

OBSERVER REPORT
ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
March 10, 2008

Council or Committee: A&PW

Date: 3/10/08

Observer: Sue Brenner

Aldermen Absent/Present: Jean-Baptiste, Holmes, Rainey, Hansen

Staff Present: Staff representatives from most departments

Media Present: Evanston Review

Citizens Present: Representatives from Chili's(wanted liquor license); Fire and Police Pension Board

Meeting Began: 5:42 PM

Meeting Ended: 6:56 PM

Significant Discussion, Action Taken:

Minutes Approved

All items on the agenda were approved for the consent agenda except two items. The bills were approved with several questions about the bills. Other items included resurfacing projects, sewer projects, Green Bay Road landscaping, a lease to the USPS for parking in the Maple St. Parking Garage, and approval of a Class B liquor license to Chili's and a reduction of Class C Liquor licenses by one due to the expiration of Café Luciano's license. A&PW also approved an increase of 208,835 for Fountain Square Rehabilitation.

Items Held in Committee:

A4.1: Change Order #1 Downtown Planning Consulting Services

A&PW was uncomfortable adding money to contract for the Downtown Plan consulting company. They felt the current contract might cover those expenses. They asked for a copy of the original contract.

A9: Resolution on Pension Benefit Improvements and Pension Reform (to the Illinois House and Senate) to stop making costly benefit improvements and adopt reforms that protect police and fire pensions. There was much discussion about this and a rep from both the pension and fire board spoke against it. The [redacted] nts explaining and promoting the resolution from the Illinois Municipal Conference was inflammatory and contained a derisive cartoon. (Alderman Jean-Baptiste spoke out against the cartoon at the beginning of the meeting). There was also disagreement about the numbers in the report and how they were determined. Additional information was requested.