

Observer: Sue Calder**Meeting Began.** 6:10 pm**Meeting Ended:** 7:15 pm**Aldermen Present:** Braithwaite, chr; Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming, and Rainey.**Staff Present:** Bobkiewicz, Storle, Farrer, Lyons, Stonebach, Evonda, Hemingway (Parks,) and about 8 others.**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, NUDaily.**Meeting Began.** 6:10 pm**Meeting Ended:** 7:15 pm**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** About 10 plus the developers of the Chicago/Howard project.**Approved for Action:**

- * Payroll (\$3,252,087.41) and bills (\$2608,589.35 and credit card activity of \$215,521.46).
- * Software support for the City's networking system for \$54,445.68.
- * Evanston Wilmette Golf Course Association will be allowed to have tailgating at hole 12 for this home football season, in addition to parking at holes 1, 2, and 12. This will be evaluated after the season.
- * Authorize the Manager to execute a change order for \$35,611.00 for the water treatment plant bringing the total to \$1,282,611.00. This will be covered by a low interest loan (1.64%) over 20 years from IEPA.
- * Improvements for five alleys, resurfacing of parts of Dewey Ave and speed humps and bumps on various alleys and streets for \$1,301,882.10. One alley will be "green".
- * A sidewalk café for Furious Spoon at 1700 Maple. If clients become too noisy they will be asked to move inside. Selling alcohol accounts for 20% of sales in their other restaurants.
- * A lighted yellow sculpture for the viaduct at Green Bay, Emerson and Ridge for \$88,897. Staff also reported that the murals will be replaced and Stonebach said he was close to negotiating permission with the railroad to paint (at City's expense) the viaducts. Suffredin voted nay.
- * Established a separate maintenance fund for Robert Crown. The Fund would be used for long-term infrastructure maintenance but assures that funds would be available so that it would not fall into disrepair. If extensive maintenance would be needed after 20 or so years, the City would seek the cash through the issuance of bonds after current bonds are retired.
- * \$30,000 to the Moran Center to support helping at least 15 clients with expungement, sealing of criminal records. This is an ongoing project.
- * Approved the construction of a commercial and residential project for 100 and 128 Chicago using about \$2 million from the Howard St. TIF and \$1million from the Affordable Housing Fund for a project with a total price of \$8-million. Much discussion, with Rainey looking at me when she spoke about the City wants more affordable housing and now people are opposed to it; Simmons said we were moving at the developer's pace rather during the City's due diligence. Suffredin voted nay.+
- * Authorized the Manager to sell city-owned real estate to above development - however not for a dollar as at economic development but slightly under \$150,000.

For Introduction:

- * Allowing residents on Lake Shore Boulevard for Greenleaf to Hamilton to access the street, though still park on their driveways and they could get parking passes for visitors.

- * Establishing a resident's parking area for 2542-2566 Prairie and 2002 B and 2003 C Central St.

Removed from the agenda for lack of a second:

- * Three parking violations fees: \$10 - 20 for parking meters over time, \$15 - 50 for street cleaning violations and "booting" when someone has 3+ violations (of which there is \$2-5 million outstanding). Comment was that "just because the City is in financial straits, we don't need to nickel and dime them."

For Discussion:

- * Groot now has four cameras on each truck that collects at commercial establishments to record when those bins are overflowing. They try to work out a solution with the owner, but would resort to asking for City staff assistance if there is non-compliance (bigger bin, more pickups, etc.) One case was passed as it was moving out week for NU students and happens only once a year.
- * Determined that an ordinance requiring staff employees to live in the City requires more work. Police and Fire are not required.
- * Discussion on hiring ex-offenders. A resident from Open Communities spoke in favor of a more lenient policy. Storlie stated that the City is exploring what other communities are doing. Will be back on the 4th Monday in September.