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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 5, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston IL, Council Chambers

Members Present: Alderman Fiske, Alderman Fleming, Alderman Revelle

Members Absent. Alderman Braithwaite, Alderman Rue-Simmons

Staff Present: Jody Wright, James Pickett, Audrey Thompson, Bob Dorneker, Karen Hawk, Mary Danczak-Lyons

Presiding Member: Alderman Fiske

CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Alderman Fisk called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF December 4, 2017

Ald. Revelle moved approval, Ald. Fleming seconded. Motion approved 3-0

Citizen Comments

Jackie Prince does not support the proposed panhandling ordinance.

Alex Morgan does not support the proposed panhandling ordinance.

Sue Loellbach works for Connection for the Homeless; they do not support the proposed revision to the panhandling ordinance.

Doug Sharps of Reclaim Evanston does not support the proposed panhandling ordinance because it will criminalize poverty.

John Prince does not support the proposed panhandling ordinance.

Ted Smukler with Open Communities does not support the proposed panhandling ordinance.

Jake Samuel representation SPACE told the committee of a concert at Canal Shores July 27-28, 2018 from 6pm-10pm

Susan Cherco Chairperson for Age Friendly Taskforce commended city staff Audrey Thompson on her work and supports the Taxi Program proposal.

Lori Levin is a lawyer and she does not support arrests and ticket information being available on the City's website.

Stone Terrace Renewal

Staff recommends approval of the renewal of the Bed and Breakfast License for Stone Terrace Bed and Breakfast located at 1622 Forest Place, Evanston, IL 60201.

For Action

Ald. Fleming moved approval, Ald. Revelle seconded; Approved 3-0

Ald. Fiske asked if an owner lives on the property.
City Attorney Mario Treto replied yes.

2018 Special Events in City Parks

Staff recommends approval of the 2018 special events proposed in city parks, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy Guidelines. This year's calendar includes two new park events (a marshmallow drop at James Park and the Evanston Green Ball at the Ladd Arboretum), and a two date concert series at Canal Shores.

For Action

Ald. Fleming moved approval. Ald. Revelle seconded; Approved 3-0

The marshmallow drop helicopter cost approximately one thousand dollars and recycling the remaining marshmallow will be reviewed.

22-O-18 An Ordinance Amending City Code Section 9-5-25, "Public Panhandling, Begging, Charitable and Political Solicitation Regulated"

The Law Department submits the attached Ordinance 22-O-18 "Public Panhandling, Begging, Charitable and Political Solicitation Regulated" for your consideration and approval.

For Action

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Ald. Fiske is encouraged by the community agencies who would like to find a humane way to address the situation.

Ald. Fleming has concerns with the proposed revisions such as the fines.

Ald. Revelle shares Ald. Fleming reservations and feels the proposed amendment needs work.

Police Issues Work Plan and Body Camera Update

The following item was discussed.

#4 Crisis Intervention Team Training: EPD is expected to have 24-36 additional officers being trained through 2018. This 40 hour specialized program provides advanced training to effectively and safely interact with someone in crisis, with emphasis on mental health episodes. This is in addition to EPD establishing One Mind Pledge set for by the IACP within a 12-36 month period. EPD will establish a sustainable partnership with a community mental health organization.

Status: 43 officers have attended. Police Units will begin to "code" calls for service using a specific designator so that these incidents can be tracked. 4 officers are slotted to attend training in March.

#5 Continued training offered by Dr. Logan: Two year plan includes additional diversity and inclusion training, restructure and refresh of Field Training Officer program, develop and implement plans to better address mental health issues encountered by officers, and conduct four additional separate Police/Community town halls on specific topics.

Status: Completed 2nd Town Hall meeting on 11/9/2017. Topic was Gangs/Drugs and Unsolved Homicides. 3rd meeting scheduled TBA spring 2018.

#9 Problem Solving Team Changes: Re-assign one Problem Solving Team (PST) officer (Enjoli Daley, in March) to focus on programs and initiatives that will enhance police/community relations citywide. This will include community education on Police procedure and crime prevention issues.

Status: Officers assignments were updated on Feb. 15, 2018. Day off patterns was changed to accommodate 7 day week coverage for officer(s) availability and accessibility.

#11 Body Cameras: Commitment to implement body cameras department-wide beginning with pilot program starting July 1, 2017 and full implementation by January 1, 2018. Technology required will be implemented in partnership with Northwestern University Police Department.

Status: 120 body cameras are now in use by all field operations personnel and special operations officers. All sworn personnel have attended in service training in January 2018 and have been trained in the use of the BWC.

#25 Lexipol: The Police Department will implement use of Lexipol, September 1, 2017.

Status: Completed. Lexipol provides the police department with daily training bulletins that are completed by all sworn officers.

How many offices has participated in Beyond Diversity Training

Taxi Program Update

Audrey Thompson, Ombudsman to the City of Evanston updating the committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the outcome of the focus groups of past participants of the coupon program.

- The focus group wanted options on where to go
- More education on using smart technology and debit and credit cards
- Raised the amount of subsidy of those making less than 30 thousand dollars
- Won't offer subsidy to resident not meet income requirement
- Riders will pay full fare and to any location
- Transportation cards can only be used for transportation
- A lost card with funds will be moved to new card
- Program will be implemented in two stages
- Current coupon users can remain on the coupon program

Arrest Records

Alderman Fleming requested staff review the City of Evanston's policy regarding the posting of arrest records to the City's webpage and the length of time they need to be made available.

Ald. Fleming would like the arrest information removed from the city's web page since that information is in the paper and can be retrieved other ways. She asked the city manager to remove the arrest information from the city's website.

Ald. Revelle supports Ald. Fleming's concerns and suggestions to remove arrests records from the website

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ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

4rd Quarter Cannabis Citation Report

No question or comments

Change in Chairmanship Memo

No question or comments

ADJOURMENT

Alderman Revelle motioned to adjourn seconded by Alderman Fleming
Unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicola Whyte
Executive Secretary