

Administration and Public Works Committee
March 26, 2007

Observer: Sue Brenner

Aldermen Absent/Present: All Present (Hansen, 8 minutes late; Jean-Baptiste, 10 minutes late)

Staff Present: Staff representatives from most departments

Media Present: Evanston Review, Evanston Roundtable

Citizens Present: approximately 25 due to the Noyes Ct. alley paving issue

Meeting Began: 5:30 PM

Meeting Ended: 6:35 PM

Significant Discussion, Action Taken:

Minutes Approved

All items on the agenda concerning were approved for the consent agenda.

Discussion Items:

Items included approval so sole source purchase of aerial photography, approval of bid for Visu-Sewer Clean and Seal , Inc, approval of bidder for construction of the Perry Park Renovation (1700 Howland Ct), Approval of joint contract between City and EVMARK with the Brickman Group for enhanced landscaping and maintenance services of the Central Business District, approval of contract for material testing services with Great Lakes Soils and Environment Consultants, Inc, and approval of the 2007 Special Event permit application.

Resolutions approved included: a resolution for Ground and Maintenance lease with Family Focus, resolution to allow the city manager to sign the Playskool “Win a Boundless Playground” contract as part of Noah’s Playground for Everyone project, and a resolution to approve changes to the 2007 Street Resurfacing Program.

Ordinances approved for consent agenda included: an ordinance proposing the extension and expansion of Special Service Area #4 for 12 years, four months and 18 days through December 2019 and providing for a public hearing on April 23, 2007. This ordinance was rewritten and only includes businesses not condominium owners. There is also a reduction in the rate. Also approved was the special assessment for alley 1489 north of Noyes Street to pave this alley. Most of the people in the audience were in favor of paving the alley. Two spoke against. One person spoke for twenty minutes and had also spoken at a previous meeting on the 12th of March when this was held over due to Alderman Wollin’s absence. The argument against the paving seemed to center around a tree on one condo’s property that the city was going to cut down. When it was determined it was mostly on the condo property they decided to let the condo association decide if the tree stayed or was cut. The speaker was against both those options as well as many other things. After a fair hearing of her argument they voted unanimously to put it on the consent agenda.