

CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2006

PRESENT:

Mayor Morton
Alderman Moran
Alderman Tisdahl
Alderman Rainey
Alderman Hansen

Alderman Wollin
Alderman Jean-Baptiste
Alderman Wynne
Alderman Bernstein
Aldermen Holmes

A Quorum was present.

PRESIDING:

City Manager Julia A. Carroll

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council was held Saturday, March 18, 2006, starting at 8:40 a.m. in the Linden Room of the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., for the purpose of conducting a review of the City's Strategic Plan.

Ms. Carroll stated that the Strategic Plan covers the next five-ten years. She reported the plan was reviewed at a public meeting on January 24, 2006, where staff took feedback. Staff met four times over the past six weeks to review those comments and to work on providing more focus and structure to the plan. A chart was created of what was important with goals and objectives clarified. At the suggestion of the League of Women Voters of Evanston, Goal #13 was added.

At this meeting, Council members and staff responsible for implementation of the plan met in four groups and discussed Economics, Neighborhoods/Social Programs, Partnerships/Governance and Infrastructure/Natural Resources to produce final goals and objectives.

Staff will take the final goals and objectives agreed upon at this meeting and put them into final form for approval by City Council. Then staff will prepare a revised implementation plan that will be shared with Council. Ms. Carroll stated that the plan would be reviewed quarterly.

Alderman Rainey asked whom to call when there are problems that need to be addressed on weekends? Ms. Carroll responded that Council members call her and provided cell phone and backup numbers.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

Mary P. Morris,
City Clerk