

CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2006

ROLL CALL - PRESENT:

Alderman Wynne	Alderman Tisdahl
Alderman Bernstein	Alderman Rainey
Alderman Holmes	Alderman Hansen
Alderman Moran	Alderman Wollin

A Quorum was present.

**NOT PRESENT
AT ROLL CALL:**

Alderman Jean-Baptiste

PRESIDING:

Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton on Monday, January 23, 2006, at 8:39 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Julia Carroll announced the final community input session on the Strategic Plan would be Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m., at Evanston/Northwestern Hospital, in the Frank Auditorium. Updated material was distributed to Council members.

Mayor Morton reminded the Housing and Community Development Committee and Economic Development Committee that according to present rules, they are to send a representative to the M/W/EBE Advisory Board.

CONSENT AGENDA (Any item marked with an Asterisk*)

Alderman Moran moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: Ordinance 1-O-06 – Decrease Class C Liquor Licenses; Ordinance 2-O-06 – Increase Class C Liquor Licenses; Ordinance 5-O-06 – Mather LifeWays, 1615 Hinman Ave/422 Davis St; Ordinance 139-O-05 – Amends Affordable Housing Demolition Tax Ordinance; Resolution 3-PR-06 – Adopting the Manual of Design Guidelines; Request for Families in Transition Subsidy; and Resolution 8-R-06 – Amendment to Council Rules. Seconded by Alderman Rainey. Roll call. Voting aye – Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (9-0).

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES:

* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 9, 2006 and the Special City Council Meeting of January 7, 2006. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

*Approval, as recommended, of City of Evanston payroll for the periods through January 19, 2006 and City of Evanston bills for the period ending January 24, 2006, authorized and charged to the proper accounts:

City of Evanston payroll (01/19/06)	\$2,122,553.47
City of Evanston bills (through 01/24/06)	\$1,938,197.38

* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

Approval of additional funding for the McCormick Boulevard Project. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Approval of Change Order #1 for Clauss Brothers, Inc. (360 W Schaumburg Rd) for the James Park East Baseball Field Renovation Project, increasing the contract amount by \$12,873.40, from \$99,626 to \$112,499.40. Funded by the Capital Improvement Program. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 7-O-06 – Declaration of Surplus Property – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 7-O-06, which recommends approval of the sale of (1) 1994 Ford Taurus, (1) 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, (1) 1988 Ingersoll Compressor, (1) 1996 Chevrolet Caprice and miscellaneous equipment owned by the City of Evanston at the Lake County auction on March 18, 2006. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 3-O-06 – Amends Title 10 of City Code - Long-Term Meter Rates – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 3-O-06, introduced January 9, 2006, which amends 10-11-12, Schedule XII of the City Code, “Parking Meter Zones.” * ADOPTED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (9-0)

* Ordinance 4-O-06 – Amends Title 10 of City Code – Expand Residents Exempt Parking District “M” – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 4-O-06, introduced January 9, 2006, which amends 10-11-10, Schedule X of the City Code, “Limited Parking.” * ADOPTED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION & ROLL CALL (9-0)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

* Ordinance 9-O-06 – Planned Development & Map Amendment – 2100 Greenwood St. – Consideration of the Plan Commission recommendation to rezone the property at 2100 Greenwood St. from I2, General Industrial District, to MU, Transitional Manufacturing District, and to redevelop the existing structure at 2100 Greenwood into 26 live-work loft condominium units with 32 off-street parking spaces enclosed within the building and one open off-street parking space. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

Ordinance 1-O-06 – Amends 3-5-6 of City Code – Decrease in Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 1-O-06, introduced January 9, 2006, which amends Section 3-5-6(C) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class C liquor licenses from 22 to 21 with the change of ownership for Va Pensiero, 1566 Oak Ave.

Ordinance 2-O-06 – Amends 3-5-6 of City Code – Increase in Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 2-O-06, introduced January 9, 2006, which amends Section 3-5-6(C) of the City Code to increase the number of Class C liquor licenses from 21 to 22 with the change of ownership for Va Pensiero, 1566 Oak Ave.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste asked that ordinances 1-O-06 and 2-O-06 be held at Council. Seconded by Alderman Rainey.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Ordinance 5-O-06 – Planned Development – Mather LifeWays, 1615 Hinman Ave./422 Davis St. – Consideration of the Plan Commission recommendation to approve a planned development for Mather LifeWays to construct in two phases 245 independent living residences, plus 24 assisted living and 40 long-term care residences with underground parking for 249 vehicles.

Alderman Rainey reported that this item was held in committee and a special Planning & Development Committee

meeting was set for Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to complete discussion of this item.

Ordinance 139-O-05 – Amends the Affordable Housing Demolition Tax Ordinance – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 139-O-05, introduced December 12, 2005, which would amend the Affordable Housing Demolition Tax Ordinance, Section 4-20-3(D) – refund of demolition tax.

Resolution 3-PR-06 – Adopting the Manual of Design Guidelines – Consideration of a recommendation from the Plan Commission to adopt the Manual of Design Guidelines.

Request for Families in Transition Subsidy – Consideration of the recommendation from the Housing Commission to approve a request from the YWCA for approximately \$5,800 for Families in Transition subsidy for one year, funded through the Mayor’s Special Housing Fund.

Alderman Rainey reported that Ordinance 139-O-06, Resolution 3-PR and the request for families in transition subsidy were held in committee and would be completed at the January 31 committee meeting.

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Resolution 8-R-06 – Amendment to Council Rules – Consideration of proposed Resolution 8-R-06, which amends the Rules and Organization of the City Council.

Alderman Moran moved approval of Resolution 8-R-06. Seconded by Alderman Bernstein.

Alderman Rainey moved to table Resolution 8-R-06 until the February 13 City Council meeting. Seconded by Alderman Moran.

CALL OF THE WARDS:

2nd Ward. Alderman Jean-Baptiste said a candlelight vigil was organized for Linda Twyman on Friday, January 27, 7:00 p.m., at 1144 Ashland (her residence). After the vigil neighbors will walk to a nearby church where police will update them on this case.

Alderman Jean-Baptiste announced that Dewey-Darrow Neighbors would meet at Pick-A-Cup Coffee Club, 1813 Dempster St., Wednesday, February 1, a place where groups like to meet.

3rd Ward. Alderman Wynne reported receiving an email from a constituent at 811 Chicago Avenue who was concerned about potential construction damage from a permitted project next door at 801 Chicago Avenue. Residents at 811 have taken a pre-condition survey of their building in which they videotaped and photographed their building and put up sensors so they have a base-line of their building. She recalled that some buildings next to construction sites have been damaged due to construction. The cost to the condominium owners of the pre-construction survey is \$3,500. She thought this cost should be borne by the developer at 801 Chicago. There are many in-fill buildings going up in Evanston and it was unfair that owners of existing buildings have to take on this cost. She made a reference to the Plan Commission to amend the Zoning Ordinance so that when a new building is constructed, adjacent buildings don’t have bear the cost of pre-condition surveys and asked to have this looked at by whatever committee is appropriate.

4th Ward. Alderman Bernstein invited all to attend the YMCA Project Soar benefit next Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the “Y.” Mayor Morton is the honorary chair.

5th Ward. No report.

6th Ward. No report.

7th Ward. Alderman Tisdahl made a reference to the Human Services Committee to consider a smoking ban in restaurants and bars.

8th Ward. No report.

9th Ward. No report.

1st Ward. Alderman Wollin thanked the League of Women Voters for the seminar on Saturday on early voting, which starts February 27 through March 16 and urged people to vote early.

At 8:59 p.m., Alderman Wynne moved that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel and closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ICS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21). Seconded by Alderman Bernstein.

(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

(21) 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.

Roll call. Voting aye –Jean-Baptiste, Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (9-0).

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Morton asked for a motion to adjourn and the Council so moved at 9:35 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.