

**CITY COUNCIL**

July 28, 2008

**ROLL CALL – PRESENT:**

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

\* Alderman Bernstein was ill and present via electronic conference call.

**ABSENT:** Alderman Hansen

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 9:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

**CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Recreation Superintendent Bob Dorneker reminded everyone of this weekend’s 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival in Dawes Park at Sheridan Road & Church Street from 11am to 6pm Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3. There will be artists, food, entertainment and family fun. For further information, visit [www.cityofevanston.org/arts](http://www.cityofevanston.org/arts).

**COMMUNICATIONS: CITY CLERK:** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENT: AGENDA ITEMS**

The Mayor stated before allowing citizens to speak, “The community knows that the Council allows 45 minutes for Citizen Comment. There are 23 people who are speaking on agenda items and 2 people speaking on non-agenda items. In order to comply with our rules each person who speaks will have two minutes.”

Alderman Wollin asked if Alderman Tisdahl had shared with her constituents the Council’s will on the Central Street use by National-Louis. She would hate for all these people to have to speak again.

Alderman Tisdahl hadn’t shared the Council’s will, because the Council has not voted yet to determine its will. She agreed with Alderman Wollin that all speakers should not repeat what was already said, but state that they agree with the previous speaker or have it in writing.

Mayor Morton stated as the names are called, citizens should go the mike (4-5 at a time) state name and address. She would start the timer at that point for two minutes.

John Zbesko, 1120 Noyes St., wanted the Council to defer approval of contract extension (Microsoft) until City IT staff can produce alternatives to this contract. Information technology is a rapidly changing industry and what may have been a good solution yesterday is a poor choice today. The major justification to maintaining the contract is to keep the status quo. He is a computer nerd, attended MIT and is knowledgeable of many computer programs. City Council should exercise its oversight and demand that City staff have a two-step justification for their systems and software. He urged City Council not to rubber stamp this contract with Microsoft.

Alderman Rainey offered Mr. Zbesko a copy of the memo that came out of the A&PW meeting he had not attended. It answered the questions that were generated.

Michael Weber, 2752 Marcy Ave., - Represented the Softball Association. They have doubled its registration to 1,600 kids from 9-14 years of age with 12 travel teams playing throughout North Shore. They are grateful for all of the efforts

and support to keep the organization together. They were able to purchase four electronic scoreboards that will be erected in James Park and will turn these scoreboards back to Evanston as their gift. Association members, with the help of some of the players, passed out buttons to the Council and those attending the meeting.

Bill Blanchard, 2703 Prairie Ave., stated that the baseball association is a wonderful cross-section of the community; families, sponsors, and businesses have come together as well as other institutions that are important to Evanston. Three of the players were his sons, and most of the players were his neighbors. This is a great representation of what baseball can be and should be. This a great group of boys and girls from all across Evanston--different schools, neighborhoods and these are the kinds of relationships that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. He thanked Parks and Recreation in particular and everyone from the City.

Carleen Shaffer, 811 Hinman Ave., told a personal story about the National-Louis PACE program. She was selling her property to a young man who had a condition. Although he had this condition, the negotiations went well and the property was sold to the young man. Speaking to a friend of hers at the National-Louis University, she discovered the young man was a graduate of the PACE program. She felt wonderful that she helped a young man with a condition that sometimes may be a little inhibiting, who now works downtown, takes the "L" and lives independently.

Jeanne Hartig, 122 S. Michigan, Chicago, thanked Council once again for allowing her to summarize the key issues concerning the property at 1620 Central Street for the PACE program. She has received 100s of letters from Evanston property owners supporting the special zoning ordinance. For the past six months they have worked hard to be a good applicant, are committed to downsizing and are on record that they will contribute their fair share towards any alley improvements still desired by the neighbors. They will add back to the tax rolls 61,000 sq. ft. of property that was located on Sheridan Road. Committed to get more Evanstonians to be part of the PACE Program, they are gearing up for a vigorous campaign to provide scholarships restricted to only those students who live in Evanston. The program adds new taxpayers to the City and homes for disabled persons to live independently and be happy to call Evanston their home. The passage of this ordinance will send a strong message not only to Evanston, but across the country.

Steven Masello, 705 Ingleside Pl., advocated for the passage of the ordinance for the PACE program to use the Central Street location. He has one child (Timothy, age 19) who may be eligible for the program. The dormitory will house a group of responsible adults in the PACE program so that they can better integrate into society and offered independence for the years ahead. This is the right decision. It is a noble and worthy project that has Evanston written large all over it.

Patrick Hughes, 1317 Livingston St., has spoken before and is in favor of this. He has a long history with PACE and believes this fits Evanston and none of the neighbors that he has talked to oppose this. He works for Mustard's Last Stand and encouraged the Council to approve the program for National-Louis University. He said, "Let's not let money get in the way of people living productive lives, our community will be much richer if the PACE program is here."

Lynn Sloan, 2205 Lincoln St., is the parent of a PACE alumni who lives independently in Evanston. Her son has a condo and is employed. She spoke on the issue of having the City approve the passage of this ordinance. During the weeks that they have followed this issue, they've heard taxes, taxes, taxes. She thought they should be singing the praises (of PACE). Of course they want lower taxes in Evanston, she has paid taxes here for 22 years and probably will for another 22. If Evanston is really that concerned with tax revenues, then some changes have to be made. She suggested they change Dawes Park and James Park into lucrative business endeavors that would generate more money. She said but that isn't Evanston. It is a community that is a Mecca, a Mecca of cultural differences and social justice that we embrace.

Fabio Buda, 2650 Broadway Ave., a resident for several years who works for National-Louis as an independent instructor. He truly believed that setting up this program would be a benefit to Evanston, as well as helping the students and university grow and thrive.

Brendan Saunders, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, thanked Council for allowing him to show support for the PACE program. Evanston's proposition to place taxes on the PACE program could have a despairing impact on persons with disabilities and invalidate federal Fair Housing laws, which would deny them housing. He asked Council if this fee would be applied to other non-profit organizations that may come to Evanston. If this fee is created it may prohibit any PACE students from living in Evanston and deny their rights to fair housing. He asked that Council consider the

implications of its actions that night in voting. They could open the up City to legal issues of denying fair housing to all people.

Dana LaChapelle, 1618 Central, Wilmette, represented her son Matthew, who works in Evanston and as of September 1 will live here. He is a graduate of the PACE program and will a participant in the transition program next year. In looking for a job, he went up and down the streets passing out his résumé, interviewing and going back for second interviews. He had multiple offers and was shown respect and understanding by all the businesses in Evanston. He currently works at Panera Bread. He was welcomed into the apartment community and, when he completes the transitional program, they will purchase a condo in Evanston.

Joe Seaulieu, 2520 Ashland Ave., stated that all through this process he was opposed at first. Over the past few months, he has now changed to support of the program. He suggested that Council place a text amendment to remove dormitory special use from the other 01 parcel on the Central Street overlay, so there won't be the same discussion next year.

Ken Bailey, 1602 Central St., focused on the memo dated July 23<sup>rd</sup> from the Interim City Manager. Ms. Russell's report was interesting in that it described discussions rather than negotiations in her mandate of what they could get, which was nothing. The startling recommendation to include a policy would, as Mayor Morton told them at the last meeting, penalize organizations with no means to make payments. On the one hand, it points out that the fee in lieu of taxes by NLU would set a precedent that the university does not wish to set. On the other hand, it notes the cost of extra commitment made by NLU to address the concerns. Those were frosted windows, four parking spaces and landscaping. He has since learned that of the 340 graduates, only 9 were graduates of Evanston Township High School. Nine, only nine were Evanston students. This government controls land use and the change under consideration for 1620 Central would have a significant impact on the City, which is already in a financial pickle and others will be suffer as well. School District 65 and ETHS both have robust programs for special education. He urged true negotiation that would include examination of financial data, including but not limited to NLU's operating budgets, projected levels of room & board and other fees, in addition to tuition, disclosure of federal funds received by the PACE program in recent years as an earmark for monies that could be taxed. He also requested disclosure of any proposed federal appropriations currently being requested. He urged the Council to move for a full accounting of NLU's means to make a payment.

Junad Rizki, 2767 Ridge Ave., wanted to talk about the City's management of property and rents. Issues had been brought up recently about rental here at the Civic Center apartment, it's a broader issue in this apartment and it is good management of all the City property in this town and how it's done. City staff manages these apartments and he thought Alderman Rainey made a good point that they should be managed professionally. There is a City parking garage downtown where space is not rented and hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost. They really need to look at these assets, how they are used and how they rent and manage them.

Joel Siegel, represented the North-Shore North Suburban Chapter of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO); no town provided. His group welcomed the City Council's proposed rescinding of the Handgun Ban, which will restore the Civil Rights of all Evanstonians. They welcomed the opportunity for law-abiding citizens to maintain proper handgun ownership in their domicile. His organization is aware of what happens when a civilian populace is disarmed and they say never it will happen again. He studied the ordinance in detail and suggests that the Council should incorporate into it the legal transportation of firearms, which is part of (he believed) point eleven of the ordinance. He wanted to share with the Legal Department the State of Illinois Statute on transportation, which is under the UUC Code of the State of Illinois and needs to be incorporated into the ordinance. Thanks again for your proposed vote to rescind and restore the Civil Rights to all Evanstonians.

Susan Trieschman, 2608 Noyes St., spoke on the Brady Campaign and the Million Mom March. She asked the opposite of what the previous gentleman had asked. The NRA has proposed that the City needed to draw up this ordinance, but the Supreme Court has said it does not have to have such an ordinance yet. Things are being written that will allow them to keep the handgun laws they have to keep their children safe. Her group is not afraid of the NRA and people will do what they want to do. The youth are scared already and Evanston already has active handgun laws. If they allow handguns for all of the youth and parents in our community, the youth will run scared. As parents, they have a right to protect their children and make them feel safe in their own community.

Jeanne Bishop, P.O. Box 202; no town provided. She heads the Steering Committee of the Million Mom March, North

Suburban Chicagoland Chapter. Most of the members are from the Evanston area and they are stunned that the City Council will consider an amendment to its handgun ordinance, even when the Heller decision doesn't apply. It only applies to the federal creation in the District of Columbia, which is still under review. There is a lot of time to think about this issue, hear from residents to get their input and answer their questions. They are concerned with the proper use and maintenance of handguns and their accessibility. Also, she is the sister of a murder victim, who along with her husband Richard, was murdered in their home by a teenager. This teenager got hold of a legally registered handgun in an unlocked drawer. There need to be some tough restrictions in the amendment. There are a lot of experts, including a woman who is drafting a document. She hoped that Council will wait and look at that document before making a decision.

Jennifer Bishop Jenkins, 315 Lockwood, North Hill, Ill., was born in Evanston and gave a personal "thank-you" to several members who joined them in leadership against gun violence in this community. This City Council is heroic in its leadership and concern. She asked them to wait before any decisions are made. Only one shooting is staggering any fear you may be having about financial cost and lawsuits. None of these things will happen right now, but if they repeal the ordinance and it creates a vacuum in the law, without something substantial to replace it with, they will create an opportunity where a single shooting could be more costly. She urged Council to look carefully before it does anything and remember that even a few weeks of a window, could mean more guns in homes. The facts are 22 times more likely you'll be killed in your home and 44 more times likely you'll be shot and injured. This is a financial push from the National Rifle Association. Council's careful leadership will put safety and responsibility ahead of any fear threat reaction.

Jack Lawlor, 2103 Noyes St., spoke on behalf of the National-Louis University PACE program. He thanked the City Council and members of the Zoning Board for their work on the National-Louis application. He explained the state law for tax-exempt properties. The standards for schools are different from those of hospitals and such. To be exempt you must have full ownership and full use of the property. He stated that National-Louis should be a poster boy for what you would like other non-profits in Evanston to do. This is to downsize their footprint, which is what National-Louis did here and why payment in lieu of taxes is not required. He respectfully asked that Council adopt this ordinance and have the minutes to show it.

Tina Paden, 1122 Emerson St., talked about the 1890 Maple where the Trader Joe's (she read about in the paper) plans to be located. The traffic in that area is horrendous already. The City lets the developers have more and more. Her family has been here 150 years and she pays property taxes. It seems that they do not care about those of us who have been here for a long time. She was here when the Research Park was approved and failed in the same area. She felt that Council is letting developers do what they want and was sad to hear that. She hoped they won't allow this. Thank you.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT: NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Chris Mailing, 1027 Davis St., Turin Bicycle, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Jim Marsh and him to organize and bring to Evanston the Grand Prix Bike event in downtown Evanston on Sunday July 20. It was one stage in the 17-day international cycling classic. There were national and international champions from around the world. Kid's races were held during an intermission just before the professional races were started. Almost 100 people participated with roughly half from Evanston. With Council's blessings he and Jim plan to bring them back again next year. They want feedback whether good or not and he can be contacted through the City Manager's office, which has his address. He also asked people to join him in thanking ENH for its support of this event and a valuable contributor to the community.

Nolan Robinson, 1223 Simpson St., thanked the City of Evanston for allowing him and his family to occupy the premises known as the boiler room. He asked that the lease not be broken and stated they have no where to go. If evicted they are at the mercy of the outside world. In addition, Section 8 will not honor an infraction and will make an improbability of moving into a new home impossibility. He quoted a scripture "It is better to give than to receive." He stressed the point that when you give you have something, but when you receive you are begging because you don't have anything to contribute (a quote from his pastor). He felt less than a father and a provider because he could not provide for his family. He has talked to unemployment to extend his payments and they did. He will receive a check for \$350 per week while he looks for a job and will help to bring down his deficit. It will be by Council's mercy that they are not evicted. Thank you.

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

Alderman Moran moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: License Agreement Extension

for Microsoft Enterprise; Ordinance 83-O-08 – Establish Municipal Solid-Waste Franchise; Ordinance 91-O-08 – Amend City Code – “Weapons;” Ordinance 92-O-08 Amend City Code – “Marijuana;” Ordinance 90-O-08 – Planned Development – 1890 Maple Ave.; and Ordinance 79-O-08 – Special Use for Dormitory – 1620 Central St. Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

Roll call. Voting aye – Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

### **ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **MINUTES:**

\* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 14, 2008. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

#### **ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:**

\* Approval, as recommended, City of Evanston payroll for the period July 24, 2008 and City of Evanston bills through July 29, 2008, as authorized and charged to the proper accounts:

City of Evanston payroll (through 07/24/08)	\$2,555,557.20
City of Evanston bills (through 07/29/08)	\$3,212,098.83

\* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Recommend approval of contract (RFP 09-22) with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (850 Forest Edge Dr., Vernon Hills) for engineering services for the 2009 Water Main, Sewer and Street Improvements in the amount of \$265,737. Funded by the Water Depreciation, Improvement and Extension (DIE) account. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (09-27) for 2008 Special Assessment Alley Paving Program to A Lamp Concrete Contractors (800 W. Irving Park Rd., Schaumburg) in the amount of \$789,142.50. Funded by Special Assessment CIP Funds. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Recommend approval of Change Order #1 with Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. (7307 Central Park Ave., Skokie) for parking and safety improvements in the vicinity of the Mulford/Chicago viaducts in the amount of \$88,362. This will increase the contract amount from \$93,000 to \$181,362. Funded by the CIP Street Resurfacing Fund. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Recommend approval of Change Order #3 with Doyle & Associates (800 S. Wells, Chicago) for the Filter Maintenance Shop and Administration Office Expansion project in the amount of \$24,770. This will increase the contract amount from \$98,500 to \$123,270. Funded by the Water Depreciation, Improvement and Extension (DIE) account. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Recommend approval of Change Order #5 with Scale Construction (2101 S. Carpenter St., Chicago) to provide additional work related to the east office expansion and rehabilitation of the deteriorated filter slab. This will increase the contract price a total of \$33,138, from \$2,504,822 to \$2,537,960 and grant a 128-day extension to the contract time. Funded by the Water Depreciation, Improvement and Extension (DIE) account. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Resolution 44-R-08 – Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Pamela and James Elesh for a Donation in the amount of \$44,965 Toward the Renovation of the Jens Jensen Grotto Adjacent to the Evanston Art Center within Lighthouse Landing Park – Consideration of proposed Resolution 44-R-08, which accepts a donation in the amount of \$44,965 toward the preservation of the Jens Jensen grotto adjacent to the Evanston Art Center within Lighthouse Landing Park. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Resolution 45-R-08 – Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Agreement for the Renovation of the Jens Jensen Grotto at Lighthouse Landing Park - Consideration of proposed Resolution 45-R-08, which authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with Clauss Brothers, Inc. (360 W.

Schaumburg Rd., Streamwood) for the renovation of the Jens Jenson grotto adjacent to the Evanston Art Center within Lighthouse Landing Park in an amount not to exceed \$44,965. Funded by a donation from Pamela and James Elesh, per Resolution 44-R-08. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Resolution 46-R-08 – Authorizes the Dissolution of EVNORSKO – Consideration of proposed Resolution 46-R-08, which authorizes the dissolution of EVNORSKO, a regional alternative fuel cooperative comprised of the City of Evanston, Village of Skokie and Northwestern University. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Resolution 49-R-08 – Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation from the Evanston Baseball/Softball Association – Consideration of proposed Resolution 49-R-08, which thanks the Evanston Baseball/Softball Association (EBSA) and authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Evanston and the EBSA for the donation and installation of four electronic scoreboards on baseball fields 1-4 in James Park. Funded by the Evanston Baseball/Softball Association. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Ordinance 84-O-08 – Sale of Surplus Property – Various Fleet Equipment and Vehicles – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 84-O-08, which declares various equipment and vehicles as surplus property to be sold at public auction through Obenauf Internet Auction (118 N. Orchard St., Round Lake, IL). \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Ordinance 87-O-08 – Authorizes the City Manager to Negotiate the Sale of City-Owned Real Estate – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 87-O-08, which authorizes the City Manager to negotiate the sale of City-owned real estate located on the 700 block of Chicago Avenue. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved to Suspend the Rules in order to adopt an ordinance at the same meeting at which it was introduced. The motion was seconded. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval of Ordinance 87-O-08. The motion was seconded.

Roll call. Voting aye – Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

\* Ordinance 69-O-08 – Delete and Amend Various Portions of the City Code Related to the Immobilization of Vehicles – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 69-O-08, introduced July 14, 2008, by which the City Council would repeal Sections 10-14-14 through 10-6-21 and amend Section 11-2-11 to be the prevailing policy on the Immobilization Program for the City of Evanston. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Ordinance 82-O-08 – Dedicates a Portion of 1228 Emerson Street to the City of Evanston – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 82-O-08, introduced July 14, 2008, which dedicates a portion of the 1228 Emerson Street parcel to the City of Evanston for the purpose of improving the adjacent public alley. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Ordinance 85-O-08 – Amends Various Sections of Title 4, Chapter 16 to Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 85-O-08, introduced July 14, 2008, which amends various sections of Title 4, Chapter 16 to comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

\* Resolution 48-R-08 – Designates the Honorary Street Name, “Rev. Dr. Michael D. Curry Way” – Consideration of proposed Resolution 48-R-08, by which the City Council would accept the recommendation of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for Public Place Names to name the section of Simpson Street between Ashland Avenue and Green Bay Road with the honorary name “Rev. Dr. Michael D. Curry Way.” The approximate cost for the street signs is \$350. Funds for the signs are budgeted in the Traffic Division’s Materials Account. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

\* Ordinance 88-O-08 – Modifications to Special Sign District for Bravo Restaurant (formerly Wolfgang Puck – Consideration of the recommendation from the Sign Review & Appeals Board to approve modifications to the Special Sign District for Bravo Restaurant at 1701 Maple Avenue (formerly Wolfgang Puck). \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Wollin moved to Suspend the Rules in order to adopt an ordinance at the same meeting at which it was introduced. The motion was seconded. Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Wollin moved approval of Ordinance 88-O-08. The motion was seconded.

Roll call. Voting aye – Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

\* Sidewalk Café for Bakery – Sidewalk café permit for Great Harvest Bread Co., located at 2126 Central St. \* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (8-0)

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Morton asked for appointment introduction of the following:

Jay Lytle, 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward 820 Church St.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Michael Johnson, 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward 1907 Foster St.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Robert R. Egan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward 3032 Hartzell St.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Sandra Hill, 7 <sup>th</sup> Ward 4 Martha Ln.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Karen L. Johnson, 8 <sup>th</sup> Ward 1116 Austin St.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Harriet Sallach, 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward 802 South Blvd.	Citizens Police Advisory Committee

\* APPROVED-CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### **ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:**

Recommend approval to renew the three-year Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement with CDW-

Government (CDWG, 10 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago) in the amount of \$176,938.38. Also recommend approval to include in this agreement three annual Microsoft True Up's at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Funded by the CIP Computer Desktop Support Account (41690).

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved approval of this item.

Roll call. Voting aye – Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

Ordinance 83-O-08 – Amends Various Sections of Title 8, Chapters 5 and 5½ to Establish a City Franchise for Waste Services – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 83-O-08, introduced July 14, 2008, which amends various sections of Title 8, Chapters 5 and 5½ of the City Code to establish a City Solid Waste Franchise. It would require all businesses and larger residential properties to use the hauler selected/licensed by the City to remove and dispose of their solid waste.

This was returned to the committee chair for discussion. All Council members were asked to attend the next AP&W meeting on August 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance 91-O-08 – Amends Title 9, Chapter 8 of the City Code, “Weapons” – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 91-O-08, which amends Title 9, Chapter 8 of the City Code relating to weapons in a manner to conform with the U.S. Supreme Court decision and to strengthen its provisions against the unlawful use of firearms in the City of Evanston.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste moved that Ordinance 91-O-08 be held. The motion was seconded and this item was held at the request of two aldermen.

Ordinance 92-O-08 – Amends Title 8, Chapter 16 of the City Code, “Marijuana” – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 92-O-08, which amends various sections of Title 8, Chapter 16 of the City Code, “Marijuana” (8-16-2: Possession of Cannabis Prohibited and 8-16-3: Penalties or Disposition). Ordinance change to encompass prosecution of anyone within the city limits in possession of cannabis.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste reported that this item was held in committee.

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

Ordinance 90-O-08 – Amends the Planned Development for 1890 Maple Avenue - Consideration of proposed Ordinance 90-O-08, which amends the Planned Development for 1890 Maple Ave. (Ordinance 45-O-07) to permit a curb cut on Emerson Street to serve a new Trader Joe's Grocery, approves an extension of the Planned Development expiration date and addresses other changes. Moved and seconded for introduction on the agenda for the next Council meeting August 11, 2008.

Ordinance 79-O-08 Special Use for Dormitory – 1620 Central St. - Consideration of a Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation, introduced June 23, 2008, to approve the request from PACE for dormitory use at the 1620 Central Street building.

Alderman Wollin moved to approve Ordinance 79-O-08. The motion was seconded.

Roll call. Voting aye – Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Wollin, Wynne, Bernstein. Voting nay – Rainey, Jean-Baptiste. Motion carried (6-2). Ordinance passed.

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, to D3, Downtown Core Development District, and to grant a Planned Development on that site of a 49-story residential and retail tower known as the “Fountain Square Development.” (Revised plan is for a 38-story residential and retail tower.) **TABLED IN COMMITTEE UNTIL COUNCIL ADOPTS THE**

**DOWNTOWN PLAN.** Ordinance remained tabled.

**CALL OF THE WARDS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Holmes announced the Evanston Action Family Reunion was coming up August 1-3, beginning with entertainment Friday evening and a banquet at the Orrington Saturday night. There is also a reception at Tammy Tucker's on Sunday and a dinner at Fleetwood Sunday afternoon--those two happen in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. August 2, 1:00pm at Family Focus is their annual Gospel Fest. Next Tuesday is National Night Out, celebrating at Church and Dodge jointly with Alderman Jean-Baptiste and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Come out and join them for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

**6<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Moran wanted to thank the Elesh's for their kind donation for the work at the Jens Jenson Grotto near the Art Center. He didn't know that there was a grotto out there. He thanked the people who volunteered to be on the Citizen's Review Board for the police.

**7<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Tisdahl wanted to thank Pam and Jim Elesh as well. Pam has taken over the project to do it herself. Noah's Playground is now ready for everyone, so send them our way because we want to help them enjoy it.

Alderman Tisdahl announced that there will not be a joint meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> wards on Wednesday at 5:30.

**8<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Rainey thanked John Burke and all the people in Pubic Works who worked so hard on the business of the Yellow-Line stop in Evanston. CMAP has designated this as the number one project for the coming year. The Yellow-Line runs the complete width of Evanston and doesn't stop until it gets to Skokie. This is a great victory for us.

**1<sup>st</sup> Ward.** Alderman Wollin was delighted with the stop, too. She wanted to also thank the baseball organization for the scoreboards that will be in James Park. Whole Foods South at 1111 Chicago Ave will give their old plants and flowers to not-for-profit organizations so they can make room for the new ones. Just bring your tax-free letters and they will call to let the group know when someone can come and pick up the items.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ward.** Alderman Jean-Baptiste supported the cause for people to come out for the National Night Out. They will focus their attention in the area that has suffered a number of horrible crimes in the last year or so. They want to show the community a sense of solidarity and take back the streets. They will march on the streets and put their lights on.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.** Alderman Wynne had nothing to report.

**4<sup>th</sup> Ward.** Alderman Bernstein, too, thanked Pam and Jim for their donation and work. He thanked the Evanston Baseball Association; James Park should be a model of what all parks should look like; congratulations to Rev. Curry. He remind people of the Civic Center Committee meeting coming up August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, not sure what room, but that will be determined. He reported the passing of one of Alderman Rainey's constituents, Hennon Carson, he was a wonderful man who cut many lawns and was a sweet guy. He'll personally miss him and the City will miss him, too.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Morton asked for a motion to adjourn and the Council so moved at 11:15 p.m.

Rodney Greene,  
City Clerk

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