



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER  
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Monday, April 10, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Absent:                     Alderman Tendam, Alderman Miller arrived at 6:13 pm.

Presiding:                 Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl  
Mayor Tisdahl called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:03 pm.

Mayor Public Announcements and Proclamations  
National Public Library Week, April 9 – 15 was made by the Mayor who also congratulated all the winners and thanked those who ran for municipal government.

City Manager Public Announcements  
The City Manager had no announcements.

Communications: City Clerk  
The City Clerk had no communications.

### **Public Comment**

Madyln Ducre stated she was glad the election was over, but she wished the ethics committee could have been before the April 4<sup>th</sup> election and now the ethics committee is meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> after the election. She stated there were a lot of comments, whether true or not, but people needed to know prior to voting. The comments seemed to have touched everyone. The council needs to listen to the people and the time for speaking should be more than the time that's allotted. She finally thanked the council for all the work they have done, but there has to be more.

**Items not approved on Consent Agenda:****(APP1) For Appointment to:**

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| Board of Ethics                        | Karena Bierman      |
| Board of Ethics                        | Vincent Thomas, Jr. |
| Citizens' Police Advisory Committee    | James Gordon        |
| Commission on Aging                    | Mike Iverson        |
| Commission on Aging                    | Louise Love         |
| Public Safety Civil Service Commission | Lynne Sered         |

**For Action**

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| Board of Ethics | Kelda Harris-Harty |
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**SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

(SP1) Payroll March 6, 2017 through March 19, 2017 \$ 2,748,452.80

(SP2) City of Evanston Bills – April 11, 2017 \$ 3,859,341.97  
**For Action**

**(SP3) Resolution 31-R-17, Designating the Portion of Dewey Avenue between Crain Street and Greenleaf Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Gay Riseborough Way"**

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board recommend adoption of Resolution 31-R-17, naming the portion of Dewey Avenue between Crain Street and Greenleaf Street, with the honorary street name sign, "Gay Riseborough Way". Funds for the honorary street name sign program is budgeted in the Public Works Agency, Infrastructure and Maintenance Bureau - Traffic Operations' materials fund (Account 100.40.4520.65115). Three street signs are made for the honoree. One sign is installed at each end of the designated one block area and the third sign is given to the honoree. The approximate cost to create all three signs is \$200.

**For Action****(APP2) For Reappointment to:**

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| Mental Health Board                    | Sandra Johnson   |
| Public Safety Civil Service Commission | Douglas Whitmore |

**For Action**

Alderman Rainey motioned for approval with a second from Alderman Braithwaite. With a Roll Call Vote the agenda passed with a 7-0. Mayor Tisdahl stated if these three appointees were not approved there would only be two members of the committee and a quorum would not be available to meet. It was suggested by Alderman Rainey to vote on the appointments and reappointments before going forward. There was a vote to approve. Alderman Fiske stated these appointments should be made by the new council because the Mayor was also mentioned in the ethics comments. She believed it would be better for Mayor

Tisdahl not to appoint because of appearance of favoritism or conflict of interest and it's not going to hurt anyone. Alderman Holmes responded to Alderman Fiske and stated she is very hurt, and the Mayor is the Mayor until May 8<sup>th</sup> she believes and will be functioning as that office as well as all of us. It is the duty of the Mayor to appoint and everyone up here endorsed people and it is not unethical to endorse people. Alderman Wilson stated there was a lot of social media information that was not correct and perceptions were not true. His inclination was to go ahead with the appointments so that we can go forward. Alderman Rainey suggested to Alderman Fiske to withdraw her objections and let it go to a vote. She also stated there was no justification to withhold the reappointment of Kelda Harris-Harty, who has been serving for some time. Alderman Wynne stated all of the people on the board of ethics are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the full council. She also stated since the council votes on the appointments, maybe none of us should vote because we may know someone to be appointed. She felt that Alderman Fiske's argument doesn't hold water. Alderman Miller stated he agreed with Alderman Fiske because he knows that one of the appointees was the campaign manager for one of the candidates. He said he will be opposing this as well because we need a sound ethics board. Alderman Braithwaite called for the question. The Mayor asked for Roll Call vote on her motion to keep all three. Alderman Rainey motioned to divide the vote, with a second from Alderman Braithwaite. Each appointee was then voted on separately after a voice vote to go forward: 1) Karena Bierman received 6-2 (Aldermen Miller & Fiske voted nay); 2) Vincent Thomas, Jr. received 5-3 (Aldermen Rainey, Miller, Fiske voted nay); 3) Kaleda Harris-Harty received 6-2 (Aldermen Miller & Fiske voted nay).

**Items for discussion:**

**(APP1)For Appointment to:**

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| Board of Ethics                        | Karena Bierman (6-2)      |
| Board of Ethics                        | Vincent Thomas, Jr. (5-3) |
| Citizens' Police Advisory Committee    | James Gordon              |
| Commission on Aging                    | Mike Iverson              |
| Commission on Aging                    | Louise Love               |
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**For Action**

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| Board of Ethics | Kelda Harris-Harty (6-2) |
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**Call of the Wards:**

Alderman Wilson, had no report.  
 Alderman Holmes had no report.  
 Alderman Revelle had no report.

Alderman Rainey reported the contract for was signed today, and she made a reference to the parking committee for the Evanston residents to have first place in obtaining parking spaces.

Alderman Miller had no report.

Alderman Fiske referred to the Rules committee to review the Board of Ethics.

Alderman Braithwaite had no report. This Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> his ward meeting at D-65.

Alderman Wynne reported the daughter of a resident had been hit by a drone on the playground. She made a reference to the Planning Committee concerning flying drones around playground areas.

Mayor Tisdahl asked for a motion to adjourn and it was made by numerous Aldermen with a second from Alderman Wilson. The meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Rodney Greene, MMC  
City Clerk