

**Observer Report
City Council
July 27, 2009**

Observer: Sue Brady

Start: 8:30 pm

End: 9:30 pm

Aldermen Present: all nine

Media: Review, Roundtable

Staff: Department heads and others

Announcements:

- **Mayor thanked Rolanda Russell, interim city manager, for her outstanding service and wished her well in her retirement to Arizona**
- **Mayor announced that there were openings on the Plan Commission, Human Relations Commission and Police and Pension Board**
- **Doug Gaynor announced the Lakeshore Arts Festival this week-end**

Citizen Comment: Two citizens spoke:

- **one from Sherman Plaza about non-compliance of developer to hire local residents (later, Ald. Jean-Baptiste told him there is a process and to come to next Minority Business Committee meeting**
- **Jeff Smith, who urged the Council to ban video poker from the City(state recently passed legislation to allow this in municipalities and they would have to opt out if they didn't want it)**

All items were on the Consent Agenda except the following:

- **Daycare facility at 526 Davis: special use was recommended by Plan Commission; Ald. Fiske had asked that it be held over because of parking and DCFS concerns. After concerns were addressed, passed unanimously. Interesting discussion with Ald. Wilson directly, but politely, taking on Ald. Fiske by telling her that her concerns were already addressed in ordinance.**

Call of the Wards

- **All aldermen thanked Rolanda for her outstanding service and said she was a 'healer' during very difficult times. Also praised her professionalism and calmness and wit.**
- **Several events were announced.**

Comment: very short meeting, very civil.