REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 25th, 2019

Present:

Alderman Fiske
Alderman Braithwaite
Alderman Wynne
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Rue Simmons

Alderman Revelle
Alderman Rainey
Alderman Fleming
Alderman Suffredin (9)

Absent:

Presiding: Mayor Stephen Hagerty

Devon Reid
City Clerk
Mayor’s Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty Announcements:

- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month - March 2019

City Manager’s Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz Announcement:

- Farewell to Mario Treto, Jr., Deputy City Attorney

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk Reid informed the public on how to register to speak for City Council public comment.

Public Comment

Ray Friedman  thanked Mayor Hagerty for the town hall meeting at the Ecology Center. Asked if in the near future town hall meetings with each Alderman rotating them.

Doreen Price  talked about police powers

Mary Rosinski  encountered City Council to not sell the Evanston Library parking lot. Said the Robert Crown is not affordable with the current negotiations and would like the conditions to be re-negotiated.

Melanie Cody  read her statement in opposition to the Evanston Library parking lot being sold.

Michelle Sweeney  is opposed to the proposed development to sell the Evanston Library parking lot.

Austin Sherer  shared his opposition to selling the Evanston Library parking lot. Said the two year construction of the proposed development on the parking lot will hurt the nearby businesses. A better alternative to the proposal would be at 601 Davis Street for business offices.
Vickie Burke  
Understands the city's desire to develop the land on the Evanston Library parking lot, but believes the current proposed development isn’t the plan to execute. Said any development in that land would have significant impact of safety, zoning, historic sites and businesses.

Glen Madeja  
Read a statement on behalf of Lori Osborne

Mike Vasilko  
Asked City Council to vote against agenda item SP1. Thanked Mayor Hagerty for conducting a town hall meeting at the Ecology Center.

Bruce Enenbach  
Spoke about the proposed library parking lot project. Said the project is not financially feasible, which is why other developers declined to make any proposals. Asked City Council to uphold the work made by the DAPR and Planning Committee regarding the library parking lot.

Janet Seidel  
Spoke on behalf of Carl Klein. Mr. Klein statement referenced Ordinance 4-O-19 talking about parking requirements and analysis of development sites. Asked what the benefit would be of approving a building that would pose a threat to public safety. Said the parking lot development should not be approved by City Council.

Virginia Beatty  
Spoke about the comprehensive plan, which is a statement for local government policies regarding physical development of Evanston. Wanted to make a pledge of $5,000 to enhance the library parking lot for the use of the community.

Harris Miller  
Opposed the development of the library parking lot and asked City Council to vote against it.

Steve Miller  
Said that residents deserve an explanation for the dramatic increase of cost for the Robert Crown Center. Feels that the public was mislead over the cost of the project and that accounted for the few objections raised over the project.

Sarah Schastok  
Opposed the Robert Crown project and would like a further analysis of the project to make it a better development.

Mark Tendam  
Former Ald. Mark Tendam said the current proposal doesn’t honor the RFP that was written years ago for the library parking lot.

Marcia Kuhr  
Stated she circulated a petition in her condo association that gathered the signatures of more than 60% of the residents who opposed the library parking lot development. One major concern is the traffic in the alley. Believes the new building would give a blind spot to oncoming traffic.

Lori Keenan  
Asked City Council to respect the decisions of the Boards and
Commissions that were appointed to oversee the library parking lot development. Urged City Council to reject the Evanston Library parking lot development.

Joan Safford  Said the whole process for the request for proposal which requested a zoning change without speaking with the neighbors was a mistake and sets a bad precedent.  Watch

Kiera Kelly  Believes it is critical for the public to know that real review processes are in place, zoning ordinances are being followed and Alderman are committed to making decisions based on facts.  Watch

Margie Rogasner  Said the library parking lot will cause a daily inconvenience to the elderly residents in Evanston. Businesses around the construction will be affected during the construction project.  Watch

Bennett Johnson  Invited City Council members to attend a community meeting discussing the Harley Clarke mansion.  Watch

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Special Order of Business

(SP1) Ordinance 10-O-19, Amending Portions of City Code Title 7, “Public Ways” to Include Police Powers to the Director of Public Works

City Council adopted 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 Action**

**Passed 8-1**  
Ald. Fleming voted “No”  Watch
City Council adopted 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 Action
Passed 9-0

Consent Agenda

(M1) Approved Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 12, 2019 and February 18, 2019. Motion: Ald. Suffredin

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda


For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A2) Bills List – February 26, 2019 $ 3,840,928.39

   BMO Credit Card Activity – Period Ending December 26, 2018
   (without Amazon) $ 161,281.90

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3) BMO Amazon Credit Card Activity
   Period Ending December 26, 2019 $ 3,002.02

For Action
Passed 8-1 Ald. Suffredin abstained
(A4) **Contract for Engineering Services for Oakton Street Water Supply Connection/Village of Lincolnwood with Greeley and Hansen, LLC**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for engineering services related to the Oakton Street Water Supply Connection/Village of Lincolnwood (RFP 18-59) with Greeley and Hansen, LLC (100 S Wacker Drive, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606) in the amount of $222,217.00. Funding for design will be provided from the Water Fund (Account 513.71.7330.62145 – 419003), which has a FY 2019 budget of $240,000, of which all of it is remaining.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A5) **Contract for Engineering Services for a Water System Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan with AECOM**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for engineering services related to a Water System Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan (RFP 18-54) with AECOM (303 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1400 Chicago, Illinois 60601) in the amount of $294,804.00. Funding for the study will be provided from the Water Fund (Account 510.40.4200.62180). This account has a FY 2019 budget allocation of $545,000.00, all of which is remaining.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A6) **Financial Advisor Services Agreement with PFM Financial Advisors LLC**

City Council waived the bidding process, approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year agreement for financial advisor services with PFM Financial Advisors LLC (PFM) located at 222 N. LaSalle St. #910, Chicago, IL 60601. Financial advisor services are paid by the Debt Service, Capital Projects, and Crown Project Funds. The fee amount is included when the bond is issued.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda
(A7) **Engagement with Chapman and Cutler, LLP for Bond Counsel**

City Council waived the bidding process, and approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year engagement for bond counsel with Chapman and Cutler, LLP (111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL, 60603). Bond counsel services are paid by the Debt Service, Capital Projects, and Crown Project Funds. The fee amount is included when the bond is issued.

*For Action*

**Approved on Consent Agenda**

(A8) **Service Provider Agreement with YWCA Evanston/North Shore**

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a six-month Service Provider Agreement with the YWCA Evanston/North Shore (1215 Church Street, Evanston, IL), which will cost $75,000. The agreement will provide 24 hour domestic violence services. Funds will be provided from the Health and Human Services – Service Agreements Fund (Account 100.24.2445.62509), with a YTD budget and balance of $75,000.

*For Action*

**Held in Committee**

(A9) **Grant Agreement with Youth Job Center to Provide Funding for a Career Partnership Manager**

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a grant agreement with the Youth Job Center to provide funding in the amount of $90,000 to help cover the costs of a Career Partnership Manager. The position will help facilitate the partnership between the Youth Job Center, the Mayor’s Employer Advisory Council, Evanston Township High School and other community partners who are dedicated to supporting youth and young adults. Funding will be from the Good Neighbor Fund – Other Program Costs (Account 180.99.1800.62490), with FY18 budget of $370,000.

*For Action*

**Item held for a future meeting**
(A10) Resolution 14-R-19, Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District No. 202 for Implementation of Body Worn Cameras

City Council adopted Resolution 14-R-19, authorizing the City Manager to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Evanston Township High School District 202 (“ETHS”) for the implementation of body worn cameras with the existing school resource officers (the “Intergovernmental Agreement”).

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A11) Ordinance 6-O-19, Sale Contract for City Owned Real Property Located at 1729 Dodge Avenue to Evanston Township High School District No. 202

City Council approved Ordinance 6-O-19 authorizing the City Manager to execute a sale contract for City-owned real property located at 1729 Dodge Avenue to Evanston Township High School District No. 202 for affordable housing. A two-thirds majority is required for adoption of this ordinance.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A12) Ordinance 14-O-19, Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses for Stacked and Folded at 824 Noyes Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 14- O-19, amending Class D Liquor License from fifty-two to fifty-three for Bad Dog House Evanston, LLC, d/b/a Stacked and Folded, located at 824 Noyes Street.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
(P1) Ordinance 4-O-19, Granting a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development Located at 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue and Amending the Zoning Map

The Plan Commission and staff recommend denial of Ordinance 4-O-19 for approval of a Map Amendment from the R6 General Residential to the D3 Downtown Core Development District and a Planned Development for an 11-story office building with 76 on-site parking spaces. Passage of the Map Amendment shall require a favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4) of all the Aldermen per City Code 6-3-4-7 because a petition signed and acknowledged by 30% of owners of property within 500-feet of the subject property was submitted to the City.

Motion to table until next regular City Council meeting with all Alderman present
Passed 6-3 Ald. Wynne, Wilson and Suffredin voted “No”

For Action
Item tabled for March 18 meeting

(APP1) Appointment of Donald Wilson as Chair of Ethics Subcommittee

The Ethics Subcommittee of the Rules Committee requests City Council approved the Mayor’s appointment of Alderman Donald Wilson as Chair of the Subcommittee, pursuant to Rule 9.10.5 of the City Council Rules. City Council Rule 9.10.5-Special Committees states “Except as provided in Rule 5.7, the chairs of these special committees shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advise and consent of the City Council.” The Subcommittee met for the first time on February 11, 2019 and agreed to appoint Alderman Wilson as Chair.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
Call of the Wards

Ward 1: No Report

Ward 2: Asked people to direct question to staff related to the parking lot contract.

Ward 3: Appreciated the speakers who shared their remarks during public comment.

Ward 4: Disappointed that City Council didn’t have an opportunity to discuss an agenda item.

Ward 5: Statement will be shared in the 5th Ward Newsletter regarding a proposed development on Emerson and Wesley. There will be a Ward meeting in March.

Ward 6: Police training exercise at Lincoln school on March 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Ward 7: No Report

Ward 8: Wished Chicago Alderman in the 49th and 50th Ward luck in the Chicago election.

Ward 9: Thanked residents for attending last week ward meeting. Thanked Fire Chief Scott and staff of Fire Station #2.

Adjournment

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