CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 12th, 2018

Present:

Alderman Fiske
Alderman Braithwaite
Alderman Wynne
Alderman Wilson

Alderman Revelle
Alderman Rainey
Alderman Suffredin
(7)

Absent: 

Alderman Rue Simmons
Alderman Fleming

(2)

Presiding:

Mayor Stephen Hagerty

Devon Reid
City Clerk
Mayor’s Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty announced the State of the City Address could be found on the City of Evanston website for residents interested in what the Mayor had to say  

City Manager’s Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz presented Grant Ferrar a plaque award in recognition of his service of over 8 years as Corporation Counsel for the City of Evanston

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk announced Early Voting is still happening at the Civic Center in Room G300. This week early voting will take place from 9am-7pm. Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-4pm. Over 1,600 residents have voted so far. Mail In Ballot applications are due by March 15th and Mail In Ballots need to be postmarked by March 20th

Public Comment

Jackie Prince  Spoke in opposition on the revision relating to the public panhandling ordinance  

Adrian Willoughby  Spoke about the Robert Crown project and the Library Parking lot  

Carlis Sutton  Wanted City Council to support Ordinance 42-O-18 and pilot rehabilitation program. Spoke in opposition to the senior citizens and disability increase in taxi fares  

Tom Hodgman  The President of Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens spoke in support for item (SP1) Ordinance 42-O-18, Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 2603 Sheridan Rd. to Evanston Lake House and Gardens  

Doren Price  Spoke about the unequal treatment of inland property owners compared to lake property owners
Special Order of Business

(SP1) Ordinance 42-O-18, Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 2603 Sheridan Rd. to Evanston Lake House and Gardens

City Council adopted Ordinance 42-O-18, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease of City-owned real property (known as the Harley Clarke Mansion) located at 2603 Sheridan Road with Evanston Lake House and Gardens (ELHG). The lease is for 40 years and ELHG will be required to raise $2 million in funding over three years and then make code-related improvements to the mansion, opening the property for public use by May 2023. A two-thirds majority of City Council is required to adopt Ordinance 42-O-18.

For Introduction
Passed 6-1. Alderman Rainey Voted No.

Consent Agenda

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 26, 2018. Motion: Ald. Rainey Watch

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A1) Payroll – February 5, 2018 through February 18, 2018 $ 3,309,410.71

(A2.1) Bills List – March 13, 2018 $ 2,946,656.87

Credit Card Activity (not including Amazon purchases) – Period Ending January 31, 2018
Bank of America $ 154,726.19
BMO $ 3,629.40

For Action
Passed 7-0

(A2.2) Amazon Credit Card Activity – Ending January 31, 2018 $ 12,482.89

For Action
Passed 6-0 Alderman Suffredin Abstained
(A3.1) **Pilot Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program**

City Council approved a Pilot Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program to support improvements and repairs for rental units that are committed to be rented to households earning 60% of AMI. The proposed program budget is $200,000 for the 2018 fiscal year and will be provided from the Affordable Housing Fund. Funding will be from the Affordable Housing Fund (Account 250.21.5465.65535). The Affordable Housing Fund has a current uncommitted cash balance of approximately $800,000.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.2) **Sidewalk Café Application for Pono Ono Poke at 1630 Chicago Avenue**

City Council approved first-time application for a sidewalk café permit for Pono Ono Poke, a Type 2 restaurant located at 1630 Chicago Avenue. The sidewalk café will consist of three tables with four seats each for a seating capacity of 12. The café will operate 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.3) **Sole Source Purchase of Cisco Systems Network Switches**

City Council authorized the City Manager to purchase Cisco Systems Network Switches from Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (2550 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515). The cost of the hardware, software, and support/maintenance is $304,029. The cost will be paid over three years. Year 1 cost is $101,343, Year 2 cost is $101,343, and Year 3 cost is $101,343. The three-year payment plan is facilitated by Cisco Systems Capital Corporation (De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC). The funding for this project will derive from the Capital Improvements Program 2017 General Obligation Bonds (Account 415.40.4117.65515 - 117003) which has a budget of $125,000 and has a current balance of $107,341.98. Year two and year three payments will use future CIP funds for this purpose.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.4) **2018 Special Events Calendar**

City Council approved the 2018 calendar of special events, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines. This year’s calendar includes four new events: a marshmallow drop at James Park, the Evanston Green Ball at the Ladd Arboretum, a two
date concert series at Canal Shores and a two date block party on Dempster, between Chicago and Hinman. Lakefront park events of 100 participants or more and non-lakefront park events of 250 participants or more were approved at the Human Services Committee meeting on March 5, 2018. Non-park events with 250 participants or more and/or requiring a street closure, (with exception of block parties) require Administration and Public Works Committee. 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
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.5) One-Year Contract Extension with J.A. Johnson Paving Company for Pavement Patching

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a one year contract extension for pavement patching with J.A. Johnson Paving Company (1025 E. Addison Ct., Arlington Heights, IL) in the amount of $600,000.00. This contract award is part of a bid let by the Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI). Funding for this service will be from the Capital Improvement Fund (Account 415.40.4118.65515 - 418017) which has $600,000 budgeted for the supplemental patching program in 2018.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.6) One-Year Single Source Contract for Purchase of Concrete from Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete Inc.

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a one year single source contract for the purchase of concrete and flowable fill with Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete Inc. (2222 South Lumber Street, Chicago, IL) in the amount of $42,500. Funding for the purchase of the concrete will be from the General Fund in the amount of $20,000, the Water Fund in the amount of $14,900 and the Sewer Fund in the amount of $7,600. The specific accounts and unencumbered account balances are shown in the transmittal memorandum.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.7) One-Year Single Source Contract for Purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt from Builders Asphalt

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a one year single source contract for the purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt with Builders Asphalt (4413 Roosevelt Road Suite 108, Hillside, IL 60162) in the amount of $43,300.
Funding for this purchase will be from the General Fund in the amount of $33,300, the Water Fund in the amount of $7,600 and the Sewer Fund in the amount of $2,400. The specific accounts and unencumbered account balances are shown in the transmittal memorandum.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.8) Contract with Landscape Concepts Management, Inc. for the 2018 Green Bay Road Landscape Maintenance

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2018 Green Bay Road Landscape Maintenance contract to the low bidder, Landscape Concepts Management, Inc., (31745 Alleghany Rd., Grayslake, IL, 60030) in the amount of $27,744.00. Funding for this project is included in the proposed FY 2018 General Fund budget (Account 100.40.4330.62195), which has a total allocation of $142,000.00. The remaining budget in this account is $142,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.9) Contract Renewal for Mowing Services with Cleanslate Chicago, LLC

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a renewal contract award for the 2018 Mowing Services to the low bidder, Cleanslate Chicago, LLC (1540 South Ashland, Chicago, IL), in the amount of $28,875.00. Funding for this project is included in the proposed FY 2018 General Fund budget (Account 100.40.4330.62195), which has a total allocation of $142,000.00. The remaining budget in this account is $142,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3.10) Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017


For Action: Accept and Place on File
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A4) Resolution 16-R-18, Increasing the Total Fiscal Year 2017 Budget by $1,100,000 to a New Total of $324,842,986

City Council adopted Resolution 16-R-18, amending the 2017 Budget by
$1,110,000 to a new total of $324,842,986.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A5) Resolution 11-R-18, Motor Fuel Tax Funds Use for Roadway Resurfacing Project

City Council adopted Resolution 11-R-18 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for Improvements to Various Evanston Streets. This will allow the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds in the amount of $1,200,000 for street resurfacing. Funding will be provided from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (Fund 200), which has a total Budget of $1,508,678, FY 2018 budget allocation of $1,200,000 and charged to Account 415.40.4218.65515 – 418002.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A6) Resolution 12-R-18, 2016 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A7) Resolution 14-R-18, 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A8) Resolution 15-R-18, 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A9) Ordinance 27-O-18, Lease of Room Space at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center to the League of Women Voters

City Council adopted Ordinance 27-O-18 which authorizes a 3-year renewal of a lease agreement between League of Women Voters and the City of Evanston. The lease will be from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2021 for first floor space (Room 1030) at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center. The monthly rent will be $240 with a 1% increase each year.
(A10) **Ordinance 18-O-18, Amending City Code Section 1-17-1, Adding Subsection “Contractor Debarment, Suspension and Prohibited Contracts”**

City Council adopted Ordinance 18-O-18, amending City Code Section 1-17-1, by adding Subsection 1-17-1(E), “Contractor Debarment, Suspension, and Prohibited Contracts.” This Ordinance codifies a procedure to debar or suspend contractors for just cause. Debarred or suspended contractors may not bid, propose, be awarded to, or perform work on a contract with the City.

(A11) **Ordinance 38-O-18 Amending City Code Section 3-17-9 Regarding Senior Citizen/Persons with Disabilities Taxicab Program**

City staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 38-O-18 which amends Title 3, Chapter 17-9 regarding Senior Citizen/Persons with Disabilities Taxicab Program. Amendment includes: an increase in the participant share from four dollars ($4.00) to five dollars ($5.00) and changing the boundaries of the program to within the corporate boundaries of Evanston.

(A12) **Ordinance 36-O-18, Decreasing the Number of Class C-1 Liquor Licenses for La Macchina Café at 1620 Orrington Avenue**

City Council adopted Ordinance 36-O-18, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(C-1) to decrease the number of authorized Class C-1 liquor licenses from one (1) to zero (0). La Macchina Café requests a downgrade of its liquor license from Class C-1 to Class C.

(A13) **Ordinance 37-O-18, Increasing the Number of Class C Liquor Licenses for La Macchina Café at 1620 Orrington Avenue**

City Council adopted Ordinance 37-O-18, amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(C) to increase the number of authorized Class C liquor licenses from twenty-five (25) to twenty-six (26), and permit issuance of a Class C license to La Macchina Cafe, LLC, d/b/a La Macchina Café located at 1620 Orrington Avenue.
For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A14) Ordinance 33-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class F-2 Liquor License

City Council adopted Ordinance 33-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class F-2 Liquor License for a retail liquor dealer/gourmet food and amenity store. This ordinance is returning for consideration following its introduction and hold over to March 12th.

For Introduction
Council voted to return Item back to committee.
Passed 7-0

(A15) Ordinance 31-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class X Liquor License

City Council adopted Ordinance 31-O18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class X Liquor License. Ordinance 31-O-18 was prepared to allow arts and crafts studios the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption.

For Action
Council voted to return Item back to committee.
Passed 7-0

(A16) Ordinance 34-O-18, Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program

City Council adopted Ordinance 34-O-18 authorizing the City to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Loan Program for the construction of the Clearwell 9 Replacement Project. This ordinance authorizes the City to borrow up to $25,000,000. The debt service will be paid from the Water Fund.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A17) Ordinance 11-O-18, Amending City Code Title 1, Chapter 11 to Update Operational Functions with the Finance Division

City Council adopted of Ordinance 11-O-18 which amends Title 1, Chapter 8 of the City Code to reflect current City operations with respect to the Finance Division.
For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(P1) Ordinance 39-O-18, Granting Major Zoning Relief for a New 2-story, 134,200 square foot Community Center at 1801 Main St., the New Robert Crown Community Center

City Council adopted Ordinance 39-O-18 granting major zoning relief to construct a 2-story, 134,200 sq. ft. community center (with ice rinks, gymnasium, public library, preschool, multipurpose rooms) and exterior site work including new parking lot, athletic fields and landscaping in the OS Open Space District. The applicant requests: a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.18 where a maximum FAR of 0.15 is allowed; 229 off street parking spaces where a minimum of 334 off-street parking spaces are required; zero loading docks where a minimum of 2 long loading docks are required. The applicant has complied with all other zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards for major variation in the OS Open Space District.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(P2) Ordinance 40-O-18, Amending the City Code, “Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards: General Provisions” Relating to Front Porches

The Plan Commission and staff recommend approval of Ordinance 40-O-18 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the required front yard setback for porches in order to allow front porches with a usable depth without the need for zoning relief.

For Introduction
Item held in committee until April 9th

(P3) Ordinance 12-O-18: Amending City Code Title 4, Chapter 13, “Floodplain Regulations”

City Council approved Ordinance 12-O-18, amending portions of Title 4, Chapter 13 of the Evanston City Code, “Floodplain Regulations.” Staff is proposing amendments that would strengthen regulations addressing permit review and construction concerns on lakefront restoration projects.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(O1) Applications for the Evanston Great Merchants Grant Program

Motion: Ald. Watch

Rainey
City Council approved to provide financial assistance through the Great Merchants Grant Program, totaling $56,290.50, to seven Evanston business district areas and associations: Central Street Business Association - $10,000.00; West End Business Association - $10,000.00; Howard Street Business Association - $10,000.00; West Village Business Association - $6,241.90; Dr. Hill Arts Business Association - $10,000.00; Central Evanston Business Association - $9,823.60; and Black Business Consortium of Evanston North Shore - $225.00 (reimbursement). Staff recommends utilizing funding from the Economic Development Business District Improvement Program (Account 100.21.5300.65522). The City Council approved a 2018 budget totaling $250,000 for this account. To date $26,800.00 has been spent, leaving $121,280.00 in this account.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(O2) Applications for the Entrepreneurship Support Program

City Council approved the financial assistance through the Entrepreneurship Support Program totaling $6,779 for the following Evanston businesses: Pop Pour Sip - $2,484; Fresh Prints - $1,795; and Agortles Dessert Shop - $2,500. Funding will be from Economic Development Business Retention/Expansion Fund (Account 100.21.5300.62662). The approved Fiscal Year 2018 Budget allocated a total of $150,000 for this account. A total of $28,720 has been spent or encumbered from this account since the beginning of FY 2018, leaving $121,280 available for expenditure.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(O3) Storefront Modernization Program Application for 1101 Howard Street

City Council approved the financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program for façade renovation of 1101 Howard Street in an amount not to exceed $14,000 for installation of new windows, entry door, and glass. Funding will be from Economic Development Business District Improvement Fund (Account 100.21.5300.65522). The approved Fiscal Year 2018 Budget allocated a total of $250,000 for this account to fund both the Storefront Modernization and Great Merchant Grant programs. To date, $0 has been spent from this account, leaving $250,000 available for expenditure.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(O4) 13-R-18, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Economic Development Grant Agreement with BLUE1647
City Council adopted Resolution 13-R-18, authorizing the City Manager to execute an Economic Development grant agreement with Blue 1647 in an amount not to exceed $75,000 to help facilitate job creation opportunities for primarily low- and moderate-income Evanston residents in information technology fields of work. Staff recommends use of funding from the General Fund/Economic Development Division Workforce Development (Account 100.21.5300.62663). For FY2018, The City Council approved a budget of $100,000. No funding has been approved from this account to date.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

Call of the Wards

Ward 1: No Report Watch

Ward 2: On March 22nd part of Northwestern is holding a free career fair at the Hilton Garden from 1pm-4pm Watch

Ward 3: No Report Watch

Ward 4: Thanked Staff and employers who attended the job fair Watch

Ward 5: No Report Watch

Ward 6: Requested that the Rules Committee have a discussion on how the committee meetings are scheduled and if there's a way to do it more efficiently Watch

Ward 7: No Report Watch

Ward 8: The Peckish Pig restaurant purchased the building from the City of EvanstonWatch

Ward 9: No Report Watch
Adjournment

Mayor Hagerty called a voice vote to adjourn the City Council meeting, and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned.