

**Observer Report**  
**Administration and Public Works Committee**  
**June 25, 2007**

**Observer:** Sue Brenner

**Aldermen Absent/Present:** All Present

**Staff Present:** Staff representatives from most departments

**Media Present:** Evanston RoundTable

**Citizens Present:** Sue Carlson

**Meeting Began:** 5:35 PM

**Meeting Ended:** 6:35 PM

**Significant Discussion, Action Taken:**

Minutes Approved

All items on the agenda were approved for the consent agenda. The bills were approved with money for a lightning warning system at James Park. Other items included contracts for Leadership Training with AZ consultants and Alea Associates for modules including change readiness, strategic thinking, and business procedures strands as well as train the trainer model. Also they are putting together a "legacy team" to cull the knowledge of long time staff who are leaving under early retirement, approval of contracts for Phase II and III for engineering services for Twiggs Park Expansion and the Bike Path Reconstruction project. Also on the Consent Agenda approved by A&PW was resolution for local agency agreements for federal participation with IDOT for the bike path and Twiggs Park as well as a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the CIP fund to cover costs for renovation of the animal shelter and construction of fire station #5. Also included was an ordinance to authorize an easement agreement with the Mather and the Georgian for construction of a tunnel and porte cochere within the public right of way off Davis. This means Davis will be closed for 6 months.

**Items of interest:**

After much discussion and Ald. Rainey's comment that we would have to rename Fountain Square "Planter's Square", the committee voted to recommend TIF funds in the amount of 224,00 to repair Fountain Square. The other idea was to turn the fountains into planters. Also, there was a 3-2 vote to send on the lowest responsive bid for CIP Programs for street renovation. The firm to do this work had big problems last year in Alderman Rainey's ward. She was against them getting more business. Staff said they have worked out problems. It barely passed with the 8<sup>th</sup> wards projects (only 10%) of project being shifted to another company doing work with the city. Also, there was a slide show showing why we need to consider an ordinance to enforce the current storm water control regulations and place these in the city code.