

City Council Meeting
May 12, 2007

Observer: Betty Papangelis

Alderman Present: All except Anjana Hansen

Staff Present: Mayor Morton, City Clerk Mary Morris.
The Mayor announced that Yolanda Russell, Assistant City Manager has accepted the position of Acting City Manager while the City searches for a permanent City Manager. (Julia Carroll was absent, and there were comments from some of the alderman, wishing her good health.)

Media Present: Evanston Review, Round Table

Citizens present: 30 to 35

The Mayor read two proclamations: The first National Public Works Week, and the second Honoring Volunteers in National Volunteers Week.

Meeting Began: 8:35pm

Meeting Ended: 10:20pm

Citizen Comment:

Nine or ten citizens spoke in favor of an Advisory Resolution before the City Council asking that we make no attack on Iran. One citizen dissented, calling the resolution unnecessary and ill conceived. Mimi Peterson called the P & D Committee to task charging that Roberts Rules of Order were not observed at the P & D Meeting when the 708 Church Street development was discussed. There was one speaker who was most concerned about the city's budget, especially the 140 million dollars due for the Police and Fireman's Pensions.

The Consent Agenda was presented by Alderman Moran

Alderman Jean-Baptiste, Chair for the Administration and Public Works Committee reported that our Police Chief described the new curfew rules, and how they would be enforced.

Alderman Holmes, chair of the Planning and Development Committee, presented several items for introduction. Action was taken on an agreement regarding the access ramp at 160 rington. Proposed a sidewalk café's for J.K. Sweet, The Blind Faith Café, and Ommagio Restaurant, all were approved.

Reporting for the Human Services Committee, Alderman Jean-Baptiste presented the resolution calling for opposition to U.S. Military Intervention or Use of Force in Iran. Alderman Moran rose to speak against this vote, describing it as not within the provenance of the City Council. The Resolution passed 7 – 1.

Call of the Wards:

Tonight was the last night for our City Clerk, Mary Morris, and every alderman, and the Mayor paid tribute to her helpfulness, and her excellent service to the Council, and to Evanston's Citizens for 18 (?) years. She will indeed be sorely missed.

The other item that many aldermen spoke to was the 119 AT&T electric boxes that were being placed throughout the city. There were many complaints from citizens because of the placement and unsightliness. Unfortunately not very much can be done about it. Landscaping might help somewhat.

Alderman Holmes announced a meeting would be held this Thursday (5/15) for Wards 2 & 5 to discuss the "West Side Plan."

The meeting ended at 10:25pm, and the Council moved into Executive Session.