



City of Evanston

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 18th, 2019**

Present:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Revelle

Alderman Braithwaite

Alderman Fleming

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Suffredin

Alderman Wilson

(7)

Absent:

Alderman Rue Simmons

Alderman Rainey (2)

Presiding:

Mayor Stephen Hagerty

**Devon Reid
City Clerk**

Mayor's Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty announced the passing of Evanston business leader Joe Levy

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City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager had no announcements

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City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk shared information about the upcoming election and forums to be held for the candidates.

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Public Comment

Mike Vasilko	Spoke about the City Council goals for the city. Said that during a meeting regarding the Robert Crown Center, many questions remain unanswered during the discussion regarding the finances of the project. Believes there are better ways to reduce cost to the taxpayers.	Watch
Mary Rosinski	Shared her support for the renovation for the Robert Crown Center, but believes City Council was not fiscally responsible with the cost. Wanted to know who the members for the Friends of Robert Crown group are and if they are authorized to negotiated on behalf of the city.	Watch
Doreen Price	Spoke about Agenda Items SP11, 12, 13 and 14	Watch
Ray Friedman	Thanked Ald. Rainey for meeting with him to discuss the money spent on Howard St TIF District. Believes the new City Council goals are not specific enough to define a clear goal to measure.	Watch

Kenny Suechrom	Said that when Captain Matthew Hayes Freeman died in action in 2009, his families request to have his name added to the former Evanston War Memorial was denied by the VFW criteria. The VFW stated that Matthews home of record when he enlisted was in Georgia not Evanston and therefore did not meet the criteria. He then asked the Mayor to give Captain Matthews and his family a place where they can pay their respect for his sacrifice on the memorial.	Watch
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Special Order of Business

(SP1) City Council Minutes from February 4, 2019 and February 11, 2019

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For Action
Passed 7-0

(SP2) 2019-2020 City Council Goals

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Staff recommends City Council to approved dates to schedule special meetings for discussion of 2019 and 2020 City Council goals.

Motion to set meeting dates to March 2 and 18
Passed 7-0

Ald. Wilson

For Action
Passed 7-0

(SP3) Evanston Fire Department's 2018 Annual Report

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Staff will present City Council with the Evanston Fire Department's 2018 Annual Report.

For Discussion

(SP4) Evanston Police Department 2018 Annual Report

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Staff will present City Council with the Evanston Police Department's 2018 Annual Report.

For Discussion

(SP5) Street Light Master Plan

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City Council accepted and placed on file the Street Light Master Plan dated January 2019.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Passed 7-0

(SP6) Tallmadge Street Lights Request for Proposal

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City Council approved to proceed with Request for Proposal from street light manufacturer's to provide proposals to cast a mold for a Tallmadge street light pole, supply Tallmadge poles and luminaries for either a 5 year or 10 year contract for the following materials: cast iron, ductile iron, steel, aluminum, and fiberglass. Funding for casting the Tallmadge street light pole will be provided from the Capital Improvement Program 2019 General Obligation Bonds (Account 415.40.4119.65515-419016), with a budget of \$70,000.

For Action

Passed 7-0

(SP7) Alley Paving Special Assessment Process

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Staff recommends City Council consider changing the special assessment process to a cost split of 75 percent payment by the residents and 25 percent payment by the CityWatch. Additionally if residents choose to pay 100 percent of the alley cost they can move to the top of the wait list.

Motion to amend the text to read "City Council consider changing the special assessment process to a cost split of 75 percent payment by the residents and 25 percent payment by the City"

Failed 7-0

For Action

Held for future City Council meeting

(SP8) Bridge Improvements Project Design

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Staff requests that the City Council provide direction to the City Manager on the preferred method of improvement to the Union Pacific Railroad bridge at the intersection of Emerson Street, Ridge Avenue and Green Bay Road.

For Discussion

City Council directed to remove the burlap and not to move forward with the \$350,000 expenditure

(SP9) Proposed Projects Funded by Waste Transfer Station Funds

Motion: Ald.
Braithwaite

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City Council authorized the City Manager to: 1) Proceed with the engineering design for the 2019 alley improvements to be funded by the waste transfer station funds; and 2) Authorize staff to begin discussions with ComEd to obtain property adjacent to the alley north of Lyons, east of Darrow, in order to improve this alley in 2020. Funding for the construction of the alleys installed in 2019 would be provided by the Capital Improvement Program Fund (Account 415.40.4219.65515–419017). This account draws funds from the settlement funds awarded to the City in 2016 (in the amount of \$1,263,247.90) and the per ton host fee paid to the City which as a current balance of \$86,412.00. The estimated cost to improve the three alleys scheduled for 2019 is \$560,000.

For Action

Passed 7-0

(SP10) Additional Street Cleaning Dates

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City Council authorized the City Manager to provide additional street sweeping at the end of the season if weather conditions permit.

For Action

Passed 7-0

(SP11) Winter Weather Aftermath

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Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to prepare City Code modifications to improve the safety for the general public and improve services provided by the City.

For Discussion

Directed staff to begin drafting the Ordinances to present to City Council

(SP12) Ordinance 15-O-19, Amending Portions of City Code Title 7, “Public Ways,” Chapter 8 “Trees and Shrubs”

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Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 15-O-19, which will amend portions of City Code Title 7, “Public Ways” Chapter 8, “Trees and Shrubs” to correct staff title updates and clarifying public parkway allowed plantings.

For Introduction

Passed 7-0

(SP13) Ordinance 10-O-19, Amending Portions of City Code Title 7, “Public Ways” to Include Police Powers to the Director of Public Works

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Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 10-O-19, which will amend portions of City Code Title 7, “Public Ways” to include police powers to the Director of Public Works.

For Introduction

Passed 6-1

Ald. Fleming voted “No”

(SP14) Ordinance 13-O-19, Amending City Code Section 8-4-6(C) – Private Scavenger Provided Receptacles

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Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 13-O-19, which will amend City Code Section 8-4-6(C) - Private Scavenger Provided Receptacles, requiring trash receptacles be kept locked in the downtown zoning districts.

For Introduction

Passed 7-0

Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	Ward meeting on March 5 at the Evanston Public Library from 7-9 pm. Made a referral to Planning & Development for number of property owner that can approved the alley pavement process.	Watch
Ward 2:	No Report	Watch
Ward 3:	No Report	Watch
Ward 4:	Thanked residents who attended the Robert Crown meeting	Watch
Ward 5:	No Report	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	Announced the passing of Debbie Wexel	Watch
Ward 8:	No Report	Watch
Ward 9:	Ward meeting on Saturday February 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Fire Station #2 Thanked Officer Gregory for supporting two residents in need. Asked for a report outlining the cost of maintaining Harley Clark and a report of how much money and contracts have been given to Christopher Burke Engineering over the past 5 years.	Watch

Adjournment

Mayor Hagerty called a voice vote to adjourn the City Council meeting, and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned. Ald. Wilson led City Council into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and by a unanimous vote (7-0) City Council recessed into Executive Session