

**OBSERVER:** BETTY HAYFORD

**ALDERMEN PRESENT:** ALL

**MEDIA PRESENT:** EVANSTON NOW, one other not visible online

**MEETING BEGAN:** 7:00pm

**MEETING ENDED:** 7:30pm

**Announcements:** The Mayor announced he has resigned from two local boards to avoid any conflict of interest. The City Clerk announced the office is now open later, until 7:00 pm.

**Public comment:** Three citizens commented on the proposed order of business Registering the City's Objection to an Easement through property owned by the MWRD on the Wilmette border. They pointed out the value of the property for the trees, bird habitat and water retention.

**Special Order of Business (SP1) Registering the City's Objection to Cook County's Roadway Easement Request through Property owned by the MWRD.** The resolution was moved and seconded. Alderman Revelle stressed the value of the property for storm water retention, an important issue for Evanston. Alderman Wynne asked whether MWRD's views on the easement were known. Alderman Revelle said MWRD views were not known, but it had recently lost an expensive law suit related to another easement. The motion was approved, 9-0.

**Special Order of Business (SP2). Collective Bargaining Summary.** The City Manager introduced the issue by explaining the city is in negotiations with three of its four unions. He explained the negotiations are complicated by the fact that the state still has no budget making it difficult for Evanston or any municipality to plan its financial future. The fiscal future is precarious because of Springfield. Marty Lyons reported further on the process, saying that labor relations have been good in recent decades. Long and detailed discussions are taking place and significant progress towards contracts has been made. A more detailed report will be provided in Executive Session.

**Call of the wards.** Several aldermen announced ward meetings. Braithwaite announced Penny Park will open with a neighborhood event on May 27. Rue Simmons announced Dillo Day will be Saturday, May 20.

Alderman Wilson moved to go into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.