordable Housing is defined as rental and ownership housing that is affordable for households of modest means and who, based on local housing market conditions, are likely to spend more than 30% of gross income on housing.

For Action

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For Action

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For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 14, 2011

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1)City of Evanston Payroll through	3/13/11	\$2,462,035.56
(A2)City of Evanston Bills FY2010/11 through	3/29/11	\$1,209,762.82
City of Evanston Bills FY2011 through	3/29/11	\$ 906,275.92

(A3.3)Approval of 2011 Special Events Calendar

Staff recommends City Council approval of the 2011 calendar of special events, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines, with the exception of one new proposed event: Women's TK9 Race. The Special Events Committee requires further discussion with the Women's TK9 Race event coordinator and will provide a recommendation for this event at a later date.

For Action

(A3.5)Approval of Contract award for 2011 MFT Street Resurfacing Program to Schroeder Asphalt Services (Bid 11-85)

Staff recommends City Council approval of a contract in response to Bid 11-85 to award the 2011 MFT Street Resurfacing Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services (P.O. Box 831, Huntley, IL) in the amount of \$693,865.90. Funding for this work will be from Motor Fuel Tax Funds. The budgeted amount is \$1,000,000.

For Action

(A3.6)Approval of Estimated Annual User Charge for 2011 with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for Disposal of Sludge Generated as Part of the Water Treatment Process

Staff recommends City Council approval of the Estimated Annual User Charge for 2011 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 \$300,958.19. Ten payments of \$30,095.82 will be made beginning March 1 and ending on December 1, 2011. Funding for this work will be from the Water Fund, Account 7110.62420. This account has a budget of \$387,345 specifically allocated for MWRDGC sludge disposal fees.

For Action

(A4)Resolution 16-R-11: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Easement Agreement with Sunesys L.L.C. for the Installation of Dark Fiber Optic Cable

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution 16-R-11 to grant a utility easement to Sunesys L.L.C. for the installation of Dark Fiber Optic Cable in the public right-of-way. The local Sunesys office is located at 18 West 140 Butterfield Road, 15th floor, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, 60181. No City funding is

required for this fiber optic cable installation. Sunesys will be assessed a utility easement fee of \$5 per square foot for 13,800 square feet, for a total fee of \$69,000 to be deposited into Right-of-Way account 2630.52126.

For Action

(A5) Ordinance 19-O-11: Special Assessment #1506 Alley Paving Project – North of Main Street, East of Grey Avenue

Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance 19-O-11 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Main Street, east of Grey Avenue through the Special Assessment Process. Funding for this work will be 50% special assessment funds and 50% by home owners to be collected over a period of ten years. The City's share (\$130,707.35) will be paid by the special assessment fund 6365.65515. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A6) Ordinance 20-O-11: Special Assessment #1507 Alley Paving Project – North of Brummel Street, East of Callan Avenue

Staff recommends approval of proposed Ordinance 20-O-11 by which City Council would authorize paving of the alley north of Brummel Street, east of Callan Avenue through the Special Assessment Process. The estimated total special assessment cost of paving the alley is \$61,150.10. The City's share is \$45,862.57 which is 75% of the total cost due to the adjacent CTA property on the north side of the proposed alley paving project. It has been the City's practice to fund the share of public agencies. Funding for this work will be 75% special assessment funds and 25% by home owners to be collected over a period of ten years. The City's share (\$45,862.57) will be paid by the special assessment fund 6365.65515. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

(A7) Ordinance 21-O-11: Amending City Code Section 3-5-6-(Y) Class Y Liquor Licenses, to Regulate Wine Tastings and Permit Sales of Warm Beer

Local Liquor Commissioner recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 21-O-11, Amending City Code Section 3-5-6-(Y) Class Y Liquor Licenses, to Regulate Wine Tastings and Permit Sales of Warm Beer. The proposed ordinance will permit licensees to charge for wine tastings and to sell warm beer in no more than 10% of their stores. The proposed amendments conform to state statute. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(P1)Resolution 13-R-11: Approving a Plat of Subdivision for 2408 Orrington Avenue, Former Site of Kendall College

Resolution 13-R-11 was tabled by the City Council on February 28 and March 14, 2011 to allow more discussions between the property owner's attorney and the City. Based on these discussions staff presents the Resolution 13-R-11 dated March 22, 2011, which differs from that which was on the floor at the March 14, 2011 Council meeting. This alternate resolution represents staff's best attempt at further negotiation of the outstanding issues regarding the proposed subdivision with the developer's counsel.

For Action

HUMAN SERVICES

(H1)Ordinance 5-O-11 Amending Title 7, "Public Ways" Chapter 8, "Trees and Shrubs" to Add Section 8, "Tree Preservation

Staff recommends approval of language modifications to the proposed Tree Preservation Ordinance 5-O-11 as approved by the Human Services Committee on March 7, 2011. The proposed ordinance has been revised since the January 24, 2011 City Council meeting to reflect concerns from the Public Works, Community and Economic Development, and Utilities Department Directors. This ordinance was introduced at the March 14, 2011 City Council meeting.

For Action

OTHER COMMITTEES

(O1)Resolution 22-R-11: Mayor Pro Tem Schedule for Remainder of 78th City Council

Staff recommends consideration of Resolution 22-R-11 setting forth a proposed schedule of Mayor Pro Tem appointments for rest of the term of the 78th City of Evanston City Council.

For Action

(O2)Resolution 21-R-11: Approving Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes

Recommend approval of Resolution 21-R-11 approving release of the closed session meeting minutes listed on Exhibit A and determining that a need still exists for confidentiality as to the minutes on Exhibit B. Minutes to be released in whole from 2000 through 2002 will be available on the City's Transparency Web

pages on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. Minutes to be released from later years will be made available as soon as possible. Minutes to be released total 108 meetings and are listed below by year.

2000: 20 sets of minutes

2001: 19 sets of minutes

2002: 19 sets of minutes

2007: 19 sets of minutes

2008: 18 sets of minutes

2009: 12 sets of minutes

2010: 1 set of minutes

For Action

APPOINTMENTS

(AP1)For Appointment to:

Library Board

Margaret Lurie

(AP2)For Reappointment to:

Sign Review and Appeals Board

Susan Felts

Motion made and seconded to approve Consent Agenda. A roll call resulted in a 9-0. The Consent Agenda was approved.

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Alderman Holmes motioned for approval and it was seconded. Question asked was do we have the staff to conduct this type of study, and the answer was no. A roll call was conducted with a result of 9-0 and the motion passed.

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Alderman Holmes motioned for approval with a second. Roll call was conducted with a 9-0 result and the motion passed.

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For Action

Alderman Holmes stated this was brought to Council for further discussion because it was not settled in committee. A motion and a second was made to approve option 1. Roll call was conducted with a 7-2 result to approve. The motion passed and Aldermen Burrus and Holmes voted no.

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For Action

Alderman Holmes began her talk of this item by directing the attention to the screen to see the proposed recycle bins. The Mayor called for a motion since there was not one made previously and it was seconded. Roll call was conducted with the result of 9-0. The motion passed.

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For Action

Alderman Rainey removed the item from the table during Consent Agenda and she asked for an alternate plan for the concern of the tree issues on the property. The tree preservation plan of the Ordinance protects the tree under the alternative resolution and the motion received a second. Roll call vote was conducted with a 9-0 vote to approve the newly amended Ordinance. The motion passed.

Call of the Wards

Ward 5 –Alderman Holmes stated she and the Mayor attended a workshop at Family Focus where 98 young men were in attendance (this program was hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority). She also encouraged everyone to stop by Firehouse #1 to view a photograph that was signed by all of the neighbors and presented to the Station on Saturday.

Ward 6 – Alderman Tendam announced the openings of the “Mighty Twig” and the “Childcare Network” this past weekend.

Ward 7 –Alderman Grover welcomed Alderman Braithwate, and announced her and Alderman Tendam are joining the Central St. Neighbors on Thursday to discuss matters that relate to the neighborhood. On April 13th will be a summit on distracted driving at the Evanston Township High School from 2:30 to 5:30 pm (room N112).

Ward 8 – Alderman Rainey announced the intention of Utilities as of April 1, 2011 they will be cutting off all customers who are delinquent in their payments. The 8th ward will be hosting the “Starlight Concerts” as well as the “Summer Movie Program”. Also she mentioned the talks with a Gallery and a Movie Theater in the South part of Evanston.

Ward 9 – Alderman Burrus announced her attendance at the “150 kickoff”, and stated she is waiting for submissions of everyone's best ideas. The not-for-profit organizations are sponsoring the event.

Ward 1 – Alderman Fiske stated she was very happy of the tree resolution. She also thanked the developer for listening to the concerns, as well as the staff's support and input.

Ward 2 – Alderman Braithwaite thanked the City staff for all of their help in getting acclimated. On Wednesday 30th he will be meeting with the Canal Park Neighbors to get to know their concerns. He stated he will be having a super ward meeting on April 14th at 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at the Levy Center.

Ward 3 – Alderman Wynne announced that the City of Evanston has an Elm tree insurance plan that residents who have Elm trees on their property can apply for. She also mentioned the meeting that she and Alderman Rainey attended concerning the CTA red and purple lines.

Ward 4 –.Alderman Wilson had no report.

Motion was made and seconded to convene to Executive Session for discussion of Collective Bargaining and Real Estate. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Rodney Greene, City Clerk
City of Evanston