

Observer Report
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Monday, February 28, 2011

Observer: Sue Brenner

Start Time: 5:55 PM

End Time: 7:35

In Attendance: Jean Baptiste, Rainey, Burrus, and Holmes, Fiske

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Approved for Consent Agenda

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1) City of Evanston Payroll through 2/13/11

(A2) City of Evanston Bills through 2/27/11

Approved for consent Agenda

The following were approved for the Consent Agenda

(A3.1) Approval of Contract Award for Watercraft Maintenance and Repair Services

(A3.2) Approval of Single Source Street Sweeper Repair

(A3.3) Approval of Recycling Collection Vehicle Purchase

(A3.4) Approval of Contract Award to International Piping Systems, Inc. for the Main Library Chiller Replacement Project

(A3.5) Approval of Renewal of Annual Oracle (IRIS) Maintenance and Support Agreement

(A3.6) Approval of Contract Award to Clauss Brothers Inc. for the Brummel Richmond Tot Lot Renovation Project

Alderman asked about other park projects on a prioritized list made several years ago. The City Manager explained that all of those projects were on hold due to a lack of funds.

(A4) Approval of Policy for Sponsorship and Advertising

This is a very interesting topic. The city wants to look into selling advertising and temporary naming rights for beach and downtown items like the boathouse, fountain square, and garbage cans. It was sent to the consent agenda by a vote of 4-1 with Alderman Fiske voting no.

(A5) Approval of City of Evanston Advertising Pilot Project

Staff recommends that the City Council support the distribution of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to implement an advertising pilot project on select City assets within downtown Evanston and along the City's lakefront. In order to secure additional external revenue from non-traditional sources staff recommend that the City Council approve the creation and distribution of an RFP for an advertising pilot project, which could provide unrestricted revenue to support the City's programs and initiatives. This passed 4-1 with Fiske voting no.

(A6) Resolution 6-R-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Renewals of Resident Artist Leases for Spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Alderman Burrus wanted to know why the charge for parking was so much lower for this surface lot. She believed people could abuse the parking by getting a permit for the Noyes Center but go downtown. It was decided to raise the parking when the lease is renewed in 2012.

(A7) Resolution 12-R-11 Authorizing the General Obligation Bond Reimbursement

(A8) Resolution 15-R-11 Interfund Loan of \$4.0 Million from Parking Fund to Sewer Fund

(A11) Ordinance 15-O-11, Amending Civil Service Commission Rules

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 15-0-11 amending the Civil Service Commission Rules which would grant two (2) preference points to Evanston residents, charge applicants a reasonable fee for examination, and reduce the age requirements for applicants from twenty-one (21) to twenty (20) years old. Suspension of the Rules is requested for Introduction and Action at City Council meeting on February 28, 2011.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT MOVED OR SECONDED

(A9) Ordinance 08-O-11, Amending City Code Subsection 8-5-3 (D) to Prohibit Depositing of Yard Waste in Any Street, Alley or Public Place

Staff is recommends introduction of Ordinance 8-O-11 to prohibit yard waste from being deposited in public places, including streets and alleys, and to establish a fee schedule for violating the proposed ordinance.

(A10) Ordinance 9-O-11, Amending Title 9, "Public Safety," Chapter 5, "General Offenses," Section 23 "Noises Prohibited" and Other Sections of the City Code Related to Landscaping Services

Staff recommends City Council introduction of Ordinance 9-O-11 amending City Code Subsection 9-5-23-(D) "Noises Prohibited" and other Sections of the City Code related to landscaping services. Staff recommends revising the language of the ordinance to read "any leaf blower machine," to include both electric and gas powered leaf blowers.

Alderman did not want to even discuss these items. They believe that the rules we have are not enforced so why make more ordinances. Some believe the electric blowers are okay. I have never seen an item not moved or seconded before. Staff was quite surprised and the city manager explained that these were items brought up at past meetings or from citizen complaint. The Aldermen were unmoved.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(APW1) Street Sweeping Discussion

This was a presentation by Director Robinson (15 minutes) of a new proposed street sweeping program that would change the one sided street sweeping back to what it used to be. It was already 7:15 and the Alderman did not really want to hear this but she insisted it was something she needed to hear guidance on by the next meeting. I don't know why it wasn't an agenda item.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There is a special council meeting planned for 3/22/2011.