

**CITY COUNCIL**

**September 11, 2000**

**ROLL CALL - PRESENT:**

Alderman Engelman	Alderman Drummer
Alderman Rainey	Alderman Bernstein
Alderman Newman	

**NOT PRESENT AT  
ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen Kent, Moran

**ABSENT:**

Aldermen Feldman, Wynne

**PRESIDING:**

Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton on Monday, September 11, 2000 at 6:08 p.m. in the Aldermanic Library. Alderman Drummer moved that Council adjourn into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters pursuant to 5ILCS Section 120/2 (c) (11) and (21) litigation and executive session minutes.

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Seconded by Alderman Rainey. Roll call. Voting aye – Engelman, Rainey, Newman, Drummer, Bernstein. Voting nay - none. Motion carried (5-0).

At 7:05 p.m. Alderman Drummer moved to reconvene into Open Session. Seconded by Alderman Engelman. Motion carried, no nays. Council then recessed so that alderman could attend standing committee meetings.

Mayor Morton reconvened the Council meeting at 8:55 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**Announcements:**

Mayor Morton asked aldermen who wish to attend the Northwest Municipal Conference legislative dinner October 11 to contact Darlene Francellno.

Fire Division Chief Sam Hunter announced that the Evanston/Belize Independence Day Picnic would be Saturday, September 16, from 1-9 p.m. at Ingraham Park.

In reference to the November 7 General Election, City Clerk Mary P. Morris reported that persons who wish to vote absentee by mail could obtain an application for a ballot from the Clerk's office by calling 866-2925 or coming by. Ms.

Morris reminded voters who have moved or changed their name since registering, to re-register. Voter registration is ongoing in the City Clerk's office weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and three Saturdays: September 23 and 30 and October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration closes for the November election Tuesday, October 10, 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Morris announced that this is the last week the City Clerk's office would accept passport applications until after the election. The office will not process applications September 18 through November 10. The Post Office at 1101 Davis Street accepts passport applications weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Mayor Morton Proclaimed**  
**September 15, National Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day**  
**September 20, Undoing Racism Day**  
**October, Peace Month**

**Communications:** None

**CITIZEN COMMENT:**

Peggy Tarr, 907 Sherman Ave., reported since April youth have been painting on the walls of the CTA/Metra embankments that border the parking thoroughfare from Main Street to Greenleaf, noting adults gave permission for youth to paint there. She learned recently that Evanston Police planned to fine youth who paint in this area according to Special Order 99-14, Subject: City ordinance regulating the sale, possession and use of spray paint cans and certain paint markers. She asked that youth be warned against painting there by posting a sign. She thought it unfair to fine youth without warning them. Ms. Tarr asked the function of the Ethics Board and requested information be sent to her. She hoped "Undoing Racism Day" was a kickoff to ongoing efforts to eliminate racism.

Bud Nesvig, 721 Custer Ave., spoke about 20 peaker power plants being sited in the collar counties and Chicago; that these plants formerly were used to augment the output of basic generators, but the new plants use turbine-driven generators to produce 100 million watts. Five turbines are sited as a plant. One at Elwood, which has one operating plant, can generate 500 million watts. He pointed out peaker plants in 20 locations are equivalent to 25 nuclear plants. He stated ComEd has 10 nuclear plants, which produce 45% of their energy requirements presently. The coal-powered plants ComEd sold supply about 55% of needed power output. He stated peaker plants are gas-fired, pollute the air and suggested this pollution would come to Evanston. He reported on an Illinois EPA meeting in Zion where a citizen claimed Illinois residents would get pollution and the electrical power from these plants would be sold outside the state. He stated that the Illinois has no requirement by the Illinois EPA or by the Pollution Control Board to limit the number of plants. The sites where plants are built are owned by ComEd and the equipment is owned by another entity. He reported attending an Illinois Pollution Control Board hearing in Naperville with some 300 people present. Citizens want a moratorium on building these plants until there is some regulation. He suggested Evanston should be concerned about pollution. He noted in addition to the 20 sites, there is a request for 10 more. It is thought there could be 60 peaker plants eventually in the collar counties and northern Illinois. He said this would come about in 2004-05 and citizens will get rate increases. He noted the coal plants ComEd sold are operational. The Energy Commission has received information from Mission Energy, owner of the coal plants, about supplying energy to Evanston in the future; Steve Thomas, former member of the Energy Commission is a leader with Mission Energy. He reported Richard Mathias, chair, ICC, attended the Energy Commission meeting last Friday and his remarks are on tape and available. He stated that ICC power was gutted during the legislative hearing on de-regulation and the de-regulation document was written, in part, by ComEd.

Mr. Nesvig reported that three Energy Commission members' terms would end September 15. If the Council wishes the Energy Commission to continue, it needs six new members -- an attorney and others technically qualified -- to have eleven members. Mr. Nesvig visited the Illinois Attorney General's office to get peaker plants put on hold. He suggested elected officials contact Mr. John Rowe, CEO, ComEd as to what he has in store for residents.

Mayor Morton expressed appreciation to Energy Commission members who have agreed to serve. She stated, in spite of publicizing the need, no applications have been received because the requirements are so stringent. She asked if the Energy Commission had dealt with increased gas prices? Mr. Nesvig responded they have been primarily concerned with

electrical energy and looking at what ComEd is supposed to do to upgrade Evanston's distribution system.

**CONSENT AGENDA** (Any item marked with an Asterisk\*)

Alderman Drummer moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: Approval of proposal of three-year contract with North Shore Towing, Ordinance 106-O-00 – Amending Ordinance 38-O-00 – Prohibiting Unauthorized Use of Vehicle Immobilization Devices, and Plat of Church/Maple First Re-subdivision. Seconded by Alderman Engelman. Roll call. Voting aye – Engelman, Rainey, Newman, Drummer, Bernstein, Kent, Moran. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (7-0). Alderman Bernstein abstained from voting on item (P1), Request for Special Use Extension (Ebenezer A.M.E. Church).

**\* ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES:**

\* Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 14, 2000. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:**

\* Approval, as recommended, of the City of Evanston payroll for the periods ending August 17 and August 31, 2000 and the City of Evanston bills for the period ending September 12, 2000 and that they be authorized and charged to the proper accounts, summarized as follows:

City of Evanston payroll (through 8/17/00)	\$1,778,716.63
City of Evanston payroll (through 8/31/00)	\$1,697,453.29
City of Evanston Bills (through 9/12/00)	\$2,766,770.55

\* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Schroeder & Schroeder Inc. for the combined curb and sidewalk program for Public Works at a cost of \$104,724.30. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Munters Corp. for a desiccant dehumidifier for Water & Sewer at a cost of \$40,685. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Lufkin Industries for a right-angle gear box for Water & Sewer at a cost of \$19,730, plus \$3,845 for expedited delivery. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Dreisilker Electric Motors, Inc. for a 500 h.p. electric motor for Water & Sewer for \$31,995. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of Great Lakes Landscaping Co. (WBE) for Beck Park renovations for Parks/Forestry & Recreation at a cost of \$128,176. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid of 17 in-car video cameras from Mobile Vision for the Police Department at a cost of \$67,915. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the proposal of Sound Inc. to provide a new telephone system for Park/Forestry & Recreation at a cost

of \$47,362. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Approval of the proposal of Infrastructure Management Services Inc. for a comprehensive pavement management program (street survey) at an estimated cost of approximately \$62,350. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)



\* Special Event – Northminster Nursery School Festival – Consideration of a request from Northminster Presbyterian Church to hold its annual nursery school festival on September 24, 2000 and close Central Park Avenue from Harrison Street to the alley south of Central Street. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Special Event – St. Matthew’s Church Picnic – Consideration of a request hold this annual picnic on September 24, 2000, with partial closure of Hartrey from Lincoln to first alley south of Lincoln. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Acceptance of Grant from Cook County Judicial Advisory Council (CCJAC) – Consideration of a recommendation to accept a \$56,000 grant from CCJAC to be used toward the purchase of in-car video cameras for the Police Department. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Resolution 82-R-00 – Lease Agreement for Township Assessor’s Office – Consideration of proposed Resolution 82-R-00, which authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement for the Township Assessor’s Office in Room 2600 of the Civic Center. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 94-O-00 – Decrease in Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 94-O-00, which decreases Class C liquor licenses from 19 to 18 with the sale of Va Pensiero. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 95-O-00 – Increase in Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 95-O-00, which increases Class C liquor licenses from 18 to 19 with the purchase of Va Pensiero. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 96-O-00 – Decrease in Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 96-O-00, which decreases Class D liquor licenses from 20 to 19 due to the deletion of the Lucky Platter. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 97-O-00 – Increase in Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 97-O-00, which increases Class C liquor licenses from 19 to 20 due to the addition of the Lucky Platter. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 98-O-00 – Increase in Class B Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 98-O-00, which increases Class B liquor licenses from 10 to 11 with the addition of Wolfgang Puck’s Grand Café. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 101-O-00 – Loading Zone – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 101-O-00, which amends Section 10-11-7, Schedule VII(B) of the City Code to place a loading zone at 733 Chicago Avenue (Budget Rent-A-Car). \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 102-O-00 – Four-Way Stop – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 102-O-00, which

amends Section 10-11-5, Schedule V(D) of the City Code to place a four-way stop at Central Park and Colfax. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 103-O-00 – No Turn on Red – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 103-O-00, which amends Section 10-11-3, Schedule III(D) of the City Code to designate a No Turn on Red when pedestrians are present on Central St. at Ridge. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 107-O-00 – Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Property – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 107-O-00, by which City Council would declare various vehicles and warehouse items as surplus, to be publicly offered for sale at Libertyville City Municipal Auction October 7, 2000. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 89-O-00 – No Parking Zone – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 89-O-00, introduced August 14, 2000, to place a No Parking Zone at 1123 Grant Street. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 90-O-00 – Four-Way Stop/Payne & Pioneer – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 90-O-00, introduced August 14, 2000, which amends Section 10-11-5, Schedule V (D) of the City Code to place a four-way stop at Payne and Pioneer. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 91-O-00 – Four-Way Stop/Lincoln & Pioneer – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 91-O-00, introduced August 14, 2000, which amends Section 10-11-5, Schedule V (D) of the City Code to place a four-way stop at Lincoln and Pioneer. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 92-O-00 – Three-Way Stop/Foster & Ashland – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 92-O-00, introduced August 14, 2000, which amends Section 10-11-5, Schedule V(C) of the City Code to place a three-way stop at Foster and Ashland. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

#### **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

\* Request for Special Use Extension – Consideration of a request from Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, recipient of a special use in 1997, for a one-year extension on the period in which a building permit must be obtained and construction initiated on an independent living facility. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (6-0-1) Alderman Bernstein abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

\* Plat of Davis/Church Re-subdivision – Consideration of the recommendation of SPAARC to grant a plat of re-subdivision for the land generally between Church St. (on the north), Davis St. (south), the CTA embankment (east) and Metra embankment (west). \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 104-O-00 – Establishing a Special Sign District – Consideration of a request of the Arthur Hill Company and a recommendation of the Sign Review and Appeals Board to approve proposed Ordinance 104-O-00 to establish a special sign district for the Church Street Plaza Development. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 99-O-00 – Amendment to Zoning Map and Ordinance – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 99-O-00, which amends the Zoning Map to change from C1 (Commercial) to R5 (General

Residential) certain property on the north side of Lincoln St. between Green Bay Rd and the first alley west of Green Bay Rd. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

\* Ordinance 100-O-00 – Amendment to Zoning Map and Ordinance – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 100-O-00, which amends the Zoning Map to rezone that portion of the B1 Business District along the north side of Simpson St. between Darrow Ave. and Twiggs Park to R3, two-family Residential. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

## HUMAN SERVICES

\* Approval of Township Bills – Consideration of a recommendation that City Council approve the Township bills, payroll and medical payments for the month of August 2000 in the amount of \$74,509.20. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Special Event – Multiple Sclerosis Society City Cycle Tour – Consideration of a request to use Clark Square Park on September 17, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as a rest stop for this annual tour. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Noyes Cultural Arts Center Studio Sublease – Consideration of a request to approve a Noyes Cultural Arts Center Studio Sublease request. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 86-O-00 – Amendment to Title IX, Chapter Eight – Gun Buy-Back Program – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 86-O-00, introduced August 14, 2000, to provide authorization for a gun buy-back program. \* ADOPTED – CONSENT AGENDA AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

## OTHER COMMITTEES:

\* Creation of Cable Sub-Committee – Consideration of a request by the Rules Committee to authorize a Cable Sub-committee to assist in franchise negotiations with AT&T Cable. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Resolution 84-R-00 – Amendment to Parking Lease – Consideration of proposed Resolution 84-R-00 to approve the recommendation of the Parking Committee to amend the parking lease agreement for parcel 18, McDougal Littell Project. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Resolution 85-R-00 – Amendment of 1996 and 2000 CDBG Programs and Reallocation of Funds – Consideration of proposed Resolution 85-R-00, which amends the 1996 and 2000 CDBG programs and authorizes reallocation of undesignated 1996 project contingency funds to the 2000 Toddler Town Day Care Project. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Appointments to Negotiating Team – Consideration of a recommendation of the Rules Committee to appoint members to the Negotiating Team for City/Northwestern negotiations. \* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (7-0)

\* Ordinance 109-O-00 – Authorizing Acquisition of Property Through Condemnation of Otherwise – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 109-O-00, which authorizes the acquisition of property through condemnation or otherwise for the first amended Washington National Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project. \* MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

**APPOINTMENTS**

\* Mayor Morton asked for introduction of the following reappointments:

Ernestine Guillebeau 2211 Greenwood Ave.	Commission on Aging
Louis Moseley 2033 Darrow Ave.	Commission on Aging
Richard Marberry 2107 Lincoln St.	Playground & Recreation Board
Jerome Hausman 1501 Hinman Ave.	Public Art Committee

\* **APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA**

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:**

Alderman Drummer reported that approval of the proposal of North Shore Towing (EBE) for a three-year contract to provide towing services was held in committee.

Ordinance 106-O-00 – Amending Ordinance 38-O-00 – Prohibiting Unauthorized Use of Vehicle Immobilization Devices – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 106-O-00, which amends Ordinance 38-O-00, prohibiting unauthorized use of vehicle immobilization devices (“booting”) within City limits, to remove the 90-day sunset clause.

Alderman Drummer reported the committee had drafted new language and directed them to remove the third WHEREAS clause and in Section 1 to remove the “90 days” provision and replace it with “135 days.” First Assistant Corporation Counsel Herb Hill suggested the title be changed to “Amending Ordinance 38-O-00 to extend the Sunset Provision.”

Alderman Drummer asked that this item be marked introduced.

Alderman Drummer moved to Suspend the Rules to adopt an ordinance introduced that evening. Seconded by Alderman Rainey. Motion carried. No nays.

Alderman Drummer moved approval of Ordinance 106-O-00 with substitute language. Seconded by Alderman Engelman. Roll call. Voting aye – Engelman, Rainey, Newman, Drummer, Bernstein, Kent, Moran. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Crum noted Council must pass something by October 23 or the ordinance would sunset again. An ordinance must be introduced on October 10 and passed October 23.

Alderman Drummer noted receipt of the M/B/E report on participation in the Arthur Hill project and stated the A&PW Committee has questions of the M/B/E Development Committee.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

Plat of Church/Maple First Re-subdivision – Consideration of the recommendation of SPAARC to grant a plat of re-subdivision for the northwest corner of Church St. and Maple Ave. in the Research Park.

Alderman Bernstein reported that this item was held in committee. Staff is to provide additional information.

**CALL OF THE WARDS:**

Alderman Engelman reported the new Budget Committee would meet Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Library. At a prior meeting, a majority of the committee asked for a staff report on what the budget looks like for next year so they can get a series of benchmarks on what they will be dealing with. They will discuss spending and ideas for new revenue sources.

Alderman Engelman said the Farmers' Market would soon end noting it had been so important that it once had a citizen's committee to oversee it. He observed that it was well attended this year, but due to nearby construction limited in space and lacked parking. He suggested that staff think about where the Farmers' Market could go next year and that Council think about how more space can be supplied for this important event. He made a reference to the Human Services Committee to consider the issue.

Alderman Engelman commented that Council voted to create a cable sub-committee to assist in franchise negotiations with AT&T Cable. He has learned that people who wish to access the Internet through cable are presented with a contract. One provision authorizes AT&T Cable to gather data from the participants' use of the Internet including sites they visit and to use that information for whatever business purposes the franchise holder wishes, including selling that information. This means they can gather information on who you are, what you are, what you read and see for their business purposes. He saw this as a serious issue that addresses privacy rights of Evanston citizens. He hopes when this committee is appointed members will look seriously at that issue and provision in addition to other business provisions.

Alderman Engelman thanked staff for a fine job of running the City when Council did not meet in recent weeks.

Alderman Rainey congratulated the City and the Police Department on securing an unsolicited grant of \$56,000 to purchase in-car videos, a helpful tool. She also congratulated the Recreation Department and south Evanston residents on the Southeast Evanston Recreation and Education Center, which had a ceremony the past weekend. Computers for School, Rotary and Technopolis Evanston provided the computers for the trailer in Clyde Park and will soon be connected to the Internet. She asked if any individuals or organizations have other resources to supplement these that the Recreation Department, the Mayor or herself be contacted. She saw a real thirst for this knowledge in the youth who were there. At the ceremony Alderman Rainey took digital photographs, which are on the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward family page.

Alderman Rainey reported that the Police Outpost on Howard has a new roof. This week the City issued a demolition permit to Local Firefighters #742, which will demolish the interior.

Alderman Newman reported relocation of the Farmers' Market is already on the Human Services Committee's October meeting agenda.

Alderman Newman commented on the parking lease for McDougal Littell project on that evening's agenda. He said for those who wish to turn the keys to the City over to staff, that staff delivered a seriously defective lease for approval to the Parking Committee. He reported that committee member John Hammerschlag raised important points as to when occupants of the property would have to contribute to future building of garages; the City's liability for incidents that occur inside the garage and the lease term. His concern was that the lease was not properly reviewed. Thirty years hence they have an obligation to maintain the garage for somebody entitled to 150 spaces and unless the language is corrected, the contribution by users was not adequately secured until Mr. Hammerschlag raised the issue. The other leases signed



in the Research Park are for 99 years. This one, because it was not properly negotiated, has an unlimited term. He thought that citizen review is critical to the City; said John Hammerschlag has made tremendous contributions in getting the best possible garage on Maple Avenue and thanked him for improving the long-term position of the City

Alderman Newman was glad to see the report from the Ethics Board dismissing the frivolous charges; agreed with Alderman Rainey that the Ethics Ordinance needs to be overhauled. He stated that volunteers in the Northeast Historic District should never have been subjected to the type of harassment that went on with those ethics complaints.

Alderman Newman reported that the sub-committee on a new multiplex building received a draft of the Parks/Forestry & Recreation Department's *Strategic Park Plan*. The report shows underspending in parks and that Robert Crown Park has not been improved since 1974. The skating facility needs to be completely replaced at a cost of \$12 million. The sub-committee discussed taking the multiplex concept and enhancing Robert Crown Center.

Alderman Rainey moved to extend the time allotted to Alderman Newman. Seconded by Alderman Bernstein.

He stated the Robert Crown Center, one of the most important centers in the City, is shot. They have discussed the idea of going out for a referendum in the April 2001 election for an enhanced building in Robert Crown Park. The sub-committee see this as a building that is critical to the community's recreational needs. He emphasized the City needs to get on track with improving the parks.

Alderman Drummer reported that Greenwood Street from Dodge to McDaniel has been repaired and repaved.

Alderman Bernstein thanked the Police/Fire, community volunteers and the owner of the Keg for the wonderful community picnic. He reported visiting four block parties, stating how important it is to meet neighbors. He thanked Peggy Tarr for her message. He thought initially there was misinformation but now there are standardized procedures for public art. He said the high school students believed they were permitted to paint there. Thereafter some believed they had the authority to paint and some did not care. He suggested they request that Metra post a sign. Alderman Bernstein suggested they look into the peaker plant issues raised by Mr. Nesvig relating to air pollution.

Alderman Bernstein made a reference to the CD Committee regarding a letter from George Cyrus about expenditure of funds and potential for use of funds for affordable housing.

Alderman Bernstein sent speedy recovery wishes to Mary Beth Rubin and Alderman Wynne, who had surgery recently.

Alderman Kent announced flag football for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Robert Crown Park would begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Also on Saturday Foster Park Neighbors will have a community meeting from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center. Citizens will discuss how to improve quality of life.

Referring to Mr. Nesvig's remarks that there was virtually no progress made on extension of the ComEd franchise, Alderman Moran reported at a recent committee meeting numerous representatives of ComEd were present who reported on commitments made by ComEd whereby they had made independent efforts to track work at various sites and reported good progress.

Alderman Moran looked forward to the Jump & Verve Jazz festival Saturday evening at Sherman Avenue between Davis and Grove streets.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Mary P. Morris,  
City Clerk

A videotape recording of this meeting has been made part of the permanent record and is available in the City Clerk's office.