



CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
INAUGURAL MEETING
78TH City Council
Monday, May 11, 2009
8:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
CIVIC CENTER

PRESIDING: Mayor Lorraine Morton

Mayor Morton invited Father Oldershaw to come and give the Invocation.

I. Invocation:

Father Oldershaw offered a prayer of blessing for the newly elected officials and one of gratitude for the past officials. He gave a past history of the growth and leadership of the City of Evanston. He asked for wisdom and humility for the new Aldermen and Mayor Tisdahl, and he asked for compassion for the Evanston community and strength and inspiration to move forward.

II. Administration of Athenian Oaths of Citizenship and Oaths of Office to Mayor, City Clerk, Township Supervisor:

The Honorable Judge Joy Cunningham gave explanations of why the Athenian Oath of Citizenship and the Oath of Office were being administered. She explained the administration of the Oath of Office is the public affirmation of the public office that the elected officials were going in to serve. It signifies you are no longer a private citizen but you belong to the citizens of Evanston and the citizens of Illinois. It's a symbolic manifestation of your commitment to the citizens you will serve as elected officials. She then gave an explanation for the Athenian Oath. This Oath is performed to declare your citizenry to the citizens of Evanston Judge Cunningham then administered both the Athenian Oath of Citizenship as well as the Oath of Office to Mayor Tisdahl, City Clerk Greene and Township Supervisor Vance.

III. Administration of Athenian Oaths of Citizenship and Oaths of Office to Aldermen:

Then Newly Elected Mayor Tisdahl, administered the Athenian Oaths of Citizenship and The Oaths of Office to the nine Aldermen separately.

Mayor Tisdahl, then officially opened the 78th City Council meeting of Evanston and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

	Alderman Fiske	Alderman Holmes
	Alderman Jean-Baptiste	Alderman Tendam
	Alderman Wynne	Alderman Grover
	Alderman Wilson	Alderman Rainey
A Quorum was present.		Alderman Burrus

PRESIDING: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

At 9:37 P.M. Mayor Tisdahl called to order the first meeting of the 78th City Council meeting of Evanston. All members were present.

Call of the Wards:

1st Ward Alderman Fiske she thanked the voters in the first ward for placing confidence in her to be here with her new colleagues. She then gave a description of the wards territory and the make up of the citizens. She said the voters wanted someone who would listen to them and be an advocate for them, and that is why she is here. She stated those who did or did not support her it is time to unit on behalf of the ward and the entire City working together we can make Evanston and even better place to live in.

2nd Ward Alderman Jean-Baptiste thanking the 2nd ward for the confidence they placed in him and he will continue to give the kind of service and attract the kind of service the City is paid to provide for the community. He will have the same kind of independent voice the same kind of advocacy for all, and to remind everyone that Evanston will be good for one person as for every other person.

3rd Ward Alderman Wynne wanted to thank the citizens from the 3rd Ward and she is eager to always hear from them by email, on the street, in the stores or wherever.

4th Ward Alderman Wilson wanted to thank the voters for allowing him to represent the 4th Ward on the Council, as well as thanking his family and supporters.

5th Ward Alderman Holmes said she will be the first one of the 78th City Council to say , Madam Mayor I have no report.

6th Ward Alderman Tendam wanted to thank his campaign chair, his local family and his partner for 19 years Neal Moglin. He explained the work that he is able to do is really work that Neal enables both of them to do, because he works for both of them and Neal is very much part of his civic duty.

7th Ward Alderman Grover thanked the outgoing Aldermen for their gracious service to the City and she's here because they inspired her. Also thanks to the new 78th Council who she looks forward to working with, to her neighbors in the 7th Ward and the people who said she could do it, and the leaders before her. She is truly here because of parents, and her husband and children who have supported her and allowed her to do the job of an Alderman.

8th Ward Alderman Rainey she just wanted to remind the people in the 8th Ward the reason they are called the Great 8th Ward is because of the people in the 8th Ward who are great themselves and she thanked them very much.

9th Ward Alderman Burrus said she was really humbled and thanked the people in the 9th Ward for entrusting their votes to her for her vision of better leadership and a brighter Evanston. She stated that everyone from the Council to the citizens to come together to obtain the prosperity we look for in Evanston. She also thanked former 9th Ward Aldermen as well as Mayor Morton. She thanked her son, mom, dad, brothers and sister and her adopted family.

Mayor Tisdahl wanted to thank all who voted for her and got her to the Mayor's position, this included the entire community, and she thinks this is a wonderful Council and a great group and they will do great things, so let's go party.

She then called Pat Vance the Township Supervisor to come forward to say a few words. Ms. Vance wanted to thank all the citizens of Evanston for the chance to serve a third time as the Township Supervisor.

Mayor Tisdahl mentioned a motion to adjourn and asked if there was a second, and Alderman Holmes seconded the motion. Mayor Tisdahl called for the voice vote and all were unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Rodney Greene
City Clerk

A DVD recording of this meeting has been made part of the Permanent Record and is available in the City Clerk's office.