

**Evanston City Council
Closed Session Minutes
Aldermanic Library
February 12, 2007**

PRESENT: Aldermen Wynne, Bernstein, Holmes, Tisdahl, Rainey, Hansen, Wollin

ABSENT: Aldermen Moran, Jean-Baptiste

STAFF: Julia Carroll, Herb Hill, Judith Witt

PRESIDING: Mayor Lorraine H. Morton

START: 11:32 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 6, 8, 20 and 22, 2007 closed sessions were approved provisionally as presented.

Collective Bargaining

City Manager Julia Carroll pointed out that all of the contracts are settled except for IAFF. The wages are budgeted at 4% and she asked for an update on negotiations.

Human Resources Director Judith Witt said that the City is currently in negotiations with the Firefighters' Union (IAFF) with health insurance and wages as the major issues. She stated that they are headed toward arbitration and noted that the Union may request mediation through state statute. Ms. Witt reported that the Union's attorney said, "Things don't get serious until the night before arbitration." She noted that Skokie and Wilmette are in arbitration with their unions.

Ms. Carroll reiterated that the City needs to stick (to their position) on health insurance. She reported that non-union and exempt employees were budgeted for a 4% wage increase with a slight increase in health insurance.

Mayor Morton asked for a motion to adjourn. The Council so moved and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Mayre Press,
Deputy City Clerk