

**CITY COUNCIL**

April 8, 2008

**ROLL CALL – PRESENT:**

	Alderman Tisdahl	Alderman Jean-Baptiste
	Alderman Rainey	Alderman Wynne
	Alderman Hansen	Alderman Bernstein
A Quorum was present.	Alderman Wollin	Alderman Holmes
		Alderman Moran

**ABSENT:** None

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 8:50 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*Mayor Morton proclaimed*  
**National Public Safety**  
**Telecommunications Week**  
**April 13-19, 2008**

Mayor Morton introduced 9-1-1 Center operators: Perry Polinski, Deborah Hakimian, Christopher Voss, Julie Jensen, Jesse Ramsay and Jeffrey Holdren.

Alderman Moran, chairman, 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board, stated that these operators play a critical role in the safety of the community by fielding calls, keeping a cool demeanor and getting resources out. They do a great job.

*Mayor Morton proclaimed*  
**April - Fair Housing Month**

Mayor Morton commended Evanston Township for resolutions authorizing the supervisor to transfer accounts to First Bank & Trust, a community bank. The bank has received the support of many citizens and now has four branches.

Mayor Morton reported that she had toured the City with Meals on Wheels several weeks ago. Harrah's Casino provides the truck for transporting hot and cold meals. She noted a senior citizen had requested a second meal and the citizen was told that the program had cut funding. She advised that the federal government be contacted.

**CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Health & Human Services Director Evonda Thomas announced that the Mayor's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Youth Job Fair for Evanston youth between 14-18 years of age would be Saturday, April 19, at the Civic Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** City Clerk Morris invited Evanston residents to participate in Communiversy Day at Northwestern's Evanston Campus on Saturday, April 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENT:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Any item marked with an Asterisk\*)

Alderman Moran moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: Ordinance 32-O-08 – Map Amendment & Planned Development at 708 Church St. Seconded by Alderman Rainey.

Roll call. Voting aye – Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran. Voting nay – none. Motion carried. (9-0).

**ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA****MINUTES:**

\* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 24, 2008. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:**

\* Approval, as recommended, City of Evanston payroll for the period April 3, 2008 and City of Evanston bills through April 9, 2008, as authorized and charged to the proper accounts:

City of Evanston payroll (through 04/03/08)	\$2,452,069.03
City of Evanston bills (through 04/09/08) FY 2007-08	\$1,070,941.74
City of Evanston bills (through 04/09/08) FY 2008-09	\$2,669,852.72

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

\* Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (08-88) for purchase of a transit bus for the Parks/Forestry & Recreation Department from Midwest Transit Equipment (146 W. Issert Dr., Kankakee, IL) in the amount of \$114,643. Funded by the 2008-09 Fleet Services Capital Outlay Budget. \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Recommend approval of the sole-source contract with Teska Associates, Inc. (627 Grove St., Evanston) for design and construction engineering services to widen the Maple Avenue sidewalks between Church and Clark streets to improve pedestrian safety. Contract is for an amount not-to-exceed \$42,900. Funded by the Downtown II TIF. \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Recommend approval of the not-to-exceed cost of \$1,929,978 for the third year of a three-year contract with CPS Parking (1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago) for the management and operation of the Sherman Plaza, Maple Avenue and Church Street parking facilities. The third year of the contract begins May 1, 2008 and ends April 30, 2009. Funded by the Parking Fund. \* APPROVED -CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Recommend approval of Amendment #2 to the agreement with MWH Americas, Inc. (380 Interlocken Cr., Bloomfield, CO) for engineering services during construction of the Basin S28B Contract 1 Relief Sewer Project. This will increase the not-to-exceed agreement amount by \$13,380, from \$1,087,765 to \$1,101,145. Funded by the Sewer Reserve Fund. \* APPROVED -CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Resolution 18-R-08 – Lease agreement with the U.S. Postal Service for Parking in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage – Consideration of proposed Resolution 18-R-08, which authorizes the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for parking 44 vehicles in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage. \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Ordinance 52-O-08 – Sale of Surplus Property – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 52-O-08, which declares various equipment and vehicles as surplus property to be sold at public auction at the Grant Township municipal auction in Ingleside, IL. \* MARKED INTRODUCED - CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 53-O-08 – Pro Rata License Fee Credit for Change in Classification – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 53-O-08, which amends Section 3-5-8 of the City Code to allow the original license fee to be applied toward the liquor class upgrade fee. \* MARKED INTRODUCED - CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 54-O-08 – Decrease Number of Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 54-O-08, which amends Section 3-5-6(D) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class D Liquor Licenses from 24 to 23 due to the closing of Viva La Crepe (1665 Sherman Ave.). \* MARKED INTRODUCED - CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 55-O-08 – Decrease Number of Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 55-O-08, which amends Section 3-5-6(C) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class C Liquor Licenses from 24 to 23 due to the closing of Trullo Restaurant (1700 Central Ave.). \* MARKED INTRODUCED - CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 57-O-08 – Amends Section 10-11-13, Schedule XIII of the City Code, “No Trucks Over 8,000 Pounds on Various Streets” - Consideration of proposed Ordinance 57-O-08, whereby City Council would amend Section 10-11-13, Schedule XIII of the City Code to establish a commercial vehicle limit of 8,000 pounds on Barton Avenue from Oakton to Howard Street, on Brummel Street from Ridge Avenue to Barton Avenue and on Austin Street from Ridge to Asbury avenues. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Rainey moved to Suspend the Rules in order to adopt an ordinance at the same meeting at which it was introduced. The motion was by Alderman Wynne.

Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rainey moved approval of Ordinance 57-O-08. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wynne.

Roll call. Voting aye – Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran. Voting nay – none. Motion carried. (9-0).

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

\* Request for Renewal of Families in Transition Funding for Connections for the Homeless – Consideration of a request from Connections for the Homeless for a second year of Families in Transition funding of \$5,520 through the Affordable Housing Fund to subsidize the rent for a two person very low income household. \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

\* Sidewalk Café for Type 1 Restaurant – Consideration of a Site Plan & Appearance Review Committee’s recommendation to approve an application for a sidewalk café for Tommy Nevin’s Pub (1459 Sherman Ave.). \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

\* Approval of March 2008 Township Monthly Bills – Consideration of a recommendation to approve the Township bills, payroll and medical payments for the month of March 2008 in the amount of \$116,099.59. \* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Ordinance 32-O-08 – Plan Commission Recommendation for a Map Amendment & Planned Development at 708 Church St. – Consideration of a recommendation from the Plan Commission to rezone the property at 708 Church St. from D2, Downtown Retail Core Zoning District, and to grant a Planned Development on that site of a 49-story residential and retail tower known as the “Fountain Square Development.”

Alderman Holmes reported the developer’s architect, Larry Booth, gave a presentation on a building of lower height. There are questions about the financial status of the project. The City has hired a consultant to look at that and report to the Economic Development Committee on Wednesday, April 30. All Council members will attend and the public is invited. A special meeting of the P&D Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Ninety minutes will be allocated for public comment, followed by Council discussion of the project.

**CALL OF THE WARDS:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Tisdahl invited all to a 7<sup>th</sup> Ward meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:00 p.m. in the Parasol Room at the Civic Center.

**8<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Rainey gave credit to the Community Development Department, especially Property Standards Supervising Inspector Jeff Murphy, the Law Department and residents who came to court on 719 Brummel. An appeal was made by an attorney representing 719 Brummel to vacate an earlier decision leveling a \$50,000 fine. The administrative officer refused to do that at the last hearing. A \$51,000 check was received by the City from the title company and is the single largest payment ever received on a fine at the City.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.** Alderman Jean-Baptiste asked for volunteers to serve on the M/W/EBE Development Committee to submit an application and résumé to Mayor Morton.

He announced Evanston Cable Channel 6 has included a new show, “Democracy Now” at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The program also is on radio WZRD 88.3 FM from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and WLWU 88.7 FM at 9:00 a.m. covers the current day’s news.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Bernstein announced a Civic Center Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 23 at the Civic Center. Last night at the Human Services Committee meeting, aldermen learned the CommUnity Picnic had been cancelled and he asked that funds be found to hold it. Assistant City Manager Rolanda Russell stated there will be a community picnic close to the time it is held each year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Holmes stated that April is Organ Donation Month. The kickoff for the Gift of Hope was Monday with Secretary of State Jesse White and Mayor Morton. Residents interested in organ donation are asked to contact the Health Department.

**6<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Moran invited all to an introductory meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parasol Room at the Civic Center, to explain the Multi-Modal Transportation issues in Evanston. It is an ambitious project that will last a year and calls into question a number of important issues for the City.

Alderman Moran recalled the City ran short of road salt for the streets this winter, precipitated in part by the rigorous winter weather. He asked the City Manager’s office to engage the appropriate divisions for a report on this and how to avoid this happening again.

He has seen difficult circumstances on Central Street this winter. Merchants and businesses are required to clear their sidewalks when it snows. He noticed that sidewalks are cleared close to the curb with a mound of snow and ice left to climb over at the curb. He asked staff to think about this and suggest remedies because it is dangerous.

At 9:55 p.m. Alderman Bernstein moved that Council convene into an Executive Session to discuss matters related to real

estate, litigation and closed session minutes pursuant to 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120/2 ( c) (5), (6), (11) and (21) as follows:

2. All meetings of public bodies shall be public meetings except for the following:

(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

(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.

(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section2.06.

Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

Roll call. Voting aye – Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran. Voting nay – none. Motion carried. (9-0).

There being no further business to come before the Council, Alderman Bernstein asked for a motion to adjourn and the Council so moved at 10:17 p.m.

Mary P. Morris,  
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.