

**City Council Report**  
**June 23, 2008**

Observer: Sue Brady

Time Begun: **9:05 pm**

Time Ended: 10:50 pm

Aldermen Present: all except Melissa Wynne

Staff Present: Acting City Manager Rolanda Russell and remaining department heads

Media Present: Review and Roundtable

Announcements/Citizen Comment

- Month of July is Recreation and Parks month
- Resolution honoring sorority that Lorraine belongs to; about sixty women all dressed in pink (quite lovely) were there to accept and have their pictures taken. Sorority is 100 years old (60 in Evanston); very prestigious as you have to have at least a college degree to join.
- Officer Janeski is the new Emergency Preparedness Director; is also in charge of Prevention (is replacing Max Rubin as Emergency Director)
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July regulations regarding chairs on Central were read
- Preservation Awards for Adaptation were given to seven Evanston homeowners (including the church on Elmwood which was converted to a house)
- Three citizens spoke

Significant Action

- Most items were on Consent Agenda
- Ordinance regarding 1620 Central (PACE residential program with National Lewis) was introduced. Ald. Rainey voted against as they did not agree to payment-in-lieu.
- Town Budget was moved and passed with Ald. Rainey voting no. Reason was that Reserves equal next year's budget and she thought budget should be reduced by 50%. Council determined that they could reduce levy by end of year if Supervisor could not give rationale for large Reserve Fund (interesting in that Supervisor was present for sorority resolution but left afterwards). Council also reduced Assessor's office by \$ 13,000 as they claimed the educational program it was to have was covered sufficiently by Larry Suffredin's office.

Call of the Wards

- Complimented Mayor on receiving Honorary Degree from Northwestern at graduation ceremonies
- Inquired as to the NU/ENH separation and what it would mean to City
- Thanked staff for doing 'double duty' during this transition time
- Reference to Human Services to develop a policy on what to do when beaches are closed and there are still people present on beach

- Reference to P&D to develop a policy on expectations to non-profits regarding payments-in-lieu
- Reference to Human Services to develop policy on Evanston entities hiring off-duty police officers
- Stated that LWV and DPOE were aggressively registering people to vote this summer (Wollin)
- Need to have educational programs for owners falling into foreclosure as judges are ruling against owners at the first hearings (Jean-Baptiste)
- Need to start talking about budget projections

#### Comments

- Late start was intolerable do to the many citizens present