

**ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC WORKS OBSERVER REPORT**  
**March 12, 2007**

**Observer:** Betty Papangelis

**Alderman Present:** Delores Holmes, Chair, Jean-Baptiste, Anjana Hansen; Absent Ann Rainey, Cheryl Wolin.

**Staff Present:** Judy Aiello, Deputy City Manager, Staff from the Managers Office, Finance Director, Dave Jennings, etc.

**Media Present:** Bill Smith of the RoundTable, Bob Seidenburg of The EvanstonReview.

**Citizens Present:** 5 or 6 Citizens.

**Meeting Began:** 5:30 p.m.      **Meeting ended:** 6:45 p.m.

**Significant Discussion:**

Approval of a contract to Scott Balice Strategies, who will provide financial advise to the City for a period of 3 years, at a fee of \$1.00 per bond (this separates two tasks: Advise and sale of bonds that was formally done by one company.)

Four Police cars were approved, for purchase, at a total of \$105,397.

Approval was given to reimburse the capital improvement program 2007-8 expenditures with proceeds of obligation bonds (not to exceed \$ 12,000,000.

There were 3 Ordinances presented for paving of special assessment alleys. 2 were passed – A staff member from Northwestern thanked the Committee for the cooperation with the University in the paving of the alley north of Clark Street, East of Chicago Avenue.

The third alley is north of Noyes Street, east of the CTA Tracks. Two citizens spoke to this issue. One spoke so softly it was hard to hear her. She had several issues: She had written her concerns in a letter to the Local Board of Improvements and felt she had not been properly answered. She said there were duplicate names on the petition, the project was misrepresented and people were pressured into signing. There was not 51% approval at the time of the neighborhood meeting, and a tree on her property was scheduled to be taken down, etc.etc. Much back and forth, accusations, explanations. Finally Dave Jennings stood up, with three of his staff (a quorum of The Local Improvement Committee) and addressed all the complaints, explaining that all the questions had been answered at the Citizens Meetings: Duplication of names had been thoroughly investigated; 57% of the citizens were in favor of the alley paving, and the tree in question was 70% on citizens land, and 30% on City property, and was determined to be unhealthy by the Park and Forestry Department. The A & P W Committee determined that the paving should continue, and the staff should put in writing, the answers to the questions raised and send them to the citizens involved.

**Case closed.**

Ordinance to add a new liquor class Z, to allow wine/beer tasting on the premises of a cooking school, education wine school or educational wine class, was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.