



City of Evanston

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, May 21st, 2018

Present:

Alderman Braithwaite

Alderman Revelle

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Rainey

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Fleming

Alderman Rue Simmons

(7)

Absent:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Suffredin (2)

Presiding:

Mayor Stephen Hagerty

Devon Reid
City Clerk

Mayor's Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty Announcements:

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congratulated former Evanstonian Megan and NU graduate Meghan Markle on marrying Prince Harry and becoming The Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Thanked the people from the Officer and the Gentlemen Academy for their work in helping members of the community and congratulated their Inaugural Empowerment Breakfast & Awards Ceremony. Thanked the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for their new campaign "Protect My Town" which is a lobbying effort by Mayors' across the State who are working hard to protect The Local Government Distributive Fund. Lastly, the Mayor recognized the Police Department in their Award Ceremony in recognition of their fearless service and keeping our community safe.

Mayor Hagerty had 3 Proclamations:

- National Public Works Week, May 20-26
- National Gun Violence Awareness Day, June 2
- National Historic Preservation Month, May

City Manager's Public Announcements

Assistant City Manager Erika Storlie invited Kimberly Richardson, Interim Administrative Director to present the 100 Best Government Fleet Operations Award given to the City of Evanston. Also provided an update to Cradle to Career

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City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk had no Announcements

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Public Comment

Junad Riski	Suggested hiring a new City Manager and independent audit of the books from the City. Talked about Robert Crown, Smiley Brothers and water pumping station. Presented City Council with a visual chart of mistakes made so far, presumably by city staff actions.	Watch
Oliver A. Ruff	Spoke of the programs currently being considered to be slashed due to budget cuts	Watch
Nicolette Jones	Spoke on behalf of the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program that allowed her children to obtain employment and assisting her children with fees associated with their education. Urged City Council to continue the program.	Watch
William Jones	Son of Nicolette Jones that spoke about the benefits he obtained from the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program.	Watch
Joseph Jones	Said the Youth and Young Adult Outreach is a benefit that he wishes to see be continued in the city.	Watch
Jarett Jones	Spoke about the benefits he obtained through the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program and asked City Council to continue the program so it can continue to help the youth in the City of Evanston	Watch
Bruce King	Asked City Council to not halt the expungement program for past offenders. Says it's a gateway for a better life for both them and their families	Watch
Neil Gambow	Expressed his support for the youth program in the City of Evanston. Believes that the youth deserve all the support they can obtain by their community. Urged City Council to not cut funding from any youth programs.	Watch
Daniel Marko	Shared his concerns of the conduct displayed by city staff in regards to a written letter of legal action received to their condominium association. Expressed not being able to obtain answers or explanation as to what building code violations their building complex has violated.	Watch
Jessica Sales	Social worker who voiced her support for the Mental Health Board programs	Watch
Conseta Legrone	Shared the benefits the outreach programs have had on her live and wants to see it continued to be offered	Watch
Lonnie Wilson	Stated that the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program has enriched the community. Asked City Council to calculate the cost of	Watch

	the program being removed.	
Robin Robinson	Spoke on behalf of the Youth and Young Adult Outreach. She is a member of the community that has directly benefited by the program by obtaining The Certificate of Rehabilitation program. Says it would be a tremendous loss to the community by losing such a powerful and life changing program	Watch
Albert Gibbs	Spoke on the behalf of Programs at Work and shared how he sees the Youth and Young Adult Outreach, as well as the Mayor Summer Youth Program working in the city.	Watch
Alyce Barry	Felt that the budget surveys was a terrible way to determine priorities, with the negative impact it may have. Doesn't think certain programs should be place on the same footing as others.	Watch
Jennifer Burgner	Spoke on behalf of the youth outreach workers that provide vital support to the marginalized youth in Evanston.	Watch
D.K. Schwartz	Shared a video message of New York Times bestseller James Howard Kunstler and his support for the preservation of the Harley Clarke mansion	Watch
Sarah Vanderwicken	Briefly talked about the budget surveys and doesn't feel the data adds up with prioritizing certain programs. Went of to talk about impact fees and how it affects affordable housing.	Watch
Carolyn Murray	Talked about the Summer Youth program and the development of the program.	Watch
Anna Roosevelt	Member of the Southeast Evanston Association who says there's huge support on not destroying the Harley Clarke Mansion and turning the mansion into a recreation center for all members of the community to use.	Watch
Lori Keenan	Spoke on the behalf of Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens urging the support for the preservation of the Harley Clarke mansion. Proposed giving Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens she opportunity to raise \$1 Million dollars in pledges with the rest due in 5 years. Asked for at least a year to raise the funds in pledges	Watch
Dave Studenmed	Spoke on behalf of the Mental Health Board and Youth and Young Adult Outreach programs. Said both are equally great programs that area great investment in our youth in Evanston	Watch
Renetrice Pierre	Shared the benefits her son and herself have received thanks to the Youth and Young Adult Outreach. She stated she is a recipient of the Entrepreneurial Grant that allowed her to keep her business afloat.	Watch

	She moved from Winnetka to Evanston because of the programs available in Evanston that weren't being provided to her in Winnetka	
Traci Kurtzer	Stated that her two children benefited from the youth employment and the fire explorer programs. Also shared her support for the Mental Health Board.	Watch
Sergeant Donald Knott	Lead recruiter for the Army in Evanston who believes the youth program in Evanston is by far the best he's seen in his 17 years in working with youth programs across the country.	Watch
Marcus Johnson	Spoke on behalf of the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program and how it has affected the life of kids in a positive matter. Wants to see the program continue in order to help the youth of the city.	Watch
Carlis B. Sutton	Voiced his concerns of time during public comments and being able to give time to someone else. Asked City Clerk Devon Reid to provide him with the committee that changed the rules for public speaking in order for the public to be aware of such changes. Lastly spoke about the budget priorities and asked we being the search for a new City Manager	Watch
Carl Klein	Wants the Harley Clarke mansion to continue to be the lakehouse for all Evanstonians due to the broad support by the community. Asked Ald. Wynne for her leadership in urging her colleagues to vote in support for the preservation of the Harley Clarke mansion	Watch
Joi Russell	Said the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program has been a great partner in the community and over 6,500 youth have been served with positive effects. She also supports all the other programs that offer benefits for the members of the community	Watch
Darius Mayor	Spoke on behalf of the Youth and Young Adult Outreach and how they helped him personally. He took various study and training classes offered by the program that allowed him to turn his life around and helped him obtain employment.	Watch
Bennett Johnson	Believes it's important to understand how the issue of race plays a key role when talking about the future of the Harley Clarke mansion	Watch
John Kennedy	Talked about the artificial turf at Robert Crown and the cancers within them. Does not want City Council to spend more on this health hazard for children playing on the fields.	Watch
Patrick Donnelly	Member of the Evanston Lakehouse & Gardens who said they hired a fundraiser and are willing to work with members of Council to make the project obtainable.	Watch

Jackie Prince	Wants City Council to prioritize spending money on programs that affect the lives on residents directly and not spend funds on items we don't need.	Watch
Audrey Iffineider	Voiced her support for the Harley Clarke mansion	Watch

Special Order of Business

<p><u>(SP1) Public Benefits and Impact Fees from Planned Developments</u></p> <p>Staff requested City Council direction, which could come in the form of a referral to the Plan Commission if a Text Amendment is recommended or a recommendation for no further action.</p> <p><u>For Discussion</u> Set for a date certain in late July or early August</p>		Watch
<p><u>(SP2) Implementation of West Evanston Form-Based Code and Impact on Potential New Development</u></p> <p>Staff sought City Council direction on making zoning changes to the West Evanston Overlay district in order to preserve community-driven desires for urban form while encouraging the sustainable redevelopment of underutilized or vacant properties.</p> <p><u>For Discussion</u></p>		Watch
<p><u>(SP3) 2018 Capital Improvement Program</u></p> <p>Staff presented City Council with the proposed 2018 Capital Improvement Program and seek feedback via discussion on how much to issue in General Obligation Bonds for 2018.</p> <p><u>For Discussion</u> Moved to defer the Viaduct Painting, Service Center-Tuckpointing, Animal Shelter Study and the Lovelace Tennis Courts</p>		Watch
<p><u>(SP4) Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library Project Update</u></p> <p>Staff presented City Council with an update on the Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library project. Topics covered will include project costs, bond issue, construction timeline, economic benefit plan, guaranteed maximum price proposal and turf field options.</p>		Watch

<p>For Discussion Ald. Fleming would like to have a discussion on how to raise money solely for Robert Crown. Staff was asked to provide ideas on how to pay for the financing the project.</p>		
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Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	No Report	Watch
Ward 2:	Requested staff to remove programs from the list that are knowingly not going to be cut in order to remove the anxiety from members of the community	Watch
Ward 3:	No Report	Watch
Ward 4:	No Report. Ald. Wilson did speak to the fact that many in the community are not aware of some programs being promoted by the city and by showing up to City Council to voice their concerns on issues they care about, they are able to learn more about what is happening with the programs	Watch
Ward 5:	No Report	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	No Report	Watch
Ward 8:	Informed the public that the Community Development Block Grant Program awarded money to the city and City Council will allocate \$15,000 towards the summer youth employment program, \$10,000 towards the City Certificatied of Records Sealing and \$187,813.00 to the Foster Athletic Field renovation. 8th Ward community meeting at the Levy Center starting at 7:00 p.m. regarding violence in the Ward.	Watch
Ward 9:	Priority Based Budgeting presentation happening on Thursday May 24, from 3-8 p.m. in the lower-level room G300 at the Civic Center	Watch

Adjournment

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