

November 16, 2009



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL – PRESENT:

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

Mayor Tisdahl read her letter explaining the reason for the calling of the special Council meeting. She also mentioned the December 3rd meeting from 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center concerning improvement on the CTA Purple Line.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tisdahl

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Metz 2125 Sherman Avenue spoke on the concerns of the Robert Crown Center and urged the Council to move forward on the proposal. The forward motion will not be able until the City takes the leadership position on the project.

Katie Staleep 144 Greenwood Street spoke on the Lakefront Plan. She also spoke of her concerns of the parking ban, and the reason for changing does not exist any more as they did in the past.

Elliot Zashin who resides at 715 Asbury Avenue, spoke on the issue of a greener Evanston through the Citizens for a Greener Evanston. He was stated he was disappointed that other

Businesses and organizations were not involved.

Lynne Mapes-Riordces 1433 Judson stated she has lived here for the past ten years. She stated the reason she stays here in Evanston is because of the Lakefront. She also spoke on the parking ban and she hoped the Council would not make any changes.

Francis Cicero 222 Lake Street handed out a green handout to the Council which explained his concerns.

David Reynolds 204 Davis Street spoke on the Lake-Front Plan and the impact it will have on the residents.

Junad Rizki 2769 Ridge spoke on all of the agenda items, and he suggested that all the structural problems that exist should be taken care of immediately including the Civic Center's roof.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz stated he had three goals to discuss starting with the Climate Action Plan. He asked Carolyn Callopy, Sustainability Coordinator to make her presentation.

GOAL DISCUSSION: "CLIMATE ACTION PLAN"

Ms. Callopy stated it was one year ago that the Council accepted the Climate Action Plan, and she continued to give an update on how the plan has progressed since that time. At the conclusion of her presentation she urged the Council to move ahead and accept the Climate Plan now because it will take at least ten to fifteen years to get up and running. After answering the questions from the Aldermen, Mr. Bobkiewicz commented on how there were a lot of issues on the plate of Ms. Callopy. As a result he stated he had divided some of her assignments to interns and staff to answer some of those issues. He also stated there is a team of Northwestern students who will be interning and working especially on issues related to the Climate Action Plan, and he also is trying to obtain community participation as well.

GOAL DISCUSSION: "LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT"

Mr. Doug Gaynor, Director of Parks/Forestry/Recreation & Facilities Management gave an update on the progress of the plan. Mr. Gaynor proceeded to give a monetary breakdown of the costs for all of the projects under the Lakefront Development Plan the dates of completion and the dates to start others. After each Alderman had given their insights about what they expected to happen in the Lakefront Development Plan the decision was to allow the City Manager to go forward looking at options and later bring back a final report to the Council.

GOAL DISCUSSION: "ROBERT CROWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS"

Mr. Gaynor continued with his second presentation where he gave a history of the center as being constructed in 1974, or approximately thirty-five years ago for a cost of \$2,557,697.00.

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Once Mr. Gaynor completed his presentation he had three recommendations: 1) Immediate partial improvements, 2) Complete Renovation, or 3) New Construction. It was stated by the City Manager to choose recommendation #2 (Complete Renovation).

Upon the completion of the City Manager's final statements Mayor Tisdahl asked for a motion to adjourn, it was moved and seconded. Roll call was taken with the result of 9 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Greene
City Clerk

A CD recording of this meeting will be available in the City Clerk's office for a short time.