



**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER  
Monday, July 27, 2009  
8:30 P.M.  
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**      Alderman Holmes      Alderman Fiske  
                    Alderman Tendam      Alderman Jean-Baptiste  
                    Alderman Grover      Alderman Wynne  
                    Alderman Rainey      Alderman Wilson  
                    Alderman Burrus

**Quorum was met with all Aldermen present at roll call.**

**Presiding:      Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl**

**Mayor Public Announcements**

**Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. The Mayor then commented on this being the last official meeting of Ms. Rolanda Russell, Interim City Manager. Ms. Russell had been the Interim since June of 2008, and has done a tremendous job under an emergency situation. The Mayor conveyed her gratitude for all of her wonderful work and that she will be missed by both the Council and the City. She stated she had taken five pages of notes from talking to Mayor Morton of the wonderful things she had to say about Ms. Russell. Mayor Tisdahl also mentioned how Ms. Russell took over and made the staff more cohesive, and they have over and over again expressed their appreciation of you to me. She mentioned how easy it is working with her, her wit and how extremely professional, and smart she is. She acknowledged that she is among the unsung heroes and heroines of Evanston. The Mayor then presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers from the City and the Council. After the presentation Ms. Russell received a rousing standing ovation from all who were there.**

**Ms. Russell then spoke by first saying she is a person of few words and keeping in tradition she would not say many words. When Mayor Tisdahl said we were going to end on time and since this is my last meeting we are going to get out and do just that. This has been a labor of love for me and she then thanked everyone.**

Mayor Tisdahl then mentioned some vacancies on various boards and commissions: the Plan Commission, Human Relations Committee, Police Pension, and the Fire Pension Board. She hoped that people would apply to serve, because this is an excellent way to become involved with the City government.

She then extended her sympathy to the family of Joan Francellno (Mother-In-Law of her secretary Ms. Darlene Francellno) whose funeral is on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the First Church of God Life Center 1524 Simpson.

**City Manager Public Announcements**

Ms. Russell called upon Mr. Gaynor, Director of Parks/Forestry/Recreation & Facility Management. Mr. Gaynor spoke about the Lake Shore Arts Festival this weekend from 11:00 until 5:00 p.m. in Dawes Park. There will be multiple varieties of art being presented by various artists. He then mentioned the record breaking number of persons who attended last week's Ethnic Fair, and are expecting similar numbers for this weekend as well.

**Communications: City Clerk**

No Announcements

**Citizen Comment:NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Charles Sheridan, 2331 Church Street spoke on City Revenue. He reminded the Council that the City has a large chunk of money that is due because of an agreement with the Sherman Plaza Developer. The Developer had promised the City they would hire local workers for the job, and if they didn't the Developer would pay the City \$350,000 in lieu of not hiring local workers. Mr. Sheridan believes this is a chunk of money the City could use, and the developer has not seen fit to pay what he owes. He strongly urges the City to give the Developer one more chance to pay, maybe ten working days and if he doesn't pay then do what you must because the City could use that money. Alderman Jean-Baptiste spoke up to invite Mr. Sheridan to the next M/W/EBE meeting so that he will get correct information. He told the gentleman that he would contact him and let him know when and where the next meeting would take place. Alderman Rainey then asked if the Council could receive the same information. She also directed the Council's attention to the memo that was to have been in the Friday packet from the CMO and that they should read it.

Jeff Smith, 2724 Harrison Street, is the President of the Central Street Neighbors Association and he began addressing the video gaming proposal. He stated that video gaming would be worse than the Tower. He then passed out a document to the Council members. He will be against the proposal as well as the Central Street Neighbors Association. The reason for being against the proposal is that a million dollars spent or a million dollars lost leaves nothing for the City to get taxes and loss of money to the store owners. Evanston needs a lot of things. A faster way to separate people from their pay checks is not one of them.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(ITEMS THAT DO NOT HAVE AN \* WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN ON THE CONSENT AGENDA). Consent Agenda was approved with the exception of the following:

**(P1) Ordinance 51-O-09 Granting a Special Use for a Child Day Care Center at 526 Davis Street in the D4 Downtown Transition Zoning District**

Consideration of ordinance 51-O-09 permitting a special use for a day care center at 526 Davis Street. ZBA recommends approval with conditions.

**For Action ;**

**(A8) Ordinance 42-O-09 Amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 10: Schedule X; Limited Parking of the Evanston City Code, Adding "11. Residential Exemption Parking District N."**

Consideration of proposed ordinance 42-O-09 amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 10: Schedule X; Limited parking of the Evanston City Code, adding "11. residential exemption parking District N."

**For Introduction ;**

**(A10) Ordinance 60-O-09 Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund**

Consideration of proposed ordinance 60-O-09 authorizing the City to borrow funds from the Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund. This ordinance will allow the City to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for two projects: the 2009 Water Main, Sewer and Street Improvements project and the Heated Intake System. \*\*Request temporary suspension of the rules to introduce and take action on the ordinance at the same meeting.

**For Introduction and Action**

**ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA (WILL HAVE AN \*)**

**MINUTES :**

**(M1)\* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 13, 2009**

**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS**

**(A1)\* City of Evanston Payroll through 07/19/09 \$2,551,304.30**

**(A2)\* City of Evanston Bills through 07/28/09 \$3,341,864.53**

- (A3.1)\***Approval of Library Streetscape Design Engineering Services to NHDKMP Architects to Facilitate Emergency Replacement of Library Streetscape**  
Approval of the contract for Library Streetscape Design Engineering Services to NHDKMP Architects (30 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$43,500 to facilitate the emergency replacement of the Library streetscape. This project is funded by the Washington TIF Funds.
- (A3.2)\***Approval of Contract for One Year Extension for Rock Salt**  
Recommend approval of a one year extension to contract with Morton Salt, Inc. (123 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL) for the purchase of up to 6,600 tons of rock salt at a cost of \$72.35 per ton for a total cost of \$477,510. Funding provided by the Streets & Sanitation Snow & Ice account and General Fund Contingency Account.
- (A3.3)\***Approval of Contract for the Evanston Water Utility SCADA System Phase III Engineering Services (RFQ 08-74)**  
Recommend approval of contract for the Evanston Water Utility Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Phase III Engineering Services with CDM (125 South Wacker Drive, Suite 600, Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$168,843. Funding provided by the Water Fund. The amount budgeted for the engineering and construction of the SCADA system is \$1,563,210. This item was held in committee on 6/22/09.
- (A3.4)\***Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-13) for the Evanston Art Center Coach House Building Exterior and Site Repairs Project**  
Recommend approval of lowest responsible and responsive bid (10-13) for the Evanston Art Center Coach House building exterior and site repairs to Continental Construction Company (1919 Greenwood St., Evanston, IL) in the amount of \$78,490. Funding provided the by Capital Improvement Program.
- (A3.5)\***Approval of Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bid (10-33) for Purchase of Transmissions**  
Recommend approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bids (10-33) for car and light truck transmissions to King Transmissions (Elmhurst, IL) in the amount of \$16,440 and for medium and heavy truck transmissions to Authorized Transmissions (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$43,125 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Total amount for both transmission bids is \$59,565. Funding provided by the Fleet Services Fund for Major Maintenance.
- (A3.6)\***Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-38) for the 2009 Block Curb & Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Replacement Program**  
Approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid (10-38) for 2009 Block Curb & Sidewalk Replacement and ADA Ramp Program in the amount of \$226,427 from Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. (7307 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, IL). This project is funded by CIP Funds (\$176,427) & CDBG Funds (\$50,000). The budgeted amount is \$250,000.

**(A3.7)\*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-39) for the 2009 Parking Lots Improvement Project**

Approval of lowest responsible and responsive bid for the 2009 Parking Lot Improvement Project in the amount of \$67,997.12 from American Asphalt Company (16W050 Jeans Road, Lemont, IL). This project is funded by the Parking Fund. The budgeted amount is \$90,000.

**(A3.8)\*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-40) for the 2009 Water Main, Sewer and Street Improvement Contract**

Recommend award of the lowest, responsive, and responsible bid (10-40) for the 2009 Water Main, Sewer and Street Improvement Contract to Trine Construction Corporation (27W364 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$1,795,400.00, contingent upon receiving appropriate funding from the IEPA revolving loan fund. It is anticipated that the IEPA will fund \$1,107,364 of the project under the loan. Funding for the remaining portion of the project (estimated at \$688,036) will be provided from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$18,869.70 and the CIP Fund in the amount of \$669,166.30.

**(A3.9)\*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-44) for the 2009 Special Assessment Alley Paving Program**

Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid for the 2009 Special Assessment Alley Paving Program to Acura Inc. (556 County Line Road, Bensenville, IL) in the amount of \$627,357. Funding is provided by the Special Assessment Fund. The budgeted amount is \$1,700,000.

**(A3.10)\*Approval of Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bid (10-48) for the Printing and Mail Preparation of Four (4) Issues of *Arts and Recreation* Magazine on Recycled Paper**

Recommend approval of the lowest responsible and responsive bid for a one-year contract (4 issues) for printing and mail preparation of the quarterly *Arts and Recreation* magazine on recycled paper from Ripon Printers (656 S. Douglas St., Ripon, WI) in the amount of \$66,354. Funding is provided by the Parks/Forestry, Recreation and Facilities Management Department's Communications and Marketing Services business unit.

**(A3.11)\*Approval of Pre-Purchase and Reassignment of HVAC Equipment for the Fire Station #2 Air Handler and Condenser Replacement Project**

Recommend approval of the single source pre-purchase and re-assignment of HVAC equipment for the HVAC upgrade project at Fire Station #2 from TEC Mungo (17725 Volbrecht Road Lansing, IL) in the amount of \$34,063.91. Funding to be provided from CIP.

**(A3.12)\* Approval of Sole Source Purchase of Arbotect Fungicide for the Elm Tree Injection Program**

Recommend approval of the sole source purchase of 108 gallons of Arbotect fungicide at \$375.00 per gallon for a total purchase amount of \$40,500.00 from Rainbow Tree Care Scientific Advancements (Minneapolis, MN). Funding for this contract is provided by the 2009-2010 General Fund budget.

**(A4)\* Resolution 58-R-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan Documents**

Consideration of proposed resolution 58-R-09 authorizing the City Manager to execute Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan Documents. For water and wastewater infrastructure projects, funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009 is funneled through the existing State Revolving Fund loan programs administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). An existing resolution, 7-R-91, allows the city manager to execute loan documents for wastewater projects only. This resolution, 58-R-09, will allow the city manager to execute loan documents for drinking water projects in addition to wastewater projects.

**For Action**

**(A5)\* Resolution 59-R-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement between the City of Evanston and Hubertus von der Goltz for Public Art at the Maple Street Garage**

Consideration of resolution 59-R-09 authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Evanston and Hubertus von der Goltz for Public Art at the Maple Avenue Garage. Funding not to exceed \$105, 000 provided by Downtown TIF that includes the Maple Avenue Garage.

**For Action**

**(A6)\* Resolution 61-R-09, Series 1999 Supplemental Tax Year 2008 Abatement**

Consideration of resolution 61-R-09 tax year 2008 supplemental abatement for bond issue series 1999.

**For Action**

**(A7)\* Resolution 62-R-09, Series 2008D Annual Tax Year 2008 Abatement**

Consideration of resolution 62-R-09 tax year 2008 abatement for bond issue series 2008D.

**For Action**

**(A9)\* Ordinance 58-O-09 Amending the Evanston City Code Title 3, "Business Regulation," Chapter 29, "Real Estate Transfer Tax," Section 19, Payment of Obligations**

Consideration of proposed ordinance 58-O-09 amending the Evanston City Code Title 3, "Business Regulation," Chapter 29, "Real Estate Transfer Tax," Section 19, regarding payment of obligations and liens.

**For Introduction**

**(A11)\* Ordinance 61-O-09 Decrease in the Number of Class R Liquor Licenses, Taylor Street**

Consideration of proposed ordinance 61-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6(R) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class R liquor licenses from 1 to 0 due to the liquor license expiration of Harlow LLC, dba Taylor Street (2916 Central Street, Evanston, IL).

**For Introduction**

**(A12)\* Ordinance 57-O-09 Decrease in the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses, Le Petit Amelia Bistro and Wine Bar**

Consideration of proposed ordinance 57-O-09 amending Section 3-5-6(B) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class B liquor licenses from 16 to 15 due to the liquor license expiration of La Petit Amelia Bistro and Wine Bar, LLC dba Amelia Bistro and Wine Bar (619 Church Street, Evanston, IL).

**For Action**

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**(P2)\* Ordinance 63-O-09 Granting a Major Variation and Amending a Special Use for a Religious Institution with Accessory Parking Located at 1825 Dodge Avenue (Seventh Day Adventist Church) in the R4 Residential District**

Consideration of ordinance 63-O-09 amending the special use permit and variations at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1825 Dodge Avenue due to the acquisition of additional lots and proposed addition. ZBA recommends approval of amendment but denial of the front yard setback variance.

**For Introduction**

The following 8 items (P3 through P10) propose minor text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

**(P3)\* Ordinance 43-O-09 Amending the Text of Subsection 6-9-5-7(H) of the Zoning Ordinance, "Yard Requirements" for the B1a Business District**

Consideration of ordinance 43-O-09 amending the text of Subsection 6-9-5-7 (H) of the Zoning Ordinance, "Yard Requirements" for the B1a Business District. This amendment corrects an error in the yard requirements regulations.

**For Introduction**

**(P4)\* Ordinance 44-O-09 Amending the Sections of the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Office Uses in Residential Districts**

Consideration of ordinance 44-O-09 amending sections of the Zoning Ordinance relating to office uses in residential districts. This amendment moves an important section regarding conditions for office uses in residential districts into Chapter 8, "Residential Districts."

**For Introduction**

- (P5)\* **Ordinance 45-O-09 Amending the Text of Section 6-16-2 and Table 16-B of the Zoning Ordinance, “General Off-Street Parking Requirements”**  
Consideration of ordinance 45-O-09 amending the text of Section 6-16-2 and Table 16-B of the Zoning Ordinance, “General Off-Street Parking Requirements.” This amendment reformats a critical table of parking requirements to be more identifiable and useful.  
**For Introduction**
- (P6)\* **Ordinance 46-O-09 Amending the Text of Subsection 6-3-8-3 (A) of the Zoning Ordinance, “Minor Variations”**  
Consideration of ordinance 46-O-09 amending the text of Subsection 6-3-8-3 (A) of the Zoning Ordinance, “Minor Variations.” This amendment removes an unnecessary variance for lot depth from the list of eligible minor variances.  
**For Introduction**
- (P7)\* **Ordinance 47-O-09 Amending the Text of Subsection 6-1-2 (H) of the Zoning Ordinance, “Purpose and Intent”**  
Consideration of ordinance 47-O-09 amending the text of Subsection 6-1-2 (H) of the Zoning Ordinance, “Purpose and Intent.” This amendment corrects a grammatical error.  
**For Introduction**
- (P8)\* **Ordinance 48-O-09 Amending the Text of Subsection 6-15-1-8 of the Zoning Ordinance, “Historic Preservation”**  
Consideration of ordinance 48-O-09 amending the text of Subsection 6-15-1-8 of the Zoning Ordinance, “Historic Preservation.” This amendment fixes an incorrect cross-reference.  
**For Introduction**
- (P9)\* **Ordinance 49-O-09 Amending the Definition of “Rooming House” in Section 6-18-3 of the Zoning Ordinance**  
Consideration of ordinance 49-O-09 amending the definition of “Rooming House” in Section 6-18-3 of the Zoning Ordinance. This amendment brings the zoning definition of “Rooming House” into conformity with that used by Property Standards.  
**For Introduction**
- (P10)\* **Ordinance 50-O-09 Re-Titling Subsection of the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Access to On-Site Parking in Residential Districts**  
Consideration of ordinance 50-O-09 re-titling Subsection of the Zoning Ordinance relating to access to on-site parking in residential districts. This amendment re-titles a critical section of regulations to be more reflective of the content.  
**For Introduction**



**(P11) Ordinance 62-O-09 Amending the Special Use for a Sheltered Care Home/Skilled Care Home Located at 2520 Gross Point Road in the C2 Commercial Zoning District Granted and Amended by Ordinances 147-O-89 and 29-O-96.**

Consideration of a request by Alden Estates of Evanston to amend the conditions of the special use permit to allow a change from 42 skilled care beds and 57 sheltered care beds to 52 skilled care beds and 47 sheltered care beds.

**For Introduction**

**(P12)\* Ordinance 59-O-09 Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant (“Fruit Chill”) at 1223 Chicago Avenue**

Consideration of ordinance 59-O-09 permitting a Special Use for “Fruit Chill” restaurant at 1223 Chicago Avenue in B1 zone. ZBA recommends approval with condition regarding litter plan.

**For Action**

Alderman Jean-Baptiste motioned for the approval of the consent agenda, and seconded by Alderman Wynne. Roll Call: (9 – 0) agenda approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**(A8) Ordinance 42-O-09 Amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 10: Schedule X; Limited Parking of the Evanston City Code, Adding “11. Residential Exemption Parking District N.”**

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**For Introduction**

Alderman Holmes asked that the rules be suspended, seconded by Alderman Wynne. Roll Call: (9 – 0) rule suspension passed.

Alderman Holmes motioned for approval, and it was seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste. Roll Call: (9 – 0)

**(A10) Ordinance 60-O-09 Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Revolving Loan Fund**

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funding for two projects: the 2009 Water Main, Sewer and Street Improvements project and the Heated Intake System. \*\*Request temporary suspension of the rules to introduce and take action on the ordinance at the same meeting.

**For Introduction and Action**

Alderman Rainey motioned to suspend the rules to move for adoption, seconded by Alderman Grover. Roll Call: (9 – 0) motion passes.

Alderman Rainey then motioned for adoption of the Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Tendam.

Roll Call: ( 9 – 0) motion passed.

**(P1) Ordinance 51-O-09 Granting a Special Use for a Child Day Care Center at 526 Davis Street in the D4 Downtown Transition Zoning District**

**Consideration of ordinance 51-O-09 permitting a special use for a day care center at 526 Davis Street. ZBA recommends approval with conditions.**

**For Action**

Alderman Wynne moved approval, seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste. Alderman Fiske then spoke to recommend approval with the following restrictions. She mentioned that eight parking spaces to the rear of the facilities will be dedicated for the use of the parents, who will be dropping off and picking up their children. All drop off and pickups will be through the alley. DCFS will license the number of children allowed in the building. DCFS will be coming unannounced to make sure the license is being kept up. She wanted to make sure those items were included in the Ordinance. Alderman Rainey wanted to ask Mr. Dunkley if they were already in the Ordinance. Mr. Dunkley stated the drop off and pickup items were not in the Ordinance. The second is in the Ordinance but not explicitly that the applicant be required to abide by all applicable regulations. Alderman Rainey then asked if there was a letter from the adjacent property owner allowing for the parking. Is that right? Mr. Dunkley responded yes there is.

Mayor Tisdahl then asked Alderman Fiske for clarification on the amendments she was requesting. Alderman Fiske responded yes, so as to reflect the restrictions of eight dedicated parking spaces, and a direct access to and from the back. Mayor Tisdahl then asked Alderman Wynne if the restrictions were in line with her motion. Alderman Wynne then asked staff if there was anything they needed to do. Mr. Ken Cox stated drafting amendments is nothing new however it has to be a specific motion from an Alderman to how it must read. Alderman Wilson stated he was satisfied the way the Ordinance was drafted, and that the applicant had to be in compliance with all applicable requirements including DCFS. There also could be fines assessed if not found in compliance. Alderman Rainey said we could put every restrictive in here, but if we do not inform the parents where they have to park, and how and when they have to park any rule we make is going to be a waste of time. So she would recommend an amendment to the Ordinance that the parents be directed by a letter with a threat of expulsion if not following the rules and regulations. Alderman Jean-Baptiste seconded Alderman Rainey's motion. Alderman Wynne then suggested that Alderman Fiske ask the parking enforcement officer to spend some time on that block in the first two weeks of opening. A week of getting tickets will cure any failures to abide by the rules. Alderman Wilson felt we did not need to build that in the Ordinance and there is a provision for non-compliance. So if the center doesn't tell the parents then the center will face potentially hefty fines. Mr. Cox stated since the Ordinance states the applicant must comply not only to the text of the Ordinance, but also to the representations made to the committee and Council. So long as these particular recommendations are thoroughly documented in the minutes of tonight's meeting, he believes it should provide ample opportunity to enforce these provisions. Alderman Fiske stated if that's the case then it was acceptable by her. Alderman Wynne moved that they provide a new section 4A that states upon the opening of this facility the applicant will instruct all who come to her facility that double parking, and using the street in an illegal manner is prohibited. The applicant agrees that she will place into the enrollment agreement a directive pointing out to parents that parking illegally on Davis Street at anytime is prohibited. The motion was seconded by

Alderman Jean-Baptiste. Alderman Wilson asked if we could pass this tonight, and the answer was yes. Mr. Cox stated that since Alderman Wynne's motion was so specific we can incorporate that into the Ordinance if this is adopted. A Voice Vote was a unanimous Ayes, and the amendment passed. Alderman Wynne then moved the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Alderman Wilson. Roll Call: (9 – 0) motion passes.

## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **No Report**

#### **Call of the Wards:**

**Ward 5:** Alderman Holmes gave praises to Ms. Russell for her class act while she was the Interim City Manager. She then invited all to come out on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the corner of GreenBay, Noyes, and Ashland to celebrate the new art work that is there, followed by a concert in Twiggs Park at 7:30 p.m. At 5:30 p.m they will be going over to the Lighthouse Loft for a little refreshment and then proceed to Twiggs for the concert. Family Focus Gospel Fest is this Saturday 8/1/2009 held at Family Focus 1-4 p.m. The National Night Out will be on 8/4/2009 at Church & Dodge at 7:30 p.m. She also extended her condolences to the Francellno, Howard, Walker, and to the Wallis families for their loss.

**Ward 6:** Alderman Tendam needed to thank Ms. Russell for her leadership and pointed out that as a newcomer to the Council, she was quick to help out with anything he needed. He then spoke of the thefts that have escalated in his ward, and suggested that everyone take extra caution with their possessions.

**Ward 7:** Alderman Grover said she had no report, but she had a hearty thank you to Ms. Russell for the education she received from her in large and small ways as a Councilman.

**Ward 8:** Alderman Rainey called Ms. Russell as a healer for the Council and the City and everyone knows that and appreciative for what you have done. On July 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special meeting to discuss the \$40,000,000 in stimulus awards the City has applied for at the Police Outpost (633 Howard Street). Also she announced the possibility of obtaining new bus shelters in your ward please contact her and she'll set up the meeting and will inform everyone. She also wanted to send her respects to Dar and her family

**Ward 9:** Alderman Burrus she thanked Ms. Russell for teaching them the last four months, and commended her on her grace under a lot of stressful situations. There will be a Town Meeting in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Levy Center.

**Ward 1:** Alderman Fiske started off with her condolences to Dar and her family. She welcomed Lori Kiser to her ward and neighborhood. She also remarked that she probably sent Ms. Russell more emails than anyone from Council. She exclaimed she had been fabulous and that she has her admiration and respect always.

**Ward 2:** Alderman Jean-Baptiste he too extended his condolences to the family of Gus Howard who passed on Saturday. He was his neighbor for many years with three lovely

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daughters, and condolences to the Francellno family. He also directed information to Mr. Sheridan concerning processes that he can go through to address some of the issues he has. Finally he said to Ms. Russell that he has felt real comfortable with her, because of her style and because she looks like his family. He too said she was a healer for the City and Council and then congratulated her for the future and wished her good luck.

Ward 3: Alderman Wynne also offered her condolences to the Francellno family. She then thanked the Interim City Manager, to call her an Interim City Manager does not adequately describe what she has done for us. She mentioned how they were all frantic last year when they were without a pilot for the City. The question was asked among the members, "Do you know how to fly a plane?", and no one came forward. Then we realized that we had a real fighter pilot in our midst, and when she (Ms. Russell) took over Alderman Wynne said she slept better. It was your tremendous professionalism, your calm, your ability to think through problems, and present us with a path. Also giving us a lot of confidence in how our City staff and City would move forward. She can't tell how grateful all of us are and what a critical person you've been to this City which many will never know, but we on the Council do know. She finally said how they will always have fond thoughts and memories of her time here and wished her the best.

Ward 4: Alderman Wilson he too offered his condolences to the Francellno family. He then said what else can he say when everything has been said, but he wanted to echo the sentiments of his fellow Council members. He's new here but he arrived to a steady ship and everything he has seen her done is an outstanding job, and he hasn't fought with her in her Interim capacity at all. He also stated she has left everything in good shape for her successor and they really appreciate that. He then invited people out to the opening night dedication of the Muriel between the Main Street CTA station and Metra station just off of Main Street. There will be food, music and he believes that the Mayor will be stopping by on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. The Mayor responded she would be there.

Ms. Russell then wanted to thank all for the kind words. She really felt blessed living here in Evanston, beautiful City incredible people, and she is leaving us with an absolutely dedicated, smart staff and Walley's job will be very easy. This is one of the most patient City Councils she had ever worked with, so the City is also fortunate to have all of you, so thank you.

Mayor Tisdahl spoke and said we'll still miss you. Since all business was completed and no executive session, a motion for adjournment was called for. Roll Call: (9 – 0) the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rodney Greene  
City Clerk

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CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 1200