REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, March 18th, 2019

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 congratulated ETHS boys and girls basketball team for winning their respective conference title. The boys basketball team placed 2nd in the State. Talked about the success of this year’s Mayor Summer Youth program, which had over 84 employers signed up and over 500 students that attended.

Mayor Hagerty had two Proclamations:
- Evanston North Shore Bird Club - 100th Anniversary
- National Public Health Week, April 1 – 7

City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz had no announcements

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk Reid announced the start of Early Voting. Early Voting will take place from March 18 - April 1 at 2100 Ridge Ave. in Room G300.

Public Comment

Marcia Kuhr  Spoke about the Proposed office building development at 1714-1720 Chicago Ave.  Watch
Carl Klein  Opposed the development at 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue.  Watch
Michelle Sweeney  Opposed the parking lot development which will have a profound impact on the surrounding businesses and living spaces.  Watch
Melanie Cody  Read a letter from the Evanston Index of 1910  Watch
Austin R Sherer  Opposed the development at 1714 Chicago Ave. Said the proposal lacks public benefits and subjects the city to significant liability.

Mike Vasilko  Asked City Council members to hold ward meetings for the Robert Crown Center. Believes some Alderman should recuse themselves from voting on Robert Crown Center because of the personal interests.

Dan Coyne  Invited the community to attend the League of Women Voters forum at ETHS for the candidates running for the school board.

Bruce Enenbach  Shared his opposition to the Robert Crown Center.

Glen Madeja  Executive Director for the Frances Willard House Museum, which raised $500,000.00 to invest in the museum. The WCTU will be taking a vote in September on giving the property to the Center of Women's History and Leadership. The facility will be rented to women business and make it a women's entrepreneurial business site. Their mission is to inspire all women in their leadership roles.

James Angleman  Wanted City Council to purchase the ice resurfacing material for the Robert Crown Center.

Bryan Whiting  Wanted City Council to find a solution that would all developers to create more office spaces around the proposed development at Chicago Ave.

R Razz Jenkins  Wanted to remind the audience of the upcoming election and the candidates for the school board election.

Doreen Price  Spoke about City Council Goals. Wants to see Ordinances and procedures to align with City Councils Equity and Housing goals.

Misty Witenberg  Asked City Council to consider the contingencies associated with the funding for Robert Crown. Named a few organizations who listed contingencies associated with their donations towards the Robert Crown Center.

John Jarger  Spoke about the proposed development project at 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue.

Don Flayton  Opposed the 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue development because of the lack of public parking available to the public.

Lori Osborne  Asked City Council questions that would help them make a better decision for the proposed development at Chicago Ave.

Mary Rosinski  Wanted the public to receive a clear presentation of the Robert
Crown Center and the cost for Evanston taxpayers.

Sarah Schastok Spoke about the proposed development project at 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue.

Ray Friedman Because of the current fiscal deficit the city is facing, Mr. Friedman would like the city to be more responsible with taxpayer money.

Evelyn McGowan Spoke about the proposed library parking lot development. Believes there are better areas suited for this type of project that would help conserve the landscape.

Kiera Kelly Stated that the current open parking lot at the library is the last convenient place where residents can park and reach various places within walking distance in downtown Evanston. Asked City Council to reject the proposal for housing development.

**Special Order of Business**

**(SP1) Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library Project Update**

Staff will present City Council with an update on the Robert Crown Community Center, Ice Complex and Library project.

**For Action**

**Received and Placed on File**

**(SP2) Purchase of One Ice Resurfacer for Ice Rink Operations at the Robert Crown Center from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc.**

City Council approved the purchase of one ice resurfacer, a 2019 Zamboni 552AC, for ice rink operations at the Robert Crown Center from Frank J. Zamboni & Co., Inc. (15714 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 9723) in the amount of $143,425.50. Funding for the purchase will be from the Equipment Replacement Fund (Account 601.19.7780.65550) in the amount
of $143,425.50, which has a budgeted amount of $1,622,977.

For Action
Passed 9-0

(SP3) Ordinance 4-O-19, Map Amendment and Planned Development, 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue

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 a 13-story office building with 112 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. Revised plans include: approval to construct a new eleven (11) story one hundred ten (110) foot eight (8) inch tall office building, excluding 32 feet 6 inches of parking levels, consisting of approximately 130,000 gross square feet of office space, with seventy six (76) parking spaces.

For Action
Failed 5-4 Ald. Revelle, Wynne, Wilson and Suffredin voted “No”

(SP4) Resolution 26-R-19, Authorization of Third Amendment to the Real Estate Sale Agreement to provide for a Right of Reverter

The City Council directed staff to negotiate a right of reverter to ensure that the development is constructed with subject approved plan and enclosed for adoption is Resolution 26-R-19, authorization of Third Amendment to Real Estate Sale Contract. Additionally, Alderman Wilson requested information from the Applicant during the February 25, 2019 Council meeting. The request was for the applicant to provide ownership information for the developer.

For Action
Item not voted on due to failure of SP3

(SP5) City Council Goals

Staff requests that City Council discuss implementation of 2019-2020 City Council goals.

For Discussion
Moved to a future meeting

(SP6) **Ordinance 19-O-19, Sale of Surplus Property Fleet Vehicles**

City Council adopted Ordinance 19-O-19, directing the City Manager to offer the sale of vehicles owned by the City through public auction at the Northwest Municipal Vehicle Auction being sponsored by America’s Auto Auctions on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 or any other subsequent America’s Online Auction. These vehicles have been determined to be surplus as a result of new vehicle replacements being placed into service or vehicles that had to be taken out of service for safety reasons with the intention of eventual replacement.

**For Action**
Passed 8-0

Motion: Ald. Wilson

(SP7) **2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the City’s Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs**

City Council approved the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is posted on the City website at cityofevanston/caper The CAPER must be submitted to the Chicago Field Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by March 31, 2019.

**For Action**
Passed 8-0

Motion: Ald. Braithwaite

(SP8) **2019 Special Events in City Parks**

City Council approved the 2019 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 one new park event (1 Million Steps for OCD Walk). Costs for city services provided for events require a 100% reimbursement from the sponsoring organization or event coordinator. These fees are waived for City events and City co-sponsored Events.

**For Action**
Passed 8-0
### Call of the Wards

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<td>Students 16 up are invited to a job fair at the Levy Senior Center on May 23 from 3-6 p.m. Lastly, thanked students and members of Council who supported the Chessman Club.</td>
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<td>Encouraged everyone to attend the Evanston Property Tax Appeal Seminar on March 21.</td>
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<td>Fritz Kaegi will headline the Three Crowns annual meeting on March 28 at 7 p.m. Space is limited for the first 150 people.</td>
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<td>Invited the community to the American Legion building on Sunday, March 31 from 2-5 p.m. for a celebration.</td>
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<td>Encouraged residents to attend Evanston Property Tax Appeal Seminar on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2800. Attended a memorial service at Connection for the Homeless for those who passed away and asked residents to be considerate of those less fortunate in the community. Recognized ETHS student Quinn Hughes for his amazing performance during his debate tournament.</td>
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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.