

**Observer Report
City Council
November 10, 2008**

Observer: Sue Brady

Present: All Aldermen

Staff: City Manager and many other staff

Media: Review, Roundtable, Northwestern

Meeting Began: 9:15

Special Presentation: Climate Action Plan

- This was the highlight of the meeting. An absolutely wonderful presentation by Carolyn Callopy, Sustainability Coordinator for the City. Plan was developed in a partnership with Network for Evanston Future and about nine focus groups on different sub-topics comprised of volunteers, both expert and interested in subject. They have developed a plan that suggests over 200 strategies that can reduce carbon emissions. Note: this should be a League luncheon topic.
- **Citizen Comment:** Five people spoke, 3 on Climate Plan and 2 on ways to reduce expenses to the city

Significant Action

- Most items were on Consent Agenda
- Ald. Rainey tried to increase the number of video cameras for an area on Howard Street, Ald Baptiste told her the increase was not on the agenda, she then moved to hold-over. A display of power.
- Ald. Rainey also moved to send back to Human Services the Township Audit, claiming there are management issues that must be resolved before City accepts it.
- There is a second Budget Workshop next Monday, the 17th, at the Levy Center at 7:30
- Downtown Plan will continue to be discussed by P&D at a special meeting on December 4th.

Call of the Wards

- Most aldermen spoke-trying to be non partisan about the election and how happy they were!
- Donna Stuckert is leaving the City for another position- a real loss

Meeting Ended: 10:40