

ROLL CALL - PRESENT:

Alderman Newman	Alderman Moran
Alderman Jean-Baptiste	Alderman Rainey
	Alderman Feldman

A Quorum was present.

NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Wynne, Bernstein, Kent, Engelman

ABSENT:

None

PRESIDING:

Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton Monday, May 20, 2002 at 5:11 p.m. in the Aldermanic Library. Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved that Council convene into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to litigation pursuant to 5ILCS Section 120/2 (c) (11). Seconded by Alderman Newman.

(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Roll call. Voting aye – Newman, Jean-Baptiste, Moran, Engelman, Rainey, Feldman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (6-0).

At 5:40 p.m. Alderman Newman moved to reconvene into Open Session and recess. Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste. Motion carried. No nays.

Mayor Morton reconvened the City Council at 9:16 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Announcements:

Parks/Forestry & Recreation Director Doug Gaynor announced that the move into the new Levy Senior Center (300 Dodge Ave.) would be completed on Monday, June 3. He reminded residents that beach tokens would be available at the pre-season price of \$18 for Evanston and Skokie residents through Friday, June 14. When the five public beaches open for the season on June 15, the token prices will increase to \$26 for residents.

Rev. Kate Guistolise, a chaplain with the Evanston Police Department, announced that May is Police Appreciation Month. She invited aldermen and residents to attend the department’s 4th Annual Celebration of Service. It will also be a memorial for those who lost their lives during 9/11 and will be Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Rev. Guistolise reported that Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky would make a presentation on 9/11 and the Police Department’s color guard will be a feature.

Police Chief Frank Kaminski announced that the Evanston Police would join 11,000 other law enforcement agencies nationwide in the “Click It or Ticket” campaign to encourage seatbelt use and reduce traffic fatalities. The enforcement

period began that day and continues through the Memorial Day weekend. He noted that more than 25,000 teens alone die annually in crashes where seatbelts were not used. Chief Kaminski urged everyone to drive safely and use seatbelts.

City Manager Roger Crum announced that City offices would be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 and that refuse and recycling pickups would be one day later that week. He noted that it would be a rare parking meter holiday.

Public Works Director David Jennings announced a public hearing on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss Phase VI – Contract C of the Relief Sewer Project.

Mayor Morton reported on the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Job Fair held Saturday, May 11 at the Civic Center. She said about 400 youth showed up and there were not enough jobs for all of the applicants. The Mayor asked local businesses to come forward and help more young people, between age 14-18, find employment this summer.

Communications: None

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mimi Peterson, 1008 Ashland Ave., came to lend her voice to those opposed to the proposed traffic signals along Ridge Ave. She acknowledged the hard work of Gerald Gordon and others who raised the matters of concern to those who live in the Ridge Historic District. She expressed frustration with the lack of communication and planning that had led to such as disaster. She asked why was the project permitted to reach this advanced stage before residents were warned and then, only incidentally, of what it would mean to lose shade trees that have required decades to develop. She asserted that she was there as both an Evanston and Illinois taxpayer to request that the City take back jurisdiction of the project and stop proceeding as though it was completely out of the City's hands. She heard aldermen express concerns about endangering federal funding that had been received and jeopardizing future funding. She stated that, even with the budget constraints, this issue was too important to be decided based only on money. She cited the differences between Rogers Park (Chicago) and Evanston along Ridge Ave. She noted in Rogers Park that the placement of traffic signal poles had left only young trees in some area and there was no canopy to enjoy. Ms. Peterson realized that state regulations require that traffic signal poles be set back four feet from the curb and that could cause the loss of a number of trees. She was pleased that efforts were underway to get a waiver from that requirement. She stated it would be "intolerable" to have new traffic lights that would require the removal of even one tree for mast arm or post top signals. She suggested that the best solution might be to rebuild the existing traffic lights, while retaining the funds. She asked about maintenance funds in the current budget for taking care of streetlights, posts and lamps? She was irritated that here was another place where capital improvements have not been maintained. She asked everyone to visualize what the Tallmadge streetlights would look like next to the big, mast arm traffic signals. She imagined that the outcome would be unsightly and inappropriate. She asked Council to consider what the future of Evanston is and of the special corridor that is part of the Ridge Historic District. She read a passage from the proposal for that historic district in the 1980s: "...the district, composed almost entirely of single-family residences of consistently fine design...is enhanced by the well-maintained lawns and parkways lined with ornamental streetlights...and the mature trees that arch gracefully over the streets." She asked Council to be advocates for the district and work for a reasonable compromise.

Ra Joy, suburban director for Congresswoman Schakowsky and life-long resident, pointed out that this traffic signal project would impact everyone who lives in Evanston, not only folks who live along Ridge Ave. and in the historic district. He reiterated her view that "our community should be shaped by choice and not left to chance." He stated that U.S. Rep. Schakowsky wanted to be part of a process that maintains post top lights along the full length of Ridge Ave., maximizes important safety and traffic flow objectives, maintains the federal dollar contribution and minimizes additional cost to the City of Evanston for any needed changes. He pointed out that until that evening, it had been mostly a one-sided conversation between the City and IDOT officials. If the Council were given only the City's presentation, and did not have an opportunity to hear from residents and representatives of the Preservation Commission, the decision might be a little easier. He thought it important to note that IDOT was partly responsible for the situation they were in. As Ridge Ave. is a federal road and, IDOT was one of the reviewers of Evanston's federal grant application, they dropped the ball by not identifying that the project takes place in a historic preservation district. There has been no opportunity for anyone representing the views of the community to express those views to IDOT. He stated that U.S.

Rep. Schakowsky was eager to be a part of that process and to work with state and federal officials to carve out a win-win situation that would preserve the integrity of the district without losing the federal funding.

Benjamin Cherry, 1999 South Campus Dr., is the new external relations chair of Northwestern's Associated Student Government (ASG) and looked forward to working with the Council. He reported that Alderman Newman had recently addressed the senate and Mr. Cherry encouraged other Council members, at their convenience, to come and address the student senate. He appointed two City Council liaisons to be the face of Northwestern ASG: Courtney Brunsfeld and Jane Lee. He stated that a couple of his main issues are (1) forming a good neighbor policy to present to students who will be living off campus to impress upon them the notion that their interests are the same as other Evanston residents and (2) getting NU community service groups more involved in Evanston issues. He noted that many campus groups have a large "world" view and do great things. He wanted some of those groups to focus on things happening in Evanston, as it would be beneficial for University/City relations.

Courtney Brunsfeld, 1999 South Campus Dr., senior ASG liaison to City Council, was excited to work with them over the next year. As a student, she recognized that relations between NU and the City of Evanston are not the greatest and the need for improvement. She also saw that it is in the best interest of Northwestern and the City to take steps toward improving these relations. Ms. Brunsfeld noted that students and Evanston residents often have the same interests and should work toward a stronger and more unified front; invited City officials and residents to make comments to ASG.

Michele Brodsky, 2509 Noyes St., chair of the Arts Council, wanted to thank City Council and the Human Services Committee for their attention to the Noyes Cultural Arts Center task force.

Del Leppke, 2601 Park Pl., chair of the Energy Commission, wanted to point out that the City is near the end of the three-year extension of the ComEd Franchise and would need to decide whether to go forward with another extension and write the new franchise agreement. He reported that the Energy Commission recommends that they exercise a one-year extension. There has been good progress with ComEd, the number of interruptions per average customer has dropped and the average duration per interruption has been cut in half. Mr. Leppke noted that ComEd has restructured so that there is a group that focuses primarily on the northeast region of Illinois and has become familiar with the Evanston system. He thought they still needed to hone some of the issues before committing them to another franchise statement. The commission would like Council to appoint a committee to define what to do within the one-year extension, because in the letter of agreement that was not clear.

CONSENT AGENDA (Any item marked with an Asterisk*)

Alderman Feldman moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: Ordinance 49-O-02 – Decrease in Class B Liquor Licenses, Ordinance 48-O-02 – Increase in Class B1 Liquor Licenses, Ordinance 43-O-02 – Prohibiting Parking on Same Block after Time Limit Expires, Ordinance 46-O-02 – Binding Appearance Review, Ordinance 58-O-02 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Resolution 38-R-02 – Amend Resolution 33-R-02 to Reflect Intended Extension of Performance Time and Report from Joint Committee on Ridge Ave. Traffic Signal Modernization Project. Seconded by Alderman Engelman. Roll call. Voting aye – Newman, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Kent, Moran, Engelman, Rainey, Feldman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (9-0).

*** ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

MINUTES:

* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 6, 2002. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

* Approval, as recommended, of the City of Evanston payroll for the period ending May 9, 2002 and the City of Evanston bills for the periods ending May 21,2002 and that they be authorized and charged to the proper accounts,

summarized as follows:

City of Evanston payroll (through 05/9/02)	\$1,839,606.18
City of Evanston bills (through 05/21/02)	\$5,460,951.68

* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of the Evanston Athletic Club for professional services to develop a comprehensive health, fitness and wellness program for the Levy Senior Center at a cost of \$49,320. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from A. Epstein & Sons International for a Facility Infrastructure Report for the Robert Crown Center at a cost of \$65,025. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Open Kitchens for the Summer Food Program at a cost of \$82,320. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

Approval of a bid from Simply Ice Cream for Mobile Lakefront Concessions at a cost of \$7,600. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)



* Special Event: Central Street Arts and Craft Fair – Consideration of a request to hold the annual Central Street Arts and Craft Fair on Central Street on July 13-14, 2002. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Special Event: Taste of Armenia Street Fair – Consideration of a request to hold the annual Taste of Armenia on Clark Street on August 25, 2002. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Special Event: City of Hope’s Walk for Hope – Consideration of a request to hold the annual City of Hope’s Walk for Hope along the lakefront on October 6, 2002. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Special Event: 17th Annual Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival – Consideration of a request to hold the 17th Annual Evanston Arts Festival at the lakefront on July 20-21, 2002. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Resolution 39-R-02 – Relating to Prevailing Wages for Public Works Projects – Consideration of proposed Resolution 39-R-02, which relates to the prevailing wages for Public Works Projects required by state statute. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Resolution 41-R-02 – Possible Reduction of State Shared Revenues – Consideration of proposed Resolution 41-R-02, which urges the Illinois General Assembly not to reduce the municipal portion of the state income tax and photo processing tax. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 55-O-02 – Increase in Class B1 Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 55-O-02, which increases the Class B1 liquor licenses from 1 to 2 with the addition of 1800 Club. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 56-O-02 – Decrease in Class B Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 56-O-02, which decreases the Class B liquor licenses from 12 to 11 with the subtraction of 1800 Club.

* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 51-O-02 – Increase in Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 51-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which increases Class D liquor licenses from 22 to 23 with the addition of Luma Limited, Inc. dba Lou Malnati's Restaurant, 1850-54 Sherman Ave. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 52-O-02 – Increase in Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 52-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which increases Class D liquor licenses from 23 to 24 with the addition of The Noodle Shop Co., Inc., dba Noodles & Company, 930 Church St. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 47-O-02 – Increase in Class V Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 47-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which increases Class V liquor licenses from 0 to 1 with the addition of D&D Finer Foods, 825 Noyes. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA & ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 50-O-02 – Increase in Class U Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 50-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which increases Class U liquor licenses from 0 to 1 with the addition of The Presbyterian Homes Organization, dba The Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant St. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 53-O-02 – Decrease in Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 53-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which decreases Class D liquor licenses from 24 to 23 with the change in ownership for New Japan Oriental Café, 1322 Chicago Ave. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 54-O-02 – Increase in Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 54-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which increases Class D liquor licenses from 23 to 24 due to the sale of New Japan Oriental Café, Inc., dba New Japan Oriental Café, 1322 Chicago Ave. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 26-O-02 – Amending Sections of the City Code Regarding Vehicle Stickers – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 26-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which amends Chapter 8, Title 10 of the City Code pertaining to the wheel tax. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 45-O-02 – Declaring City Property as Surplus – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 45-O-02, introduced May 6, 2002, which declares two vehicles as surplus so that they may be publicly offered for sale at the Village of Libertyville auction on June 1, 2002. * ADOPTED CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

* Sidewalk Café Permit (Type 1 Restaurant) – BlueStone, 1932 Central St. – Consideration of a recommendation of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee to approve a sidewalk café permit for BlueStone, 1932 Central. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Sidewalk Café Permit (Type 2 Restaurant) – Chipotle, 711 Church St. – Consideration of a recommendation of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee to approve a sidewalk café permit for Chipotle, 711 Church St. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Sidewalk Café Permit (Type 2 Restaurant) – McDonald's, 1700 Orrington Ave. - Consideration of a recommendation of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee to approve a sidewalk café permit for McDonald's, 1700 Orrington Ave. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION &

ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Sidewalk Café Permit (Type 1 Restaurant) – Tommy Nevin’s, 1450 Sherman Ave. – Consideration of a recommendation of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee to approve a sidewalk café permit for Tommy Nevin’s, 1450 Sherman Ave. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Sidewalk Café Permit (Type 2 Restaurant) – JK Sweets, 720½ Clark St. – Consideration of a recommendation of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee to approve a sidewalk café permit for JK Sweets, 720½ Clark. * APPROVED–CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

HUMAN SERVICES:

* Consideration of Township Bills – Consideration of a recommendation to approve the Township bills, payroll and medical payments for the month of April 2002 in the amount of \$103,293.30. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Cultural Arts Grant Funding Awards – Consideration of the recommendation to award grants for 2002-03 to Evanston arts organizations and individuals at a cost of \$43,000. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

OTHER COMMITTEES:

* HUD Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report – Consideration of the recommendation of the Housing & Community Development Act Committee to approve the HUD Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for 2001/02. * APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Morton asked for confirmation of the following appointments:

Thomas R. Carey 1120 Lake St. For term ending May 30, 2006	Environment Board
Marybeth Schroeder 2734 Asbury Ave. For term ending May 30, 2005	Library Board
Linda Laatsch, Ph.D. 2457 Pioneer Rd. For term ending May 30, 2006	Mental Health Board
Stephen Droll 1106 Seward St. For term ending May 30, 2005	Preservation Commission
Susan Rundle 1505 Hartrey Ave. For term ending May 30, 2005	Preservation Commission

Mayor Morton asked for confirmation of the following reappointments:

<p>Shirlee Taraki 1864 Sherman Ave. For term ending May 30, 2005</p>	<p>Commission on Aging</p>
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<p>Gordon Guth 1404 Rosalie St. For term ending May 30, 2005</p>	<p>Ladd Arboretum Committee</p>
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APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA



Alderman Feldman moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as the joint meeting of the A&PW and P&D committees. Seconded by Alderman Bernstein. Motion carried. No nays.

Alderman Feldman moved to close the joint meeting at 10:47 p.m. and resume as City Council. Seconded by Alderman Wynne. Motion carried. No nays.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

Ordinance 48-O-02 – Increase in Class B1 Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 48-O-02, introduced May 6, 2001, which increases Class B1 liquor licenses from 0 to 1 with the change in classification for The Keg, Inc., dba The Keg, 810 Grove St.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval of Ordinance 48-O-02. Seconded by Alderman Engelman.

Alderman Rainey restated that a liquor license is not a right, but a privilege. She was concerned about issuing a license that would extend the hours of operation to The Keg. She acknowledged that The Keg is a great participating member of this community, but she did not think that took the place of a well-run establishment. Alderman Rainey related the numerous calls for service from the Police Department relating to patrons of The Keg. She specifically cited an incident that occurred on May 10 at 1:15 a.m. A huge fight took place at The Keg that required four squad cars and ambulances because people were beaten up and hurt. Eight arrests were made. Alderman Rainey noted that Council is being asked to extend hours on a Thursday night. She suggested giving The Keg a three-month period to see if they can bring down their calls for service (police) and, if they do, then they would be considered for an extended hour liquor license.

Alderman Rainey was told the reason there has not been a big rush of businesses coming to ask for the 3 a.m. license was because they want the City to remove the requirement that food be served. It was believed that the business owners did not want to pay for the people who are doing the cooking. She thought that might be the case. Alderman Rainey stated that she began the effort to liberalize liquor laws in Evanston. She encouraged D&D Finer Foods to get a liquor license and asked staff to create an ordinance for groceries where a separate register for liquor sales would not be required. She pointed out that groceries and others have shown that they are extremely responsible and there has been very little trouble. She noted that The Keg was the exception and that there was trouble there. She was against the Class B1 liquor license for The Keg.

Alderman Newman stated he was in total agreement. He said if he had to vote that night, he would turn them down and did not think a three-month waiting period was enough time. He reiterated that serving liquor is a privilege and has received many police reports on incidents related to The Keg. He felt that the applicant should withdraw. He thought there was a burden on the applicant to have a plan to avoid demands on law enforcement. Alderman Newman wanted to see some type of record that there would be no incidents like what happened on May 10.

Mayor Morton asked if these arrests were made for people who were drunk? Or were they just people who were fighting? She wanted to understand what was the violation? Alderman Newman noted that when he examined the B1 license application and the police reports, there were two liquor violations. He thought it was a fair presumption that when eight people get into a fight at 1 a.m., that some drinking was going on. Alderman Newman stated those violations were enough to deny The Keg the privilege of the B1 license and that they ought to be concerned with keeping their present license (Class B). Mayor Morton stated that the person who brings forth the charge that a liquor violation has occurred is supposed to write up the complaint, have it notarized and presented to the Liquor Commissioner. She reported that she had not received anything on this incident.

Alderman Newman made a reference to the A&PW Committee to establish a system where every liquor violation goes to the Liquor Commission. He stated the need to get reports on liquor violations in general and whenever someone applies for a liquor license, there ought to be a description of what the violations were, when they have occurred and what the establishment has done to correct the behavior of the violations.

Alderman Newman made a substitute motion to table Ordinance 48-O-02 for three months. Seconded by Alderman Bernstein.

Roll call. Voting aye – Newman, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Kent, Rainey, Feldman. Voting nay – Moran, Engelman. Motion carried (7-2).

Ordinance 49-O-02 – Decrease in Class B Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 49-O-02, introduced May 6, 2001, which decreases Class B liquor licenses from 13 to 12 with the change in classification of The Keg, Inc., dba The Keg.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval of Ordinance 49-O-02. Alderman Bernstein moved to table that ordinance also. Seconded by Alderman Rainey. Motion carried. No nays.

Ordinance 43-O-02 – Prohibiting Parking on Same Block after Expiration of Time Limitation – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 43-O-02, introduced May 6, 2001, which prohibits the sequential parking of a vehicle on the same block after the expiration of the time limitation at which the vehicle was parked.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval of Ordinance 43-O-02. Seconded by Alderman Wynne.

Alderman Feldman understood that if a person moves out of a block and down the street, they could park with this ordinance, but they could not park on the same block. He asserted that if someone has to find an empty spot (to move the car into) and if there are empty spots available, then the idea of this ordinance doesn't work. He did not see how they could justify saying one could take up a space in Evanston for as long as one wanted, provided the person keeps moving the car across streets. Alderman Feldman remarked that the signage to instruct about this ordinance would involve "linguistic gymnastics" and he did not think it would work.

Public Works Director David Jennings responded that the intent of the ordinance was to curtail employees, who work downtown, from routinely switching parking spaces with their coworkers. He pointed out that such activity was a violation of the two-hour limit and he viewed this ordinance as a means to enforce the intent of that law. Mr. Jennings reported they had discussed in the Parking Committee a concept of doing the whole downtown as a zone as well as the concept of narrowing that zone to just one block. He stated that it was true that a person could cross an intersecting street and defeat the intent of this ordinance. What he had hoped to do was look at the severity of meter feeding or repetitive parking in the same area of downtown and provide a means to enforce turnover.

Alderman Feldman noted if there was a conspiracy among downtown employees to trade spaces on the same block, what would prevent them from doing the same thing by crossing streets. Mr. Jennings responded that they could. Alderman Feldman appreciated that staff and the Parking Committee were thinking about solutions to this, but did not believe the proposed ordinance was the answer.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste said that he agreed with Alderman Feldman's comments.

Alderman Newman reported that on the Parking Committee is the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, the head of the small business association and two other members of the Chamber. What they had discussed in committee was the groups of employees who purposely breaking the law -- they wipe tires clean and move their cars. The net effect of it is that there isn't the turnover that is needed in the downtown. He asked if the value of having turnover downtown was one that the City wants to promote or do they want to allow the spirit of the parking law to be denigrated? Alderman Newman challenged people to go to the area near Potbelly's (Davis/Sherman) and see if they can get a parking space at any time of the day. City staff have identified part of the problem is because employees shuffle their cars and do not comply with the two-hour limit law. He asked if preventing these violations was a value or should they not pursue this?

Alderman Engelman agreed that employees taking up valuable turnover space are a significant problem in the downtown. He thought that one could consider this a significant problem and still be against this. He agreed with Alderman Feldman that this ordinance was not the way to solve the problem. Alderman Engelman thought it would only be solved with the help of employers. He thought it could be addressed with the punitive actions they have taken and with some "carrot and stick" approaches. This would involve incentives to employers to ensure that their employees have off-street parking available. He also had serious concerns about the constitutionality of this ordinance.

Alderman Rainey agreed with everything aldermen Jean-Baptiste, Engelman and Feldman said.

Roll call. Voting aye – Newman, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – Jean-Baptiste, Kent, Moran, Engelman, Rainey, Feldman. Motion failed (3-6).

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Ordinance 46-O-02 – Binding Appearance Review – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 46-O-02, which approves a recommendation of the Plan Commission to incorporate binding appearance review within the purview of the Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee and adopt the Site Plan & Appearance Review Design Standards.

Alderman Newman reported that Ordinance 46-O-02 was held in committee.

Ordinance 58-O-02 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Consideration of the recommendation from the Plan Commission to include the definition of funeral homes and a recommended list of permitted, special use and prohibited districts.

Alderman Newman asked that Ordinance 58-O-02 be marked introduced and referral back to the committee. Seconded by Alderman Engelman.

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Resolution 38-R-02 – Extension of Performance Time to CDBG Service Agreement with Fleetwood-Jourdain Art Guild – Consideration of amendment to Resolution 33-R-02, between the City of Evanston and Fleetwood-Jourdain Art Guild, to authorize the City Manager to extend the performance time specified in the purchase of service agreement for CDBG funding for the Evanston Black Historic Sculpture Garden.

Alderman Rainey asked that this item be held until the next CDBG committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Kent.

Report from the A&PW and P&D Joint Committee on the Ridge Ave. Traffic Signal Modernization Project – Consideration of the recommendation made by the Joint Committee with respect to the Ridge Ave. Traffic Signal Modernization Project.

Alderman Newman moved to hold this item until a Special City Council meeting on Monday, June 3, 2002, at 6 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Engelman. Motion carried. No nays.

CALL OF THE WARDS:

1st Ward. Alderman Newman welcomed the Northwestern students who attended that evening. He commented on his tour of the new Levy Senior Center and said it looks good. He noted that staff did a terrific job of bringing that project to fruition. He thought the building was one they could be proud of and would bring a lot of wonderful use to people in the community.

Alderman Newman reported that many people came to downtown Evanston the past weekend. He urged the City Manager to have police officers direct traffic at the Maple Avenue Garage between the hours of 7:00-8:00 p.m. He noted there is a second entrance to the garage at University St., but did not think people could see the signage. He stated that to maintain the reputation that Evanston has outstanding parking at the garage and in its downtown, they needed good enforcement of those regulations.

Alderman Newman wanted to make it clear on the Ridge traffic light project that he did appreciate the efforts made by staff. He thought a program was needed on capital improvement projects to alert Council to the need for comment by the Preservation Commission. He cited that there is a preservation coordinator on staff and a Comprehensive General Plan that places emphasis on preservation and a Preservation Ordinance that calls for comment by the commission. He made a reference to the P&D Committee to have capital projects flagged for preservation issues to avoid the situation they had that evening.

2nd Ward. Alderman Jean-Baptiste reiterated his concern for balance on the issue of the traffic signal project along Ridge Ave. He urged everyone to consider the long-term impacts of the options that will be presented in two weeks. He stated they needed to balance all of the issues, concerns and the interests of citizens, particularly in the times of this tight budget.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste wanted to share his excitement about the kind of activism that is going on in his ward. He reported the Canal Park Neighbors met with the Darrow neighbors to share experiences on how to maintain a strong neighborhood. The Dewey/Dodge neighbors across the street from Dempster Plaza met with Freed & Associates to talk about a balance between the interests of the shopping center and those of the neighborhood. He said the neighbors on the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Wesley and Ashland will meet to talk about neighborhood issues. He has attended each of these meetings and was excited because people are taking ownership to maintain, preserve and protect their quality of life.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste reported that on June 3 and June 10, he intended to put before Council a resolution on reparation. He would first go through the Human Services Committee and then come before the Council. He hoped to get information to them in the short term, did not want them to be surprised and that they would approach it with an open mind. He referred to the UN Conference Against Racism, which he had attended in South Africa, where the slave trade and colonialism were declared as crimes against humanity. He noted that the declaration stated as well that it should always have been so. He reported that the declaration further stated that former slave-owning states ought to take up reparation and that it would be on the agenda.

3rd Ward. Alderman Wynne reported on the Budget Committee meeting, which lacked a quorum, where they discussed with staff a number of issues identified at the prior month's meeting. The committee recommended having a separate meeting to strategize for the Capital Improvement Program, perhaps having a meeting in June that would be devoted to the CIP.

Alderman Wynne shared information on Laps for Lincoln, a fund-raising event at Lincoln School in which about 300 students ran laps for the school. They raised close to \$10,000 for teacher stipends to spend on classroom projects and other PTA events.

4th Ward. Alderman Bernstein offered kudos to the Summer Youth Employment Program, he had attended the Job Fair and was pleasantly surprised. He described the incredible energy from volunteers and a high level of participation among the young people who were looking for jobs. He reiterated what the Mayor opened the meeting with -- a call to businesses to please cooperate. Northwestern University and the City of Evanston were there in force, but additional jobs are needed for the youth here. He said that in his block alone there would be enough work, such as cleaning basements, to accommodate one or two students for the summer. He cited the need for a citizen coordinator to coordinate the efforts and find jobs. He mentioned that some of the youth showed up for the Job Fair at 5 a.m.

Alderman Bernstein offered kudos to the students who participated in the Young Evanston Artists festival that past Saturday. This time he was looking at the work from the perspective of the parent of a teacher whose 4th grade students created the works. Lastly, he congratulated the 12 Justin Wynn Memorial Fund Leadership Award winners, who received a trophy and camp scholarship. The awards are given to fourth graders who demonstrate outstanding leadership at each school in District 65.

5th Ward. No report

6th Ward. Alderman Moran extended condolences to Alderman Engelman on the passing of his father. He noted that one of the best remembrances at the service was given by Josh Engelman, Steve's son and a product of the Evanston school system. He also noted the YMCA-City Youth in Government program was in operation that evening and Jane Engelman, Steve's daughter, was the acting alderman for the 7th Ward. He listened to the Mayor's and Alderman Bernstein's reports on the SYEP and heard from the Northwestern students and was struck by the contributions that young people can bring to the community. He welcomed and encouraged the involvement of all of those young people.

7th Ward. Alderman Engelman wanted to thank everyone on the Council, members of City staff and the public who extended condolences to him and his family on the passing of his father.

8th Ward. Alderman Rainey extended condolences to Alderman Engelman. She reported on attending court that day regarding the case of a graffiti artist who had vandalized 11 homes. She stated that when they went to court over the last three months, they knew that more than restitution was desired, which did not seem quite right for the time and expense that this 17-year-old boy had cost all of the graffiti victims. They did not want him to go to jail, but wanted to make an impact on him so he knew what he had done was very inappropriate. Judge Garritt Howard handed out a sentence that day and told the young man that he violated all of the victims' properties, cost them time and money, offended taxpayers and took up City staff time. Alderman Rainey hoped if parents of kids who vandalize other people's property were listening, they will know that this judge gave this boy two years of supervision. She reported that sentence requires him to check in once a month at the Skokie court (social services division) and on every visit, this child has to pay \$25 (a fee for supervision). In addition, he was sentenced to 30 days (8 hours each) of community service and to make full restitution to the private homeowners and the City of Evanston. The judge warned the youth that, if he were to be caught doing any graffiti during this two-year period, his sentence would be reversed. Alderman Rainey felt that the young man got the message, will not vandalize and, hopefully, would tell his friends.

9th Ward. Alderman Feldman extended condolences to Alderman Engelman. He reported that the day before his family had a party for his son Eric, who just graduated from law school.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Morton asked for a motion to adjourn. The Council so moved at 11:45 p.m.

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Deputy City Clerk

A videotape recording of this meeting has been made part of the permanent record and is available in the City Clerk's office.