



## CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 2012

**ROLL CALL - PRESENT:** Alderman Fiske  
Alderman Braithwaite  
Alderman Wynne  
Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Holmes  
Alderman Tendam  
Alderman Grover  
Alderman Rainey  
Alderman Burrus

A quorum was present

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Tisdahl, Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Tisdahl proclaimed May 20 – May 26, 2012 as National Public Works Week. Marty Lyons, assistant city manager then introduced 10 City employees who were recognized for 25 years or More of Service. He commended them for devoting their careers and working lives to the City of Evanston and Mayor Tisdahl presented them with pins. In addition, Alderman Wynne was recognized for 15 years of service and Alderman Rainey was recognized for 25 years of service.

City Manager Bobkiewicz called on Director of Utilities Dave Stoneback to introduce the speakers from Constellation Energy who would present a report regarding electricity aggregation implementation. These gentlemen briefly explained that eligible Evanston residents and small commercial customers will automatically be enrolled but will be getting a letter with instructions on how to opt-out of the program if they wanted to.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Padma Rao and B.K. Rao, both of 2246 Sherman expressed their views and oppositions regarding the trees at the Kendall Development, the Council's refusal to record their decision to opt-out of the electric aggregation program and the Mayor's conduct during their previous Citizen Comment periods.

Douglas R. Cannon spoke on the subject of his client's rights.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

### **(SP1) City Council Goal "Visual and Performing Arts"**

Staff recommends the City Council receive an oral status report on the implementation of the City Council's goal "Visual and Performing Arts."

#### **For Discussion**

*City Manager Bobkiewicz called upon Cultural Arts manager Jeff Cory to give an overview*

*on where we currently stand with our cultural arts programs. Mr. Bobkiewicz reported on the current work with Evanston arts facilities and organizations, arts planning and the next steps for a “roadmap for the arts”. He then introduced Heidi Bloom, co-chair of the Arts Council to give a brief overview of where the Council is headed. After a few questions, answers and comments the report ended.*

**(SP2) City Council Goal “Efficiency and Effectiveness of Services”**

Staff recommends City Council review proposed Citywide Performance Measures and receive report on City Council Goal “Efficiency and Effectiveness of Services.”

**For Discussion**

*City Manager Bobkiewicz called upon Godwin Chen, ICMA Fellow for his report on city-wide performance measures. Mr. Chen explained that the goal was to create a simplified tool to access the efficiency and effectiveness of City services. All departments were asked to create performance measures. He informed Council that the reports would be presented to them on a semi-annual basis beginning in August and that the report would also be posted online. As he then went through the 67 performance measures that resulted from the process, Council asked questions and made suggestions for some of the departments’ performance measures. City Manager Bobkiewicz thanked Council for their feedback.*

**(SP3) Update Regarding FY2012 City Council Goals**

Staff recommends the City Council receive an oral status report on the implementation of the City Council’s FY 2012 goals.

**For Discussion**

*Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that 2 of Council’s 13 goals were just discussed so he gave Council a brief update on the rest of them. He then called on the director of Community and Economic Development, Steve Griffin to report on the land use citizen committees. Mr. Griffin stated that the focus has been on the Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Sign Review & Appeals Board because their processes were taking too long. Currently, the Zoning Board’s rules of order have been updated and time frames and limits have been established for staff presentations, applicant presentations, citizen comment, and for staff to render a decision. The permit counter has also been reorganized as well as the zoning analysis steps.*

**(SP4) First Quarter Financial Report for FY2012**

Staff recommends that City Council accept and place the First Quarter Financial Report for FY 2012 on file.

**For Action**

*Marty Lyons, assistant city manager / CFO was called upon to give brief highlights on the General Fund revenues and expenditures and what to watch for in both revenues and expenditures. He reported that we are currently on budget.*

**(SP5) FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan Year End Report**

Staff recommends the City Council accept and place the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvement Plan Year-End Report on file.

**For Action**

*Mayor Tisdahl reminded Council that they had gone over the Capital Improvement Plan*

*several times and given the late hour, there was no need to look at it again. She asked if there were any questions and there being none, they moved on.*

*Mr. Lyons asked Council to place the first quarter financial report for FY2012 and the FY2011 Capital Improvement Plan Year End Report on file. Motion was therefore made and seconded. Voice vote all in favor 9 - 0.*

**(SP6) Resolution 44-R-12 Amending the FY2012 City of Evanston Budget**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 44-R-12 – Authorization to amend the FY 2012 Budget. The proposed amendment would increase the FY 2012 Budget Appropriation by \$7,393,000, from \$250,096,993 to \$257,489,993.

**For Action**

**(SP7) Resolution 45-R-12 Approving the Amended FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 45-R-12 amending the FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The proposed resolution would increase the FY 2012 CIP by \$3,243,000 from \$36,783,358 to \$40,026,358.

**For Action**

*Mr. Bobkiewicz asked Mayor Tisdahl if she would like to postpone adoption of Resolutions 44-R-12 and 45-R-12 until their next meeting. Mayor Tisdahl said they would come before Council at their meeting on June 11, 2012.*

*Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:50 pm. All in favor 9-0.*

Respectfully submitted by

Elaine Autwell, Deputy City Clerk