



City of Evanston

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

Present:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Revelle

Alderman Braithwaite

Alderman Rainey

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Fleming

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Suffredin

(8)

Absent:

Alderman Rue Simmons

(1)

Presiding:

Mayor Stephen Hagerty

Devon Reid
City Clerk

Mayor's Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty had no Announcement

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City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz invited Evonda Thomas-Smith to present a brief presentation on the City's tobacco and smoking awareness public service.

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City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk had no Announcement

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Public Comment

Mike Vasilko	City Budget: Howard Street Theater and budget recommendations. Also wants City Clerk's office budget to be left the same if not increased.	Watch
Kelly Nelson	Provided clarification on victims services in the Police Department	Watch
Arielle Jackson	Cost effectiveness in placing part-time worker in victims services at the Police Department.	Watch
Erika Barton	Losing two of the victim services workers will become detrimental to the City of Evanston.	Watch
Junad Rizki	Spoke about lack of integrity between City Council members and City manager on many issues. Asked senior staff be held responsible for budget allocation.	Watch
Madelyn Ducre	Ordinances approved on City Council meeting on October 9th 2017 and lack of transparency amongst City Council members.	Watch
Elliot Zashin	Asked if a committee for affordable housing has been organized and when it will begin to hold meetings. Wanted Northwestern to do more for Evanston.	Watch
Doren Price	Wanted social services to be given priority for being a necessity for the residents of Evanston and not cut their budget.	Watch

Irv Chocol

Requested the City to simplify the agendas for standing committees so the average citizen can better understand them.

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Special Order of Business

(SP1) Ordinance 128-O-17: City of Evanston 2017 Tax Levy

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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City Council adopted Tax Levy Ordinance 128-O-17, which levies the annual property tax for General Fund Operations, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Police and Fire Pension Funds, and the General Assistance Fund totaling \$30,101,219. The corresponding total for 2016 Levy was \$29,670,870. This change results in a net increase of \$430,349 or 1.45% from last year's levy.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP2) Ordinance 129-O-17: Special Service Area #4 2017 Tax Levy

City Council adopted Tax Levy Ordinance 129-O-17, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #4 in the amount of \$377,551. This represents an increase of 14.6% over the 2016 Levy of 329,592 as extended

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP3) Ordinance 130-O-17: Special Service Area #6 2017 Tax Levy

City Council adopted Tax Levy Ordinance 130-O-17, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #6 in the amount of \$225,510. This represents a 5.2% increase over the 2016 Levy as extended.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP4) Ordinance 131-O-17: Evanston Library Fund 2017 Tax Levy

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The Library Board requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 131-O-17, which levies the annual property tax for the Evanston Public Library in the amount of \$6,965,750 as extended. This represents an increase of 8.6% over the 2016 Levy of \$6,412,610 as extended.

For Action

Item held until December 11th meeting.

(SP5) Ordinance 132-O-17: Solid Waste Fund 2017 Tax Levy

City Council introduced Tax Levy Ordinance 132-O-17, which levies the annual property tax for the Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$418,367.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP6) Ordinance 122-O-17, Amending City Code Title 2, Chapter 3, Standardizing Home Rule Taxes for Due Dates, Deductions Provided, and Late Fees Assessed

City Council adopted Ordinance 122-O-17, amending portions of the City Code to standardize home rule taxes for due dates, deductions provided, and late fees assessed all contained within Title 2, Chapter 3 of the City Code.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP7) Ordinance 116-O-17, Amending City Code 7-12-17, Increasing the Meter Charges and Water Rates

City Council adopted Ordinance 116-O-17, amending City Code Section 7-12-17 increasing the water meter charges and water rates by seven percent (7%).

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP8) Ordinance 117-O-17, Amending City Code 7-13-3, Decreasing the Sewer User Rates

City Council adopted Ordinance 117-O-17, amending City Code Section 7-13-3 decreasing the sewer user rate by 4%, from \$3.82 to \$3.66 per billing unit (100 cubic feet of water consumed).

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP9) Ordinance 119-O-17, Amending City Code 3-2, Adding Section 3-2-19 Creating a Transportation Network Provider Tax

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City Council adopted Ordinance 119-O-17, amending City Code Section 3-2 by adding Section 3-2-19 "Transportation Network Company Tax", which would implement a .20 cent per ride tax on rides provided by

transportation network providers.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP10) Ordinance 123-O-17, Amending City Code 10-11-17, Schedule XVII: Parking Violation Penalties

City Council adopted Ordinance 123-O-17, amending City Code Section 10-11-17, Schedule XVII, Parking Violation Penalties to increase the fine for an expired parking meter by ten dollars (\$10) to twenty dollars (\$20).

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP11) Ordinance 124-O-17, Amending City Code Section 10-11-12, “Parking Meter Zones”

City Council adopted Ordinance 124-O-17, amending various sections of Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 12 “Parking Meter Zones” to change all meters operating from nine o’clock (9:00) a.m. to six o’clock (6:00) p.m. to the operating hours of eight o’clock (8:00) a.m. to nine o’clock (9:00) p.m. and increase the rate from seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per hour to one dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP12) Ordinance 151-O-17, Amending City Code Section 3-2-15, Municipal Parking Tax Parking, Schedule 2 (a); Tax Imposed

City Council adopted Ordinance 151-O-17 Amending City Code Section 3-2-15-2, increasing the Municipal Parking Tax Imposed from thirty-five (\$35) to fifty (\$50) dollars per month for monthly parking permits in City-owned parking garages.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP13) Ordinance 121-O-17, Amending City Code Section 3-2-4 “Hotel-Motel Tax” to Include “Vacation Rental Units” within the Purview of the Tax

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City Council adopted Ordinance 121-O-17, amending Section 3-2-4 “Hotel-Motel Tax” to include “Vacation Rental Units” within the purview of the tax. In addition, staff proposes levying a 7.5% tax on the gross rental receipts from the leasing or letting of vacation rental units.

For Action

Passed (Mayor tie vote) 5-4 Ald. Fleming, Fiske, Wynne,
Braithwaite voted "No"

(SP14) Ordinance 125-O-17, Amending Ordinance 138-O-14 Regarding the City of Evanston Permit Fee Schedule

City Council adopted Ordinance 125-O-17, amending Ordinance 138-O-14 regarding the City of Evanston Permit Fee Schedule. The proposed fee increases would increase planning and zoning fees, and building demolition fees.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP15) Ordinance 149-O-17, Amending City Code Section 2-8-16, "Fees," Increasing Historic Preservation Fees

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City Council adopted Ordinance 149-O-17, amending City Code Section 2-8-16, "Fees," increasing historic preservation fees. These fees were last updated in 2008 and would bring fees in line with similar Zoning review fees.

For Action

Passed. 7-1

Ald. Fiske voted

"No"

(SP16) Ordinance 150-O-17, Amending City Code Section 4-2-3, "Building Contractor"

City Council adopted Ordinance 150-O-17, amending City Code 4-2-3, "Building Contractor." The proposal is to require any person engaged in the business of a building contractor within the City to annually register for a fee.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP17) Ordinance 137-O-17, Amending City Code Section 5-2-5 "License Fees"

City Council adopted Ordinance 137-O-17, amending City Code Section 5-2-5 "License Fees" to decrease the Flat Fee to one hundred and fifty dollars and increase the Roomer Fee to twenty eight dollars.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP18) Ordinance 127-O-17, Amending Evanston City Code 10-11-17, “Parking Violation Penalties”

City Council adopted Ordinance 127-O-17, amending portions of City Code Section 10-11-17, Schedule XVII, Parking Violation Penalties to increase the fine for street sweeping violations by five (\$5) to forty dollars (\$40) effective January 1, 2018.

For Action

Passed in omnibus motion 8-0

(SP19) Resolution 94-R-17, Fiscal Year 2018 Budget of the City of Evanston

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Staff recommends approval of Resolution 94-R-17 adopting the FY 2018 Budget of the City of Evanston, in the amount of \$335,942,876.

For Action

Item held until December 11 meeting

Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Ald. Rainey

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For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

- (A1) Payroll – October 30, 2017 through November 12, 2017
\$2,983,059.09
- (A2) Bills List – November 28, 2017 \$ 5,406,960.22

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A3.1) Purchase of Insurance/Renewals– Property, Excess Liability & Excess Worker’s Compensation for Fiscal Year 2018

City Council approved to purchase the outlined policies at a total cost of \$547,932. The policies will renew all insurance coverage for the City for Fiscal Year 2018. All coverage exclusive of Worker's Compensation is budgeted at \$490,000, and Worker's Compensation is budgeted at \$130,000, for a FY2018 total of \$620,000. Both insurance brokers are in the second year of a 3-year contract award to place insurance coverages. Premium quotations received reflected the tightening of insurance markets across all sectors. There was a slight increase in cumulative total pricing for all coverages. Funding will be from the Insurance Fund (Account Numbers 7800.62615 & 66044).

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A3.2) Construction Bid Award for Chandler-Newberger Community Center Electrical & HVAC Improvements (Bid No 17-56)

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for the Chandler-Newberger Electrical & HVAC Improvements Project with Amber Mechanical Contractors, Inc., (11950 S. Central Ave., Alsip, IL) in the amount of \$488,880.00. Funding is available from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$301,978 in 2014 General Obligation Bonds, \$65,000 in 2017 General Obligation Bonds, and \$121,902 in 2018 General Obligation Bonds (which the city council will need to approve in the 2018 adopted budget). A further breakdown can be found on the corresponding transmittal memorandum. This item was held on November 13, 2017 and continued to November 27, 2017.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A3.3) Contracts with Three Vendors for Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2018

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute contracts with the following three vendors to supply water treatment chemicals in response to Bid 17-53: 1) Alexander Chemical Corporation (315 Fifth Street, Peru IL 61354) in the amount of \$141,000.00 to supply liquid aluminum sulfate (alum), \$37,037.00 to supply chlorine and \$90,600.00 to supply HFS Acid (fluoride) 2) Polydyne Inc. (One Chemical Plant Road, Riceboro, GA 31323) in the amount of \$32,850.00 to supply polymer, and 3) Carus Corporation (315 Fifth Street, Peru, IL 61354) in the amount of \$100,800.00 to supply blended phosphate. The total of these proposed purchases is \$402,287.00. Funding for the purchase of alum, chlorine, fluoride and polymer, totaling \$201,487, is from the Water Fund account

510.40.4220.65015, which has a budget allocation of \$465,000.00 for FY2018. Funding for the blended phosphate, in the amount of \$100,800, is from the Water Fund account 510.40.4220.65030, which has a FY2018 budget allocation of \$101,000.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A3.4) Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick for City of Evanston's 2018 CIP Topographic Surveying Engineering Services

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement for the City of Evanston's 2018 CIP Topographic Surveying (RFP 17-59) for water main and MFT street resurfacing projects with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick (380 Shepard Drive, Elgin, IL 60123) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,415.88. Funding is from the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$27,874.73 from the Water Fund and \$18,541.15 from the 2017 General Obligation Bonds. A further breakdown of funding can be found on the corresponding transmittal memorandum.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A3.5) Ratify Past Practice for Eligibility of On-Street Residential Parking Permits for the 2018 Calendar Year

City Council ratified past practice for eligibility of On-Street Residential Parking Permits to include residents who were allowed to purchase a residential parking permit in 2017 and still reside at the same address, residents who live at an address where a sign is currently posted designating the block as a residential permit parking area, and allow residents to purchase the residential parking permit zone that is currently posted on their block until the end of 2018.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A4) Resolution 79-R-17, Amending the Plan of Operation and Governance for the City of Evanston Electricity Aggregation Program

City Council adopted Resolution 79-R-17, amending the Plan of Operation and Governance for the City of Evanston Electricity Aggregation Program to allow that new residents and small businesses will be periodically enrolled into the program unless they opt out.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A5) Resolution 91-R-17, Authorizing City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern University Regarding Annual Payments by the University City

City Council adopted Resolution 91-R-17 authorizing the City Manager execute a memorandum of understanding with Northwestern University regarding annual University payments to the City, and matters related to property within the boundaries of the Research Park zoning district.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A6) Ordinance 144-O-17, Amending Subsection 3-4-6(J) of the City Code to Allow Class J Liquor Licenses the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

City Council adopted Ordinance 144-O-17, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6(J) to permit the sale of alcohol on any given Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m.

For Introduction

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A7) Ordinance 145-O-17, Amending Subsection 3-4-6(A) of the City Code to Remove Reference to “Bake at Home” Pizza Local Liquor

City Council adopted of Ordinance 145-O-17, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6(A) removing reference to “bake at home” pizzas.

For Introduction

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A8) Ordinance 146-O-17, Decreasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses for Union Squared Evanston

City Council adopted Ordinance 146-O-17, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(D) to decrease the number of authorized Class D liquor licenses from fifty-four (54) to fifty-three (53). E-Country, LLC, d/b/a Union Squared Evanston is seeking to change to a Class A liquor license.

For Introduction

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A9) Ordinance 147-O-17, Increasing the Number of Class A Liquor Licenses for Union Squared Evanston

City Council adopted Ordinance 147-O-17, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(A) to increase the number of authorized Class A liquor licenses from zero (0) to one (1), and permit issuance of a Class A license to Union Squared Evanston, located at 1307 Chicago Ave.

For Introduction

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A10) Ordinance 138-O-17, Amending City Code Section 10-11-3, Schedule III (C) Allowing Right Turn Only from Greenwood Street onto Ridge Avenue

City Council adopted Ordinance 138-O-17 amending Section 10-11-3, Schedule III (C) of the City Code to establish right turn only from Greenwood Street onto Ridge Avenue between the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM. The estimated cost to install two additional right turn only signs is \$150.00. Funding for additional signage will be through the General Fund-Traffic Control Supplies (Account 100.40.4520.65115), with a FY 2017 budget of \$50,000, and a YTD balance of \$3,044.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A11) Ordinance 139-O-17, Amending City Code Section 10-11-16(A) "Designation of Truck Routes"

City Council adopted Ordinance 139-O-17, amending Section 10-11-16, Schedule XVI (A) of the City Code to establish truck routes on Lincoln Street from North Campus Drive to Sheridan Road, on Sheridan Road from Lincoln Street to South Campus Drive, on Hinman Avenue from Sheridan Road to Clark Street (south direction only), on Clark Street from Hinman Avenue to Chicago Avenue (west direction only), on Chicago Avenue from Sheridan Road to Clark Street. Funding for signage will be through the General Fund-Traffic Control Supplies (Account 100.40.4520.65115), with a FY 2017 budget of \$50,000, and a YTD balance of \$3,044.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(A12) Ordinance 140-O-17, Amending City Code Section 10-11-14, Schedule XIV "Operations of Vehicles Carrying Merchandise Restricted" by Amending Restrictions on Sheridan Road

City Council adopted Ordinance 140-O-17 amending Section 10-11-14, Schedule XIV of the City Code to amend truck restriction on Sheridan

Road from Church Street to South Campus Drive, and from Lincoln Street to North City Limits. Funding for additional signage will be through the General Fund-Traffic Control Supplies (Account 100.40.4520.65115), with a FY 2017 budget of \$50,000, and a YTD balance of \$3,044.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(P1) Granting Vacation Rental License for 1914 Jackson Avenue

Motion: Ald.
Wynne

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City Council approved Vacation Rental License for the property located at 1914 Jackson Avenue. The Vacation Rental meets all of the Standards and Procedures for license approval.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(P2) Granting Vacation Rental License for 1026 Garnett Place

City Council approved Vacation Rental License for the property located at 1026 Garnett Place. The Vacation Rental meets all of the Standards and Procedures for license approval. This item was held on November 13, 2017 and continued to November 27, 2017 City Council meeting.

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

(P3) Ordinance 148-O-17, Amending Sections of Title 6 to Add a Special Educational Institution - Public as a Special Use within the I2 District

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City Council adopted Ordinance 148-O-17, a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to amend the special uses within the I2 General Industrial Zoning District to include a new use, Special Educational Institution - Public and to add a definition for the use.

For Introduction

Item taken off consent agenda

Passed. 7-1

Ald. Rainey voted

“No”

(APP1) For Appointment: Commission on Aging Thomas Giller

For Action

Approved on consent agenda (8-0)

Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	1st Ward meeting Tuesday December 5th at 7-9 p.m. at the Evanston Public Library	Watch
Ward 2:	Evanston Own it will host a service on Friday December 1st at Ebenezer Church with proceeds going to help fund the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. Made referral to Administrative Public Works to look at the staff refund policy.	Watch
Ward 3:	Recognized Rickey Voss and Marty Lyons for their years of service to the City of Evanston	Watch
Ward 4:	No Report	Watch
Ward 5:	No Report	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	No Report	Watch
Ward 8:	Theater work is being taken from the Howard-Ridge tax increment financing district.	Watch
Ward 9:	9th Ward holiday party and coat drive Friday December 1st 6-8 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church. Starting November 29th families in need can call 311 to be placed on the list to receive a gift from the Mayor's toy drive.	Watch

Adjournment

Mayor Hagerty called a voice vote to adjourn the City Council meeting, and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned. Alderman Wilson led City Council into Executive Session.