



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 27, 2017

Roll Call: Alderman Wynne Alderman Rainey
 Alderman Holmes Alderman Fiske
 Alderman Tendam Alderman Braithwaite
 Alderman Revelle

Absent: Aldermen Wilson & Miller

Presiding: Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:30 PM after a Roll Call revealed a quorum was present.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations:

The Mayor announced that April 3 – 9, 2017 was National Public Health Week Youth and Young Adult Division Awards were presented and introduced by Mr. Lawrence Hemmingway, Kevin Brown, and the Director of the “Addy-Wyatt Center for Non-Violence Training”. There were 8 young adults including Mr. Kevin Brown who had completed the class as trainers, who received certificates and trainer’s manual.

Communications: City Clerk

Clerk Greene called for Marian Kruz to come forward who then sent Ms. Nancy Baker who explained what the “Evanston WE Program” was about. She then had three of the students in the program to give their personal testimony how the program has influenced them to work for a better future in and outside of college.

Public Comment:

Junad Rizki spoke of the article concerning the collector’s office, as well as the million dollar grant to the Howard project. He then spoke of the bid process and Mr. Vasilko’s from the previous council meeting. He claims the misuse of funds for pet projects as well.

Mike Vasilko stated he submitted documents over the weekend that proves his claims of bid tampering and bias against his company. He suggests dismantling the RFP committee and process of evaluating bids until a new council is put into place.

Presicilla Giles asked what has happened to the suburban Evanston we use to know,

and she suggested that Evanston City is up for sale.

Carolyn Murray spoke of the cancellation of the Ethics committee and how it was a disservice to the community and the citizens who voted for you. She stated to have an ethics committee after the election is unfair.

Madelyn Ducree spoke about the many cancellations of the Ethics Committee from looking on the city's webpage. She was asking for clarification of why these matters that were written have not been dealt with, and she asked her Alderman of the 5th ward to explain to her and the community concerning the letter she wrote on city letterhead.

Items not approved on Consent Agenda:

(P2) Resolution 27-R-17, Adopting an Amendment to the Downtown Plan to Add Additional Property Subject to the Downtown Plan to Guide Future Land Use Decisions and Planning

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For Action

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 13, 2017

For Action

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(A1) Payroll – February 20, 2017 through March 5, 2017 \$2,699,775.50

(A2) City of Evanston Bills – March 28, 2017 \$2,501,825.81
Credit Card Activity – Period Ending January 31, 2017 \$ 193,646.91

For Action

(A3.1) Evanston Post Office Report

Staff recommends City Council accept and place the Evanston Post Office Report on file.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

(A3.2) Service Agreement with Play-Well TEKnologies for Youth Engineering LEGO Camps

Staff recommends that City Council authorize a sole source agreement with Play-Well TEKnologies (224 Greenfield Ave., Ste. B, San Anselmo, CA) through 2018 for instruction of youth engineering LEGO camps. Revenue from program registrations are deposited into the General Fund - Chandler-Newberger Center (Account 100.30.3035.53565). Instructional expenses are paid from the Chandler-Newberger Fund (Account 100.30.3035.62505), which has a FY 2017 budget of \$53,305. For 2017, staff is projecting \$31,075 in revenues and \$22,500 in expenses.

For Action

(A3.3) Approval of 2017 Special Events Calendar

Staff recommends approval of the 2017 calendar of special events, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines. This year's calendar includes two new proposed events: National Alliance on Mental Illness Cook County N. Suburban (NAMI CCNS) 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 24 and a Motorcycle Classic on Sunday, October 15. The Human Services Committee approved the lakefront and park events on March 6, 2017. Certain events of over 250 participants or those requiring street closure require Administration and Public Works Committee and City Council approval. Costs for City services provided for events require a 100% reimbursement from the sponsoring organization or event coordinator. These fees are waived for City events and City co-sponsored events.

For Action

(A3.4) Contract with Clark Dietz, Inc. for HVAC and Electrical Engineering Services at Chandler Newberger Center (RFP No. 17-08)

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for engineering services related to the Chandler-Newberger Community Center HVAC and Electrical Improvements Project with Clark Dietz, Inc. (118 S. Clinton Street, Suite 700, Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$80,965. Funding will be provided from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) General Obligation Bonds as follows: Chandler HVAC Improvements (Account 415.40.4117.62145-617001) with a FY 2017 Budget of \$75,000; Chandler Electrical Upgrades (Account 415.40.4217.62145-617002) with a FY 2017 Budget of \$335,000; and (Account 415.40.4117.62145-617002) with a FY 2017 Budget of \$65,000.

For Action

(A3.5) Contract with Cleanslate Chicago, LL for 2017 Mowing Services at Four City Parks

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract award for the 2017 Mowing Services to the low bidder, Cleanslate Chicago, LLC (1540 South Ashland, Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$23,900.00. This contract is for one year of mowing services at the following four City Parks: Harbert, Beck, Butler and Twiggs. This was part of a joint bid with the Village of Skokie. Funding for this project is included in the proposed FY 2017 General Fund (Account 100.40.4330.62195), which has a total allocation of \$142,000.00.

For Action

(A3.6) Purchase of Two Watercrafts from Brunswick Commercial & Government Products for the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department

Staff recommends City Council approval for the purchase of two (2) replacement watercrafts for the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department from Brunswick Commercial & Government Products (420 Megan Z Avenue, Edgewater, FL) in the amount of \$132,697. The purchase is through the City's membership with the National Joint Purchasing Association. Funding will be from the Automotive Equipment Replacement (Account 601.19.7780.65550), with a FY 2017 Budget of \$1,455,422.

For Action

(A3.7) Single Source Purchase of Seven Motorcycles from City Limits Harley-Davidson for the Evanston Police Department Traffic Management Bureau

Staff recommends City Council approval of the purchase of seven (7) Harley-Davidson Motorcycles for the Evanston Police Department Traffic Management Bureau. The motorcycles will be purchased from City Limits Harley-Davidson (2015 N. Rand Road, Palatine, IL) in the amount of \$108,276. Funding will be from the following sources: Equipment Replacement Fund (Account 601.19.7780.65550) in the amount of \$75,276, with a FY 2017 Budget of \$1,455,422; and Vehicle Lease Charges (Account 601.19.7780.62402) in the amount of \$33,000, with a FY 2017 Budget of \$50,000.

For Action

(A4) Ordinance 23-O-17, Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 721-723 Howard Street to Theo Ubique

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 23-O-17, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease of City-owned real property located at 721-723 Howard Street with Theo Ubique. The lease would be for ten years and includes four, five-year options for additional lease periods. Rent is proposed to be \$3,500 per month or \$42,000 annually for the first three years. Theo Ubique will make six payments totaling \$204,450 to the City to cover a portion of the costs associated with renovating the building. A two-thirds majority of City Council is required to adopt Ordinance 23-O-17. This Ordinance was introduced at the March 13, 2017 City Council meeting.

For Action

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(P1) **Grant Renewal from the Affordable Housing Fund for the Homeless Management Information System to the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County**

The Housing, Homelessness, and Human Relations Commission and staff recommend approval of a renewal grant of \$18,500 from the Affordable Housing Fund for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County. This database is required by HUD to track demographic data, housing, and social services for recipients of federal homeless funding, including Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the City. Funding is from the Affordable Housing Fund (Account 250.21.5465.62770), which has a budget of \$27,500.

For Action

(P3) **Ordinance 25-O-17 Granting Major Zoning Relief for a Circular Driveway Fronting Sheridan Rd. at 2658 Sheridan Rd.**

City staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 25-O-17 granting major zoning relief to construct a circular driveway fronting Sheridan Rd. where circular driveways are only permitted when fronting Ridge Ave. or Crawford Ave. in the R1 Single Family Residential District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a variation for this district.

For Introduction

(P4) **Ordinance 26-O-17, Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant with Coffee Roasting at Backlot Coffee**

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 26-O-17 granting special use approval for a Type 2 Restaurant, Backlot Coffee, with coffee roasting at 2006 Central Street in the B1a Business District and the oCSC Central Street Overlay District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a special use for this district.

Alderman Revelle requests suspension of the rules for introduction and adoption at the March 27, 2017 City Council meeting.

For Introduction and Action

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT COMMITTEE

(O2) **2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the City's Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs**

The Housing and Community Development Act Committee and staff recommend approval of the 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

(CAPER). The CAPER is posted on the City website at www.cityofevanston/caper. The CAPER must be submitted to the Chicago Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by March 31, 2017.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda and it was second by Alderman Wynne. With a 7-0 the motion passed.

Items for discussion:

(A3.8) Resolution 30-R-17, Designating the Portion of Washington Street between Asbury Avenue and Ridge Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Pope John XXIII School Way"

Alderman Braithwaite motioned for approval and Alderman Holmes second the motion.

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Alderman Revelle stated Alderman Wilson requested to hold until the April 10th Council meeting.

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Alderman Tendam requested to remove from the agenda, and then asked for approval and Alderman Wynne second the motion. A Roll Call vote was 5-2 (Aldermen Tendam & Fiske voted nay).

Call of the wards:

Ward 3, Alderman Wynne invited residents to come and have a coffee with her tomorrow between 7 & 10:00 AM on Chicago Avenue.

Ward 5, Alderman Holmes stated she could not understand how any ethics or

complaints could be filed last August when no one knew who was running. She spoke to the accusations of her letter that was addressed on city stationary, but she had written it on plain paper with her logo “my yard, my block, my community”. She stated she did nothing unethical and she apologized for all who may have been hurt.

Ward 6, Alderman Tendam had no report.

Ward 7, Alderman Revelle had no report.

Ward 8, Alderman Rainey stated she hoped that Mr. Vasilko would not hamper the progress of the theater project on Howard Street, and she apologized to him saying she was truly sorry.

Ward 1, Alderman Fiske stated the Sheridan Road Project has begun and it will be a mess for a while and be careful.

Ward 2, Alderman Braithwaite thanked all for attending the Chessmen’s gala raising over \$25,000.00, and he called out Chief Scott and his Deputy Chief for jumping in and taking care of the incident involving the President of the Club and keeping the crowd controlled. He also mentioned the celebrations scheduled for this weekend honoring Alderman Holmes.

Mayor Tisdahl asked for a motion to adjourn and the motion was made by multiple Aldermen and seconded by multiple Aldermen and with a Voice Vote the Regular Meeting of the City Council ended at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by,

Rodney Greene, MMC
City Clerk