

CITY COUNCIL

June 12, 2006

ROLL CALL - PRESENT:

	Alderman Jean-Baptiste	Alderman Tisdahl
	Alderman Bernstein	Alderman Rainey
	Alderman Holmes	Alderman Hansen
A Quorum was present.	Alderman Moran	Alderman Wollin

ABSENT: Alderman Wynne

PRESIDING: Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

The OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Morton on Monday, June 12, 2006, at 9:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Interim Finance Director Mary Rodino gave a brief overview on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. After meeting with the rating agencies next week, she anticipated that the City would retain its Aaa bond rating and an interest rate less than 5%. The involvement of a minority firm and the City's investment banker William Blair & Co. would continue with representative John Peterson available to answer questions.

Mayor Morton expressed thanks on behalf of a citizen for publishing the goals and objectives of the City's Strategic Plan in *Highlights*.

Mayor Morton complimented City Council members for doing an outstanding job representing citizens' interests. When a citizen makes a complaint to an alderman, it is sent to the City Manager's office and responded to by staff. Sometimes citizens speak to an alderman and think nothing is happening but that is not true.

Public Works Director David Jennings announced that Dave Stoneback was appointed the Superintendent of Water & Sewer. He has 26 years of experience of which 21 are with the City.

COMMUNICATIONS: City Clerk Mary Morris announced that communications from the League of Women Voters and the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church were placed on the dais for Council members.

Community Emergency Response Team Graduation

Evanston's Emergency Services Coordinator Max Rubin, Police Chief Frank Kaminski, Fire Chief Alan Berkowsky and Mayor Morton presented certificates to CERT Class 3. The program started in 2004 under the guidance and instruction of Tom Janetske, Assistant Emergency Services Coordinator, who created and has maintained a wonderful program of great benefit to this community. CERT graduates also graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. The CERT program gives these individuals an opportunity to protect residents and businesses. CERT volunteers are of all ages, from all neighborhoods and are a microcosm of Evanston's diversity. Forty hours of training includes basic medical and triage assistance, search and rescue for victims, traffic management assistance, managing utilities and extinguishing small fires, and collecting disaster intelligence to support first-responder efforts. They organize themselves as spontaneous volunteers to be effective in times of crisis and are an example of what Evanston is about. Mr. Rubin thanked each volunteer on behalf of the community: Peter Gamber, Barbara Juliar, Marvin Juliar, Kotina Knox, Dawn Litwiller, Joe Rocheleau, Renee Schadosky, Bob Sokol, Christopher Stewart, Kim Sutker, Patti Szarnych, George Vail, and Betty Washington.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Bennett J. Johnson, 708 Washington St., spoke as a citizen and board member of the Evanston Community Development Corporation about the consequences of the failure to support the Church/Dodge development project, Darrow Corners.

Educated as a scientist and mathematician he used the scientific method to analyze the political and social problems of this issue. His hypothesis was that the opposition to Darrow Corners was based upon the least common denominator in our society, namely race. The matter of race is seen in the failure of this City Council to be fair in making decisions that affect the black community; the failure of Council to accede to opinions of the two aldermen who represent the wards involved in Darrow Corners; the failure to prioritize the opinions of black citizens who worked for years on the revitalization of Church/Dodge over the complaints of a few landlords. Decisions of this type have resulted in housing being built for upper and middle-income families in the downtown area, along Chicago Avenue and on Central Street but not on Church/Dodge for low-income families. Code words used in this process are *low-income families*. This should be translated to mean black or Latino families. The scientific basis for determining what is true and correct is the final result of actions or acts. The good book says, "By their deeds, you shall know them." Decisions made by this Council are moving toward a divided community between expensive and luxury condominiums owned largely by white and upper income families on one side of town and on the other side older two-story apartments and bungalows owned or rented by mostly black and Latino low-income families. A friend described this as "Double L." The north wards and lakefront represent one L. The 5th to the 8th wards representing the interior of the City is the other L. Most citizens would object to this Double L description because it implies a segregated city. Unless this Council and citizens ponder remedial action, Evanston will become a divided and segregated city again. A grievous vote has been struck upon the body politic by this Council's decision not to support affordable housing on Church Street. Darrow Corners was the work product of many people. The unreasonable action by Council of turning down a \$6.6 million subsidy has raised the eyebrows of private developers who will be reluctant to invest time and money into the target area. It has caused Evanston property owners to wonder why Council hesitates to ameliorate the environmental hazard and eyesore of this property for affordable housing for low-income families. ECDC's mission is revitalization of the Church/Dodge area. Darrow Corners was the first step in this project. He asked Aldermen Bernstein, Rainey, Tisdahl and Hansen to act to right this wrong.

Fred Axley, president of Housing Opportunity Development Corporation (HODC), noted on May 22 Council accepted the negative recommendation of the Plan Commission for the development of Darrow Corners. The board of directors of HODC asked Council to entertain a motion to reconsider the vote and to reject the negative recommendation. To assist in this decision, HODC was prepared to use its best efforts to secure financing that would cover the expense of 15-20 hours weekly at the facility that would provide for a full-time onsite property manager. That is the only change they proposed and it addressed a major issue Council members had about whether the property would be managed safely. If the recommendation is reversed they will work to an agreement for all the points discussed through the subcommittee process so the project can move forward. As they know, they are under obligation to let the state know what they will do with the money and cannot hold it in abeyance. He hoped that Council would reconsider.

Betty Burns Paden, 1122 Emerson St., agreed with Bennett Johnson, that the City is driving poor people out and the 1881 Oak Avenue project is driving poor and black people out of town. The project is 18 stories; people in the community are complaining and the people not complaining are from other parts of Evanston who come to the church and claim that is their area. Her family has lived there for more than 160 years. Her community was torn down because of the Research Park and now is being built up as something ungodly that does not conform to the neighborhood. They are asking for something to come there, because this land has been vacant for a long time, but to have 18 stories, 176 units and people going back and forth in their cars does not help the community. They have circulated petitions and 117 people have signed objecting to this building because this is not downtown Evanston or downtown Chicago. She believed this monstrosity will cause people to move from that area. She owns four pieces of property there and the developer told her this would improve her property. What he was telling her was the taxes will go so high she won't be able to pay them and won't get enough rent to pay taxes on her rental properties. That does not help her. People who live there are not for this project. She did not believe that their aldermen, whom she loves dearly, were helping. They are considering the developer and how much money will go into the City coffers, but that should not be to the detriment of the people in the area. She asked Council to consider a petition with 117 signatures of people who live, do business, and work in the area, and not just those who come on Sunday. The Zoning Board has suggested a building of 8-10 stories. The interest is to build there and the last time developers were there they mentioned that the houses across the street were old and should be torn down. They are talking about her buildings and if it gets too expensive nobody will want to rent there. She asked Council to support denying the developer and have the developer do something small so the rest can live a decent life in the area.

Tina Paden, 1122 Emerson St., spoke about 1881 Oak and hoped Council would go along with the Plan Commission and

deny the proposed 18-story building. Her concern was lack of parking. The original proposal was for one-bedroom units. Now they propose two and three bedrooms. Most people with two or three bedroom condominium units have more than one car. There is no traffic control at Emerson and Oak. This large building does not conform to the neighborhood. Planning & Development suggested an 8-10 story building. The developer went from 20 stories down to 18 stories, which is not appropriate. The developer claims this is downtown so the project should be like Optima Towers but this is a transition neighborhood. They should build something that goes with the rest of the buildings and the heights of those buildings. They hope that Council would deny this project.

Alvin Paden, 1122 Emerson St., spoke about the 1881 Oak project. He stated that Council is giving in to developers because the developers have an option. That option is that the developer can take a certain amount of money and give it toward a subsidy. The reason they do that is because they don't want to lower the price on their condominiums. Their condominiums start at \$200,000 and up, which automatically eliminates low and middle income people from buying in. He thought that Council should recommend that developers set aside a certain amount of their project for low and middle income people. What is happening in Evanston is that it is moving further south. Winnetka and Kenilworth are moving toward Evanston and that means if a person does not have a certain amount of money they cannot stay. This project is too large for the lot. He has two lots across the street and they are almost equivalent to that lot. He said this project should be denied on the basis of the human factor as well.

CONSENT AGENDA (Any item marked with an Asterisk*)

Alderman Moran moved Council approval of the Consent Agenda with these exceptions: proposal from Farr Associates for architectural and design services for Sub Areas 1-2 in the West Evanston TIF; Resolution 44-R-06 – Enterprise Car Rental Lease – Maple Avenue Garage; Planned Development for 1881 Oak Avenue; and Resolution 38-R-06 – Designate Lee St. Between Elmwood/Maple avenues with Honorary Name “Rev. Hardist E. Lane Way.”. Seconded by Alderman Rainey. Roll call. Voting aye – Jean-Baptiste, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES:

* Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 22, 2006 and Special City Council Meeting of May 15, 2006. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

*Approval, as recommended, of City of Evanston payroll for the period through June 1, 2006 and City of Evanston bills for the period ending June 13, 2006, authorized and charged to the proper accounts:

City of Evanston payroll (through 06/01/06)	\$2,178,603.78
City of Evanston bills (through 06/13/06)	\$2,604,241.33

* APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Approval of the lowest responsive and responsible bid from Working Class Uniforms (9525 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn) in the amount of \$132,088.30. Funding provided by the Municipal Service Center Clothing account. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Resolution 40-R-06 – Grant Application for Emission Reduction Program - Consideration of proposed Resolution 40-R-06, which authorizes the City Manager to sign a grant application through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a program that reduces emissions through improved greenhouse gas management and clean energy programs. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Resolution 41-R-06 – Adam Perry Park Renovations – Consideration of proposed Resolution 41-R-06, which authorizes the City Manager to sign the resolution of authorization for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application for renovations to Adam Perry Park. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Resolution 43-R-06 – Traffic Signal Modernization at Central St. and Ashland, Asbury Avenues – Consideration of proposed Resolution 43-R-06, by which the City Council would appropriate \$380,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for traffic signal improvements at Central St./Ashland Ave. and Central St./Asbury Ave. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Resolution 45-R-06 – Space in the Public Parking Garage at the Northeast Corner of Davis St. and Benson Ave. – Consideration of Resolution 45-R-06, which authorizes the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Sherman Plaza Partners, LLC for 200 square feet of space in the second floor of the public parking garage located on the northeast corner of Davis St. and Benson Ave. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8-0)

* Ordinance 46-O-06 – Decrease in the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 46-O-06, which amends 3-5-6(D) of the City Code to decrease the number of Class D liquor licenses from 24 to 23 due to a technical correction. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 58-O-06 – Amend Liquor Regulations to Add Class Y Liquor License – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 58-O-06, which adds a new section 3-5-6(Y) to the City Code pertaining to Alcoholic Liquor Regulations to create a Class Y liquor license class that authorizes the retail sale of wine only in a specialty wine shop. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 66-O-06 – Revise Water Rate Structures – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 66-O-06, which revises the water rate structure, allocating the costs to the various users based on the user's demand on the water system and the volume of water used. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 70-O-06 – Amend Title 10 of City Code – Add Four-Way Stop At Pioneer Rd./Grant St. – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 70-O-06, amends Section 10-11-5, Schedule V(D) of the City Code to establish a four-way stop at Pioneer Rd. and Grant St. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* 71-O-06 – Three-Way Stop at Pioneer Road and Colfax Street – Consideration of proposed ordinance 71-O-06, by which the City Council would amend Section 10-11-5 Schedule V (C) of the City Code to establish a three-way stop at Pioneer Road and Colfax Street. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 73-O-06 – Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 73-O-06, which provides for the issuance of the CIP bond issue, Series 2006, consisting of \$10.5 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 74-O-06 – Increase in the Number of Class C Liquor Licenses – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 74-O-06, which amends 3-5-6(C) of the City Code to increase the number of Class C liquor licenses from 22 to 23 due to the addition of Addis Abeba, Inc. doing business as Addis Abeba, 1322 Chicago Ave., Evanston. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 75-O-06 – Regulation of Standing or Parked Idling Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicles – Consideration of proposed Ordinance 75-O-06, which limits the idling of standing or parked diesel vehicles over 8,000 pounds gross weight to five minutes in any sixty-minute period. * MARKED

INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

* Ordinance 72-O-06 – Special Use for Type 2 Restaurant at 1633-55 Orrington Ave. – Consideration of a ZBA recommendation to grant a special use for a Type 2 restaurant at 1633-55 Orrington Ave., dba Pomegranate Restaurant. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Ordinance 69-O-06 – Special Use for a Religious Institution at 2004-2010 Emerson St. – Consideration of a ZBA recommendation to approve a new religious institution for New Hope CME Church at 2004-2010 Emerson St. * MARKED INTRODUCED – CONSENT AGENDA

* Resolution 39-R-06 – Water Treatment Facility Municipal Exemption – Consideration of staff's recommendation for municipal exemption to permit recommended improvements at the Water Treatment Facility. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

* Request for Sidewalk Cafes for Type 1 and Type 2 Restaurants – Consideration of the sidewalk café requests for Lou Malnatti's Restaurant (Type 1) at 1850 Sherman Ave., for Prairie Joe's Restaurant (Type 1) at 1921 Central St. and Cosi (Type 2) at 1740 Sherman Ave. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

* Approval of May 2006 Township Monthly Bills – Consideration of a recommendation to approve the Township bills, payroll and medical payments for the month of May 2006 in the amount of \$84,852.99. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

OTHER COMMITTEES

* Recommendation to Approve Annual Funding for Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau 2006-07 – Consideration of a recommendation by the Economic Development Committee to provide an annual grant of \$61,800 to Chicago's North Shore Convention & Visitors Bureau for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Fund is from the Economic Development Fund. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

* Resolution 42-R-06 – Intergovernmental TIF Agreement with School Districts 65 & 202 – Consideration of proposed Resolution 42-R-06, which authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with School Districts #65 and #202 for TIF payments. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

* Resolution 46-R-06 – Consenting to the Dissolution of the Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park – Consideration of Resolution 46-R-06, which consents to the dissolution of the Northwestern University/Evanston Research Park. As shareholders in the Research Park, the City and the University must agree to the dissolution. * APPROVED - CONSENT AGENDA MOTION AND ROLL CALL (8- 0)

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Morton asked that the following appointment be introduced and confirmed:

Peter Lobin
2030 Orrington Ave.
Term ending June 30, 2010

Northwestern University/City Committee

Alderman Wollin moved to Suspend the Rules to confirm an appointment nominee at the same meeting in which the

nominee is introduced. Seconded by Alderman Moran. Voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Wollin moved that Peter Lobin be confirmed to serve on the Northwestern University/City Committee. Seconded by Alderman Moran. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Morton asked that the following appointments be introduced:

Allan Drebin 2018 Orrington Ave.	Arts Council
Barbara Hayden 1212 Monroe St.	Arts Council
Greg Salustro 1120 Austin St.	Arts Council
Joe Sislow 127 Clyde Ave.	Arts Council
Victoria Pearlman 2428 Grant St.	Commission on Aging
Frederick W. Rakowsky 49 Knox Circle	Commission on Aging
Shayna R. Wade 800 Sherman Ave.	M/W/EBE Advisory Development Committee
David A. Galloway 728 Noyes St.	Plan Commission
Bruce Pikas 1909 Livingston St.	Playground & Recreation Board
Mathew J. Rodgers 133 Clyde Ave.	Zoning Board of Appeals

* APPROVED – CONSENT AGENDA

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS:

Proposal from Farr Associates in the amount of \$144,984.40, including reimbursable costs, for architectural and design services for Sub Areas 1 and 3 in the West Evanston TIF. Additionally, \$18,000 for a market feasibility study by Valerie S. Kretchmer & Associates (sub-consultant to Farr Associates) for Sub Areas 1-4 of this TIF area. Funding provided by the Economic Development Fund to be refunded by the West Evanston TIF when increment is available.

Alderman Hansen reported that this item was held in committee.

Resolution 44-R-06 – Enterprise Car Rental Space Lease Agreement in Maple Avenue Garage – Consideration of Resolution 44-R-06, which authorizes the City Manager to execute a lease with Enterprise Leasing Company for the rental of a portion of the first floor retail and parking spaces in the Maple Avenue Garage.

Alderman Hansen reported that this item was held in committee.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Planned Development – 1881 Oak Ave – Plan Commission Recommendation to Deny – Consideration of the Plan Commission recommendation to deny the planned development at 1881 Oak Ave., a proposed 18-story, 165-residential-unit building with a 247-space parking garage.

Alderman Rainey moved rejection of the Plan Commission’s recommendation to deny the planned development of 1881 Oak Avenue. Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

Roll call. Voting aye – Jean-Baptiste, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none. Motion carried (8-0).

Alderman Rainey stated that an ordinance for a planned development for this property will be brought back to the next Planning & Development Committee meeting.

Ordinance 27-O-06 – Inclusionary Housing Ordinance – Consideration of Ordinance 27-O-06, an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, to require specified planned developments to include affordably priced dwelling units. The Housing Commission recommends adoption of this ordinance.

Alderman Rainey reported this item was held in committee; a new draft of this ordinance would be presented at the next committee meeting.

Resolution 38-R-06 – Designating a Portion of Lee St. between Elmwood and Maple Avenues with the Honorary Name “Rev. Hardist E. Lane Way” – Consideration of the proposed Resolution 38-R-06, by which the City Council would accept the recommendation of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names to designate the portion of Lee St. between Elmwood and Maple avenues with the Honorary Name “Rev. Hardist E. Lane Way.”

Alderman Bernstein read the resolution honoring the Reverend Hardist E. Lane for 37 years of life enhancing service to the community.

Alderman Bernstein moved approval of Resolution 38-R-06. Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lane was acknowledged.

OTHER COMMITTEES

AGENDA ADDENDUM

Request to Reconsider Darrow Corners – Consideration of an aldermanic request to reconsider the vote to reject the negative recommendation of the Plan Commission.

Mayor Morton stated this was put on the agenda in accordance with Council Rule 2.6. She did not have a request by two people who voted on the prevailing side to reconsider. There was no motion to reconsider.

CALL OF THE WARDS:

2nd Ward. No report.

3rd Ward. No report.

4th Ward. Alderman Bernstein congratulated the CERT graduates, the Reverend Lane and the Fisher Memorial family.

He invited all to the Custer Fair on Saturday and Sunday and expressed thanks to Assistant to the City Manager Gavin Morgan who assisted in cleaning up the streets.

5th Ward. Alderman Holmes announced a 5th Ward meeting Thursday June 15. Safety with Senior Crime Prevention Specialist Amanda Jones of the Police Department and recycling with Ecology Center Manager Linda Lutz would be discussed.

She invited all to drive through the 5th Ward and see the banners. The beautification program is moving forward.

6th Ward. Alderman Moran thanked HODC for their proposal for Darrow Corners; Mr. Axley for coming that evening and his June 9 letter that offered to meet one of the objections; took his hat off to Richard Koenig for being steadfast and advocating for Darrow Corners and colleagues who worked hard. He thanked the Evanston Community Development Corporation, which worked hard on the proposal to address the empty, contaminated lot on that corner. He found it difficult to hear discussion on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and that rental housing is a key component of addressing affordability in Evanston with no proposals for rental housing in the pipeline. The economic reality is that it is hard to develop rental housing and particularly hard to do within Evanston given how the property tax fits into that. He was mystified why a project funded with \$6.6 million of state funds was rejected. He was sorry they could not reconsider. He hoped some other means could be found to develop rental housing. He thanked Aldermen Holmes and Jean-Baptiste for their advocacy for this project.

7th Ward. Alderman Tisdahl related she had a constituent who kept getting tickets because he had a city sticker but did not display it. She thanked Parking Systems Manager Jean Baucom, who drove to the person's house, observed the car and noted the sticker was not displayed where it could be seen, told the constituent what to do and solved the problem.

8th Ward. Alderman Rainey reported putting out information on the need for volunteers to participate on boards and commissions. She put out information and got three replies from people who were well qualified to serve. They are Greg Salustro, Joe Sislow and Matt Rodgers for ZBA. She was thrilled that people were starting to apply.

9th Ward. Alderman Hansen reported the June 1st meeting for the Neighborhood Watch Group SWEAT was cancelled. Another meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Robert Crown Center and will include 2nd Ward Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

She gave follow up to a meeting about compost odors at James Park. SWANCC produced a report on best practices. Since implementation, she has received only one phone call so she thought something was being done right. Before the SWEAT meeting she will meet with concerned neighbors at 6:00 p.m. at the Levy Center and make the report available.

She reported that Officer Samson was hit recently and urged people to call and wish him well. She congratulated Commander Trigourea, who is retiring, and Sgt. Robert Mayer has been promoted to Acting Commander in Patrol.

1st Ward. Alderman Wollin announced that the City received a \$550,000 grant for Evanston's lakefront from the State of Illinois. Community meetings to start planning would be held within the next 50 days with 3rd Ward Alderman Wynne and 7th Ward Alderman Tisdahl participating. Senator Jeff Schoenberg had tried to get a larger amount and was sorry that he could not get more funds.

Mayor Morton heard data that day that the largest increase in crime was in the Midwest at 6% while the rest of the nation had a 2% increase. She noted police reports show some strange events and suggested something may have to be done.

Mayor Morton reported she was invited to the opening of the Evanston Enterprise Cafe at 1840 Oak where they celebrated with a big release of balloons. She spoke with the man who purchased the building. He is starting to fill it with business tenants and the building is being cleaned and painted inside and out.

At 10:36 p.m., Alderman Bernstein moved that Council convene into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel, litigation and closed session minutes pursuant to 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 1202 (c) (1), (11) and (21). Seconded by Alderman Jean-Baptiste.

Roll call. Voting aye – Jean-Baptiste, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none.
Motion carried (8-0).

2. All meetings of public bodies shall be public meetings except for the following:

- (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.
- (11) 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.
- (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, Bernstein, Holmes, Moran, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin. Voting nay – none.
Motion carried (8-0).

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Morton asked for a motion to adjourn and the Council so moved at 11:30 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.