



City of Evanston

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, October 29th, 2018**

Present:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Revelle

Alderman Braithwaite

Alderman Rainey

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Fleming

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Suffredin

Alderman Rue Simmons

(9)

Absent:

Presiding:

Mayor Stephen Hagerty

**Devon Reid
City Clerk**

Mayor's Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty issued a moment of silence for the victims at the Tree of Life congregation. [Watch](#)
Thanked the 55 young adults who submitted their entries for the Mayor's holiday card contest.

City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz had no announcements [Watch](#)

City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk Reid read a letter from a resident thanking two Police Officers. Shared early voting hours and turn-out numbers for Evanston. Informed the public about a memo submitted to City Council for consideration. The memo describes transferring Vital Records to the Clerk's Office. [Watch](#)

Public Comment

Pastor Daniel Ruen	Spoke about the city budget.	Watch
Meg Welch	Spoke about the proposed changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.	Watch
Trisha Connolly	Spoke about the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance	Watch
David Guran	Talked about corruption by Ald. Rainey and ethic violations. Voice his support for affordable housing.	Watch
Lonnie Wilson	Asked City Council to keep the Gibbs - Morrison Cultural Center and the city budget.	Watch
Lucinda Bush	Talked about proposed budget cuts to the health department.	Watch
Michael Baskin	Wanted City Council to think about the health of its residents.	Watch
Junad Rizki	Shared his concerns about the city budget. Concerned about the appointment of non-residents to our committees.	Watch
Doug Sharp	Spoke about the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance	Watch

Trudi Davis	Member of Reclaim Evanston that stated we need more affordable housing in Evanston.	Watch
Conrad Floeter	Member of Reclaim Evanston who spoke about affordable housing.	Watch
Rachel Heuman	Member of Reclaim Evanston who spoke about affordable housing.	Watch
Sharon Goodman	Member of Reclaim Evanston who spoke about affordable housing.	Watch
Phyllis Nickel	Member of Reclaim Evanston who spoke about affordable housing.	Watch
Tricia Tenpenny	Member of Reclaim Evanston who spoke about affordable housing.	Watch
Tabitha Bonilla	Shared her opinion and concerns about the closing of Fire House #4.	Watch
Maryann Kearns	Said that the cuts to the Mental Health Board are significant and hopes it gets better funding.	Watch
Murphy Monroe	Spoke about the arts in Evanston. Asked City Council to not cut funds to the arts.	Watch
Bea Rashid	Voiced her support for the funding of the arts programs in Evanston.	Watch
Jane Wikenkamp	Talked about affordable housing and the lack of housing in Evanston.	Watch
Leslie Yamshon	Shared her concerns about the restructuring of the Youth and Young Adult Services.	Watch
Jill Graham	Spoke about the proposed changes in the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.	Watch
Sue Loellbach	Hoped that City Council pass the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Also shared her concerns to the Mental Health Board.	Watch
Betsy Wilson	Said that the cuts to the Health and Human Services and other areas will affect the most vulnerable members of the community.	Watch
Alan Factor	Informed City Council about a grassroots initiative in Evanston to offer care for people suffering with dementia and making Evanston age friendly.	Watch
Christine Escobar	Shared her opposition for cuts to the health department, youth services and the closing of Fire Station #4. Also shared her concerns about the City Manager's salary.	Watch
Judith Tredway	Wanted to remind City Council about the potential of imposing an	Watch

Employee Tax on city workers that do not live in Evanston. Wanted to keep the adequate staffing in the Health Department so the city can have a certified Health Department.

Ally Harned	Said there was no impact on the budget by saving the Harley Clarke mansion.	Watch
Ray Friedman	Asked why City Council did not act accordingly based on the survey information they gathered by the residents. Also talked about Robert Crown, Harley Clarke and Howard Theater.	Watch
Doreen Price	Said there is no enough money being invested in affordable housing.	Watch
Eileen Wiviott	Minister from the Unitarian Church of Evanston who voiced her support for mental health care services in Evanston.	Watch
Daniel Yamshon	Said there needs to be appropriate specialist in the Health Department in order to respond to emergencies.	Watch
Rose Welch	Talked about the effects the budget cuts will have to the proposed staff downsizing	Watch
Priscilla Giles	Asked why the salaries of some members of the dias are not being cut, while important services in the city are being slashed.	Watch
Nolan Robinson	Stated that increasing taxes on ride-sharing services is bad for business and asked City Council to not increase the tax.	Watch

Special Order of Business

(SP1) Public Benefits for Planned Developments

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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Staff requests 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.

For Discussion

Referred to the Planning Commission

(SP2) Downtown Zoning Regulations

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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Staff requests City Council direction regarding addressing current Downtown zoning regulations.

For Discussion

Item was held

(SP3) Affordable Housing Work Plan Progress to Date

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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Staff will provide City Council with updates on the revised Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Affordable Housing Fund, the rental of accessory dwelling units, the three-unrelated occupancy rule, landlord-tenant services, the Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program and a housing plan scope of work.

For Action: Receive and Place on File

Motion made to Receive and Place on File

Passed 8-0

Motion: Ald.
Fiske

(SP4) Ordinance 107-O-18 Amending Title 5, Chapter 7, "Inclusionary Housing"

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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City Council approved Ordinance 107-O-18, amending Title 5, Chapter 7 of the City Code, "Inclusionary Housing," contingent on City Council's decision on affordability levels for homeownership in §5-7-6(B)1.

Motion to amend Ordinance to include a review clause at 36 months

Passed 9-0

Motion: Ald.
Wynne

Motion to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration on SP4

Passed 9-0

Motion to adopts all IDUs at 100% AMI

Passed 8-1

Ald. Rue Simmons voted "No"

Motion: Ald.
Wilson

Motion to approve Ordinance as amended

Passed 8-1

Ald. Rue Simmons voted "No"

For Action

Passed 8-1

Ald. Rue Simmons voted "No"

(SP5) Approval of a \$200 fee for Initial Registration of an Existing Dwelling Unit and a \$75 to \$375 Fine for Renting an Unregistered Dwelling Unit

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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City Council approved the proposed fee of \$200 for the initial inspection and registration of an Accessory Dwelling Unit/coach house, and a fine from \$75 to \$375 for renting an unregistered unit following the “amnesty period.” In addition, staff recommends this fee and fine schedule be adopted for initial rental registration of all existing dwelling units. This will be consistent with registration for other types of businesses and will recover the direct costs of the initial rental inspections and registrations.

For Action
Passed 9-0

(SP6) Resolution 100-R-18 to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2020-2025 Assessment of Fair Housing

Motion: Ald.
Rainey

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City Council approved Resolution 100-R-18 to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2020-2025 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The City is required to include information about barriers to fair housing and what actions it will take to affirmatively further fair housing in its 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan to continue to receive its federal entitlement grants. The City would contribute \$13,000 of the total AFH budget of \$327,000. The AFH will be funded from the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) under CDBG Administration, 215.21.5220.62490 and/or its HOME Investment Partnerships grant, 240.21.5430.62490. Payments may be from the 2018 or 2019 grants depending on timing of invoices.

For Action
Passed 9-0

(SP7) Different Forms of Shared Housing

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City Council members requested more information on various types of shared housing options. Different types of shared housing include: co-housing, housing co-operatives, home sharing, and rooming houses, which are identified in the corresponding memorandum. Rooming houses are the only type of shared housing currently addressed in Evanston’s City Code.

For Action: Received and Place on File
Passed 9-0

(SP8) Evanston Development Corporation Presentation

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Representatives from the Evanston Development Corporation will present City Council with an overview of its activities.

For Discussion

(SP9) Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Workshop

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No formal action will be taken regarding the FY 2019 Budget. Budget documents are available here: www.cityofevanston.org/city-budget/.

For Discussion

Motion to remove the Assistant Health Director, Health Educator and Communicable Disease Specialist positions from being considered for elimination

Motion: Ald. Braithwaite

Failed 5-3 Ald. Wynne, Wilson, Suffredin, Revelle & Fiske voted “No”

(SP10) For Appointment to:

Motion: Ald. Wilson

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Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Ellen Cushing

Ellen Cushing serves as chair of the City’s Housing and Homelessness Commission. Previously, she served as a two-term board member for Connections for the Homeless and as a member of the Community Partners for Affordable Housing Advisory Board. Ellen volunteers her time at Hilda’s Place and at the Interfaith Action overnight homeless shelter.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Sarah Delgado

Sarah Delgado is the community engagement and education manager for the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, where she analyzes municipal housing policies and provides technical assistance to municipal governments concerning fair housing policies and procedures. Sarah is a member of the Steering Committee of Joining Forces for Affordable Housing.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Aum Harvey

Aum Harvey is an ETHS alumna and a former 20-year resident of Evanston seeking affordable housing solutions for her hometown. Aum holds a Master of Business Administration and currently works for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Stephanie Murray

Stephanie Murray is a 25-year resident of Evanston and has worked in the community for the past 17 years at First Bank & Trust, where she serves as assistant vice president of consumer lending and specializes in home equity lending. Stephanie holds a Master of Public Administration with a

concentration in financial management.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Jennifer O'Neil

Jennifer O'Neil has 45 years of experience in the management and development of residential real estate and the administration of subsidy programs. During her career, she has designed and implemented housing mobility, self-sufficiency and homeownership programs serving more than 7,000 low-income families. Jennifer is president of the North Shore Village Board of Directors and serves as a member of the Steering Committee for Joining Forces for Affordable Housing.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Rodney Orr

Rodney Orr is a recent graduate of Northwestern University and currently works as a medical assistant at Howard Brown Health. Rodney serves on the Board of Directors for Project Fierce Chicago, which provides transitional housing to homeless LGBTQ+ young adults in North Lawndale.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Uri Pachter

Uri Pachter is a senior planner with Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates, where he conducts market assessments and feasibility studies for affordable and market rate residential developments in the Chicago area. Uri led an equitable transit oriented development endorsement program (eTOD) in the Bay Area while serving as a project manager at Greenbelt Alliance. He volunteers his time as an advanced tax preparer for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program at the Evanston Public Library.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Eleanor Revelle

Eleanor Revelle serves as alderman of the City's 7th Ward and has been the City Council representative on the Housing and Homelessness Commission since the spring of 2017. Alderman Revelle is also a member of the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Subcommittee.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Michael Roane Michael

Roane has 15 years of experience in affordable housing and community development in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. He currently serves as vice president at Brinshore Development, where he manages complex residential and mixed-use urban development projects throughout the Midwest and serves as team leader for the development of affordable housing projects. Michael earned a master's degree in Urban Planning at the University of Virginia.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Christopher Rothwell

Christopher Rothwell is a member of the Community Investment group at Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, where he helps provide grant funds to affordable housing projects through the Affordable Housing Program.

Christopher has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Florida State University and a J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Timothy Stroh

Timothy Stroh has worked as a realtor in Evanston's off-campus student housing market for more than 10 years, representing both landlords and renters. As a property manager and broker at Honore Properties, Timothy manages the day-to-day operations of 17 residential buildings. Previously, Timothy served as a member of the Evanston Arts Council.

For Action

Passed 5-4 Ald. Rue Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming & Fiske voted "No"

(SP11) For Reappointment to:

Motion: Ald.
Wilson

[Watch](#)

Preservation Commission - Robert Bady

For Action

Passed 9-0

Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	No Report	Watch
Ward 2:	Shared his condolences to the family of Pierre Jean-Paul. Thanked staff and City Council for moving the street naming ceremony to an earlier date.	Watch
Ward 3:	Thanked Rabbi London and the Beth Emet congregation for hosting the prayer vigil. On Thursday, November 1, office hours will be from 7-10 a.m. at Brothers K.	Watch
Ward 4:	No Report	Watch
Ward 5:	No Report	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	Gave an update about a developer who requested road access to his land lot	Watch
Ward 8:	No Report	Watch

Ward 9: Thanked 9th Ward residents for attending meeting and voicing their concerns.

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Adjournment

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