

Observer's Report
Administration and Public Works

Council or Committee: A&PW

Date: 5/12/2008

Observer: Sue Brenner

Aldermen Absent/Present: Present: Wollin, Jean-Baptiste, Holmes, Rainey

Absent: Hansen

Staff Present: Staff representatives from most departments

Media Present: Evanston Roundtable; Evanston Review; Daily Northwestern

Citizens Present: Owner of Ruby of Siam

Meeting Began: 5:40 PM

Meeting Ended: 6:40 PM

Significant Discussion, Action Taken:

Minutes Approved

The bills were approved with only a few questions. All items on the agenda were approved for the consent agenda. Items included approval of police radio agreement with Motorola, renewal of software license agreement for the Police Department's computer aided Dispatch System, and funding approval of the 2008 Summer Policing Plan. An interesting item was the reduction in liquor licenses by 1 because Ruby of Siam's license expired. It expired because the new owner of this restaurant is not a citizen of the US and our ordinance requires you to be a citizen to have a license. Staff is going to review our ordinance and compare it to the State of Illinois requirements and to the City of Chicago requirements which they believed did not include this requirement.. The committee members thought our ordinance should be inline with the City of Chicago and hope to have ours changed and brought back.

Items for Discussion: Alderman Holmes asked for more the city's plan for inspecting and certifying establishments like beauty salons, nail salons and massage therapy businesses. In the Alderman's packet was a plan with costs and fees. The city is going to look into whether additional staff would need to be hired.

No significant action needed.