



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CLOSED SESSION
ALDERMANIC LIBRARY
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
OCTOBER 25, 2010**

PRESENT: Alderman Wynne Alderman Tendam
Alderman Jean-Baptiste Alderman Grover
Alderman Fiske Alderman Rainey
Alderman Holmes Alderman Burrus

STAFF: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager, Marty Lyons, Assistant City Manager, Grant Farrar, City Attorney, Chief Eddington, Evanston Police Department, Tom Anger, Assistant City Attorney, Bob Gustafson, Worker’s Comp and Safety Manager

GUEST: Attorneys from Baker-Tilly, Bill McKenna

PRESIDING: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the Executive Session Meeting to order at 9:42 p.m.

City Manager Bobkiewicz stated the agenda would be changed slightly by having Litigation going first as he called on City Attorney, Grant Farrar. He in turn asked Attorney Bill McKenna to discuss the first case.

LITIGATION:

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Mr. Farrar stated they have talked with the NRA concerning Alderman Wilson's inquiry about having a FOID card in the possession of gun carriers. The NRA Attorneys said they want our Ordinance minus the FOID to track exactly the Illinois State Law, and if not they will litigate the case and see us in court. He stated we have language drafted that they have rejected, so we go with the Ordinance they already approved or we keep litigating. He stated he is looking for direction and is willing to answer any questions.

The Aldermen had concerns about how our Ordinance addresses the gun carrying aspect of the State Law, and with the explanation given by Mr. Farrar and Chief Eddington the Council's direction was to go forward.

Aldermen voiced their concerns about the presentation by Bill McKenna, and their final decision was to proceed with the case.

Worker's Compensation:

Bob Gustafson presented his two presentations which were:

- 1) Seth Himrod is an Equipment Operator II who lifted a heavy garbage bag. The recommendation was to settle and to go forward to get this off the books.
- 2) Philip Martorelli an Equipment Operator II injured himself while lifting a plastic garbage can above his head. The recommendation was to settle for \$48,398.69 and he is still working. The Council gave permission to go forward.

Real Estate:

Johana Nyden gave her report on the following properties:

- 1) NogginLabs want to relocate to Evanston at 1822 Ridge Avenue.
 - a) We will give them \$305,000.00. plus annual assistance
 - b) Their gap is \$2.7 million for the project
 - c) \$5,500.00 each year
 - d) \$2,000.00 for each job created in Evanston

The direction from the Council was to go forward, continue negotiations, but make no final commitments until further notification and direction from Council.

2) Main & Chicago- City Manager stated we are still meeting with great guys who have one-story retail, parking, and banks. We are scaring away the bottom dwellers, and continuing to cultivate those who share our vision. Trader Joes' is one of a possible business that is coming to Evanston.

- 2) 2424 Oakton – Mr. Lyons stated the property is not in compliance with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Sewer Permit Ordinance. The permit expires this year and the estimated cost for completion is quoted at \$200, 000.00. They are still trying to discover how to make this property less costly.

Questions that arose:

- a) How can we allow this to go on and on?
- b) Who owns the property?
- c) Has the Bank taken it back?
- d) Did this guy (Cartman) who came up again call and state he was involved?
- e) Where is the deed?
- f) Which deed has been recorded?
- g) Do we have the record from the Recorder of Deeds?
- h) Does Bayview own the property?
- i) How old are the deeds that are on record?

The contacts according to Mr. Bobkiewicz have not been successful in making things happen. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Bobkiewicz stated they will continue to discover who to talk to and who will talk to us.

3) 629-631 and 727 Howard Street- Ms. Nyden stated these properties were all up for sale for a grand total of \$650,000.00 and they are all in the Howard TIF District. Alderman Rainey stated they never found evidence of any one in the retail ever paying a retail tax, and there is no record to be found.

Mr. Bobkiewicz asked to move forward with the Council's approval and would keep them apprised of any developments.

Personnel:

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated the search for a Community Development Director. The interviews occurred a week ago Friday, with six great candidates which were narrowed down to three. He stated his focus is on Mr. Steve Griffin of William County, Virginia. Mr. Griffin will be coming back on Friday and he is willing to come to Evanston, and he is also being sought by the Des Plaines Community. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated he would make an offer to bring him to Evanston.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney Greene, City Clerk