

**Observer Report
Administration and Public Works
Monday, June 9, 2008**

Observer: J.Rosenthal

Members Present: Aldermen Wollin, Holmes, Jean-Baptiste, Rainey, Hansen(chair)

Staff Present: Finance Dep't, Streets and Sanitation, a few Fire and Police Dep't members

Press: Round Table

Meeting began: 5:40pm. **Meeting adjourned:** 6:20pm.

All agenda items were approved with little or no discussion.

Item for discussion, brought forward from a previous meeting, was the proposal for the adoption of Franchise Waste Disposal for the City.

Streets and Sanitation had complied with the Committee's request for a meeting with large and small business leaders to acquire additional feedback on the proposal. The meeting was held in May, and was attended by about 30 business people. They had varying reactions to the proposal especially the small business owners. It was pointed out that Skokie, Niles, and Morton Grove had already entered in to Franchise arrangements and in the case of Skokie had already realized 1 million dollars in yearly savings. Streets and Sanitation was soliciting bids (they seem to have a candidate already) and the next step would be to have the Council issue an ordinance so that the procedure can go forward. The company chosen would then negotiate the franchise with individual businesses, which, if not satisfied could apply for an exemption. Already exempted are N.U. and the 2 city hospitals. The Committee voted unanimously to bring the matter to the Council.

I hope I have recorded the discussion accurately as I found it rather confusing. Individual homes and condominiums would not be involved in this according to my understanding. It seems they have waste disposal contracts until 2010.