

**Observer Report  
Administration and Public Works  
February 25, 2008**

**Observer:** Judith Rosenthal

**Aldermen Present:** Wollin, Jean.Baptiste(chair), Holmes, Rainey, Hansen

**Staff present:** Several department heads, Judy Aiello, Julia Carroll, members of Legal Department

**Citizens:** Gerald Gordon, Alderman Bernstein

**Media:** Roundtable, Evanston review, NU Daily

**Meeting began:** 5:40pm      **Meeting adjourned:** 6:45pm

**Agenda:** Bills and Payroll approved. Increase in taxi fares and parking meter fees (.25 per 20min.) approved.

It was reported that the city had received a new shipment of salt (only enough for hills & curves). Items for discussion included:

The granting of temporary liquor license for Chili's grill was questioned by Alderman Rainey who again faulted the responsible Dep't for submitting incomplete information to the committee. They will provide more a more complete application for approval at the next meeting.

Item A20 .called for the approval of a steep increase (from \$91,357,862 to\$2,087,500) for fiscal year 2007-2008, from the General Fund . City Manager Julia Carroll explained (to the rather outraged committee) that the city had not allowed sufficient funds for retirement benefits for those who availed themselves of the early retirement package, and those taking their regular retirement. Resolution was approved.

Other items scheduled for discussion were the Recycling Center, One-Day Liquor licenses, and Fire Department Recruiting / Hiring Report. These items were postponed to the next meeting due to lateness of hour.