



CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Aldermanic Library

Present: Alderman Wilson Alderman Wynne
Alderman Holmes Alderman Fiske
Alderman Grover Alderman Braithwaite
Alderman Rainey Alderman Tendam

Others Present: City Attorney Grant Farrar, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz,
Marty Lyons, Assistant City Manager

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the meeting to order at 10:00 p.m.

The City Manager stated he had two things to deal with tonight and Tuesday night we will deal with Collective Bargaining. He said they had interviews for Chief Financial Officer, and the committee came up with three finalists whom he interviewed and none of them worked. He thanked Aldermen Braithwaite and Grover for their participation as well. He stated they will go out again in January for new potentials.

The question came up "Why don't we have a Trader's Joe?" So nine months ago he asked Ms. Nyden to go and leave her business cards at Trader's Joe in Glenview and Northbrook. She was to ask why don't we have a Trader's Joe in Evanston and please have someone call her back who may know the answer. The owners expressed their interest in coming to Evanston. They were looking at one site and one only, the old Block Buster on Chicago Ave. across from the Safeway. He stated Trader's Joe has a signed document of agreement and it is perfect for the Trader's Joe but not good for parking. More information will be disbursed when it comes available, and Trader's Joe does not want anyone to talk about it. To make the opportunity work we need to be able to obtain the land from Northwestern to provide parking for the store.

Trader's Joe had no interest in any other location but the Blockbuster property. Mr. Bobkiewicz suggested we need to drive an aggressive bargaining to make this happen and he thanked Ms. Nyden for the aggressive attitude she displayed. If and when this occurs she is the one to be complimented for getting Trader's Joe to come to Evanston. He finally asked for the Council to give them permission to continue with the negotiations.

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Minutes:

The minutes were once again postponed until the next meeting. Executive Session ended at 11:55 P.M. The meeting for the 21st of November was cancelled.

Submitted by,
Hon. Rodney Greene / City Clerk

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