

**Observer Report**  
**City Council      Jan. 25, 2010**

Observer: Nancy Bashook

**Aldermen present:** All present

**Staff present:** City Manager, City Clerk, others

**Media present:** Evanston Review; EvanstonNOW

**Meeting began:** 8:30 pm

**Meeting ended:** 9:15 pm

**No. of citizens in attendance:** Very few

**Public Announcements**

- Condolences to Marcia Logan, wife of former police chief Logan, whose funeral will be on February 5, at Ebenezer Church.
- The City received \$18,150,000 from the Neighborhood Stabilization program. Thanks to Senator Durbin and Jan Shakowsky for their help. Jan sent her congratulations to the city staff. Evanston is one of 60 cities in the U.S. to receive this money. The city is encouraged to apply for Tiger (?) Grants which has to do with transportation and is a joint effort with the CTA.

**Communications: City Clerk**

Encouraged citizens to sign up for the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program. There is an information seminar on weatherizing buildings, foreclosures, home rehabs, home safety, sidewalk repair, etc.

Joe McCraig announced a gas main replacement process meeting with Nicor on February 4, 7:00 pm, at the Civic Center. The replacement will be at the northeast quadrant of Evanston (Emerson, South Water and Ridge).

Signs and posters for candidates running for office will be removed from parkways by city staff.

New garbage cans and recycling containers will be placed in all business districts. City has an energy efficiency block grant of \$90,000 to purchase containers.

**Citizen Comment**

Two people spoke in support of the ordinance to ban cell phone use while driving.

**Consent Agenda**

All minutes approved and all items for A&PW, P&D and Human Services were approved. Ordinance to amend various portions of the Zoning Ordinance relating to the creation of the 'resale establishment' use was amended to include books and recorded music.

**Call of the Wards**

Ald. Tendam announced a ward meeting on Feb. 4 at Three Crown Center.

Ald. Rainey thanked Mayor Tisdahl and city manager for going to Washington to bring home money for the City of Evanston.

Ald. Burris echoed the thanks. On Feb. 9 there will be an idling and loud noise vehicle meeting at the Levy Center.

Ald. Jean-Baptiste expressed his condolences to the Logan family on the passing of Chief Logan. The family brought checks to his office for the relief effort in Haiti. Thank you on behalf of the Haitian community in Evanston.

Ald. Wynne explained that P&D directed staff to come up with a new version of the rules for special use permit for Type 2 restaurants and for liter and trash for convenience stores.

Ald. Wilson reminded everyone to not put candidate signs on parkways. They will be removed.

Ald. Tisdahl thanked Northwestern University for the \$500,000 donation for a new fire engine.

Ald. Holmes expressed condolences to the Logan family and also to the family of Charles Thomas, the first African American teacher in Evanston. She thanked the mayor and staff for the \$18,000,000 from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and is eager to know how the funds can be spent.

The Council went into Executive Session following the meeting.