

Observer Report

City Council October 12, 2009

Observer: Ruth Belzer

Alderman Present/Absent: All present

Staff Present: Thomas and others

Meeting Began: 8:35 pm

Meeting Ended: 11:22 pm

No. of Citizens in Attendance: 20-30

Significant Discussions and Action Taken: An update pm the H1N1 Flu vaccine and Teen Reading Week were presented. Under Special Order of Business the Aldermen discussed their concerns with various safety issues and approved the Government Affairs agenda. The schedule for the Community Budget Hearings was announced and questions were raised about 100% funding now and in the future for firefighters and police pensions.

The main topics of discussion during public comment were: need to solve the shortfall in pension funding (2); the peddler's ordinance (4 against and 3 for); the "Green" ordinance (4 for, 2 questioning). All the items from the various committees on the Consent Agenda with the exception of five removed for further discussion or for more information were approved/ A representative from the Legal Department and the Evanston Chief of Police spoke for the peddler's ordinance as drafted. But Aids.Fisk and Wilson found it confusing and overly broad. There was heated discussion around the "Green" ordinance between Alderman Burrus, who felt that the committee which drafted the subsection on existing buildings was being ignored at the last minute and several others who took offense at her ttitude about those who were questioning that section. It was decided to put both ordinances on hold and to appoint a more representative committee to look at the issue of existing buildings. All in theory favor a "Green" ordinance and recognize the need to get one passed as soon as possible.