



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 – 7:30pm

Lorraine Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers

Members Present Ald. Wynne, Ald, Simmons, Ald, Rainey, J. Sierant, M. Berns,

Members Absent Ald. Braithwaite, Ald. Wilson, H. Powell, T. Dubin

Staff Present: M. Lyons, P. Zalmezak, C. Plante

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ald. Wynne called the meeting to order at 7:48pm

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF June 28, 2017

Ald. Simmons moved approval

M. Berns seconded.

Approved 5-0

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A&B Approval of Main-Dempster Mile and Downtown Evanston levy & budget.

P. Zalmezak introduced Main-Dempster Mile and Downtown Evanston. Each organization has a 10 minute presentation. If annual levy is approved tonight it will go to council on Saturday.

Ald. Rainey praised the quality of Main-Dempster Mile's written materials. Asked if the organization had made progress in identifying a service provider for supplemental snow removal.

K. Gotsick said that they had been talking with Chorebug, a student startup at ETHS that does yard work tasks. Insurance and not wanting kids out at night had been limiting factors for them but they're in the process of getting insurance.

Ald. Simmons moved approval of the Main-Dempster Mile levy.

Ald. Rainey Seconded.

Approved 5-0

Ald Simmons moved approval of the Downtown Evanston Levy.

Ald. Rainey seconded.

Approved 5-0

Ald. Wynne thanked Downtown Evanston for the guidance and support they provided in helping to organize the Main-Dempster Mile, and the upcoming work with Central St.

Ald. Simmons encouraged Downtown to also reach out to CEBA to help them get more organized.

C. Approval of 2018 Meeting Schedule

M. Berns moved approval

Ald. Simmons seconded.

Approved 5-0

D. Storefront Modernization Program Updates

C. Plante summarized updates. Program guidelines for 2018 are a pilot, eliminating interior buildout eligibility and adding in 100 percent funding in NSP areas as opposed to 50/50 match.

M. Berns moved approval

Ald. Simmons seconded

Approved 5-0

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Announcements/Updates from EDC Members

Ald. Rainey requested that staff make additional updates to the ED report in the packet – lots of old items that haven't been updated, and would like to see 128-130 Chicago and recent Theo Ubiqne fundraiser mentioned.

Ald. Wynne reported that she will be out of town for the meeting scheduled for November.

5. ADJOURNMENT

M. Berns moved to adjourn

Ald. Simmons seconded

Adjourned at 8:04 pm