

**Observer Report  
City Council  
January 28, 2008**

BOTH THE CENTRAL STREET MASTER PLAN AND THE LAKEFRONT MASTER PLAN WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND LOTS OF CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE PLANNING PROCESS WERE EXPRESSED. SINCE MOST OF THE SIGNIFICANT MATTERS ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S AGENDA HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED AT P&D, THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THOSE MATTERS AND THE MEETING WAS RELATIVELY SHORT. ---B Putta, Observer

City Council Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2008 scheduled for 8:30PM

Meeting Began after 9:00PM

All Aldermen Present, plus Mayor Morton, City Manager Carroll and City Clerk Morris

I. Mayor Public Announcements: Mayor Morton announced that the City won a national recycling award of \$5000. Doug Gaynor of Parks/Rec announced the unfortunate news that ash borer beetle infestation has been discovered in 73 trees in Lovelace Park (most on parkway) and that those trees and similarly infected trees in the northwest Evanston neighborhood must be removed. Doug Gaynor also announced the recipients of community service awards: Cherry Family Foundation (funding of recreational programs), Cutter Family (Noah's Playground (accessible for all children) at Lighthouse Park) and David Hodgman (long-time chair of Parks/Rec Board)

V. Citizen Comment: Ken Bailey on Central Street Plan - criticism of transparency and timing of special use for National Louis' PACE dormitory project on Central Street (see below); Junud Rizad - support for saving elm tree inoculation program from budget cuts; Mark Metz from Parks Commission - praise of Lakefront Master Plan and planning process; Jeff Smith of Central Street Neighbors - praise for Central Street Plan with baby step to form-based code, bike-friendly, economic development for small business, multi-modal transport, and special thanks to City staff for work of cooperative and collaborative process; Suzanne Newman - save the North Branch Library; Fred Hunter of Haven Middle School - request for staff and programs for Mason Park Fieldhouse.

VI. Consent Agenda

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS

(A1) Approval of City of Evanston Payroll through 01/24/08 \$2,433,198.45

(A2) Approval of City of Evanston Bills through 01/29/08 \$3,159,810.94

(A3.1) Approval that Evanston Township High School District 202 be selected as the subject artwork for the 2009 vehicle Sticker as part of the District's 125th year celebration.

(A4) Resolution 8-R-08 Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact of Metropolitan Chicago

(A5) Ordinance 11-O-08 Increase in Number of Class C Liquor Licenses from twenty-four to twenty-five due to the opening of P-County, Inc. doing business as Wild Geese, 1245 Chicago Ave, Evanston, IL)

(A6) Ordinance 1-O-08 Increase in Number of Class D Liquor Licenses from twenty-four to twenty-five due to the opening of S.F.W.H., Inc. doing business as Wingstop (2434 Main Street, Suite F, Evanston, IL)

(A7) Ordinance 2-O-08 Amendment to the City Code Title 7, Chapter 12, "City Waterworks System" to

ensure a more cohesive document, establish consistent standards and set fair and equitable charges or services.

(A8) Ordinance 10-O-08 for Four-Way Stop at Michigan Avenue and Kedzie Street

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

(P1) Ordinance 5-O-08 Central Street Implementation ? Approval of Text Amendment

(P2) Ordinance 6-O-08 Central Street Implementation ? Approval of Map Amendment

P1 AND P2 WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE ADDITION OF DORMITORIES AND CLASSROOMS TO ONE AREA OF CENTRAL STREET MASTER PLAN AS SPECIAL USE. [SEE RUTH SINGER'S REPORT ON P&D FOR DETAILS]

(P3) Consideration of the request from Econ Development Corporation for a \$300,000 HOME grant for 3 affordable ownership units in a 5-unit condo conversion at 241 Callan Avenue. The Housing Commission recommends funding of \$250,000. NO ACTION -- ON HOLD. [SEE RUTH SINGER'S REPORT ON P&D FOR DETAILS]

(P6) Resolution 7-R-08 Lake Front Master Plan . APPROVAL OF THE LAKE FRONT MASTER PLAN.

(P7) Ordinance 109-O-07 45-Day Extension of the Downtown Moratorium. COUNCIL VOTED 6-3 TO EXTEND MORATORIUM TO MARCH 13, 2008.

#### HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

(H1) Engagement of Virchow Krause to Conduct a Review of the Township Assessor's Office. The estimated project fee is \$7,500 to \$9,000.

(H2) Engagement of Virchow Krause to Conduct the Evanston Township Annual Audit. The estimated fee for this engagement is \$18,500 for the audit and \$2,000 for the Risk Assessment Standard implementation.

#### OTHER COMMITTEES

(O1) Ordinance 7-O-08 Amendment No. 1 to the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the West Evanston TIF.

(O2) Ordinance 8-O-08 Redesignating the West Evanston TIF

(O3) Ordinance 9-O-08 Confirming Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the expanded West Evanston TIF.

THESE ORDINANCES EXPAND THE WEST EVANSTON TIF.

VIII. Call of the Wards: Ald Rainey applauded citizens from her ward who appeared in court during the trial of a basement burglar, and she criticized the *Daily Northwestern* for belittling their efforts to demonstrate neighborhood solidarity against crime. Ald Wollin reported an error in the *Evanston Review* regarding rerouting of Sheridan Road, which is not part of the Lakefront Master Plan.