



City of
Evanston

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, April 1st, 2019**

Present:

Alderman Fiske

Alderman Revelle

Alderman Braithwaite

Alderman Rainey

Alderman Wynne

Alderman Fleming

Alderman Wilson

Alderman Suffredin

(8)

Absent:

Alderman Rue Simmons (1)

Presiding:

Mayor Pro tempore Don Wilson

**Devon Reid
City Clerk**

Mayor's Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty had no announcements.

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City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz has no announcements.

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City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk Reid gave an update to Early Voting in Evanston

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Public Comment

Mike Vasilko	Spoke about the turf product being used for the Robert Crown Center. Said the city needs to direct the contractor to hold the purchase of the material because of the dangerous chemicals within the material	Watch
Eric Paset	Owner of Northshore Apartments and Condos who shared his concerns over the new assessment value. In order for them to recuperate lost revenue, they need to increase rent by 5-10 percent. Said this increase in taxes will cause vacant properties to increase in downtown Evanston.	Watch
Ray Friedman	Wanted to know how the money tied in the municipal bonds affect property taxes in Evanston. Said he has not received a response yet from the city. Said he isn't opposed to the development of projects in Evanston, as long as there is money to fund the projects without increasing property taxes.	Watch
Bennett Johnson	Invited City Council members to the Harley Clarke Committee meeting to listen to speakers on different perspective on how to raise funds for the preservation of historical buildings.	Watch
Betty Esther	Said the community needs ample time to speak with City Council members about issues they care about. When City Council doesn't adhere to the recommendation of the various committees, the residents should be given more opportunity to persuade City Council	Watch

members on their votes.

Clare Kelly

Said the city paid over \$800,000 to hire a fundraiser to raise money for the Robert Crown Center. Wanted to know the amount of money was raised and where the money is located. To date she has not received an answer and is asking the City Manager's Office for a response to her question.

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Mary Rosinski

Wanted complete financial disclosure and transparency for the Robert Crow Center. Shared her concerns over the increasing property taxes to pay off the debt in Evanston.

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Dan Coyne

Read a letter about his experience during a recent public comment during the Ridgeville Park District Commissioner meeting. In the letter, he reads about Ald. Rainey's disparaging remarks towards African-American residents saying "Any black person who wants a port-a-pottys in their back yard is stupid" She went on to suggest raising property taxes via referendum. When speaking about Vice-President Rob Bady, Ald. Rainey went on to say "doesn't wear big boy pants in his hole as Vice President of the Board... he's sat on his big boy bottom for the past 6 years doing nothing" Implored City Council to censor Ald. Rainey for her remarks and hopes there can be better methods implemented to govern the city.

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Doreen Price

Complained about Executive Session items not being listed on the agenda. Wants an independent officer for the Open Meetings Act. Thanked Ald. Fiske for wanting procedures to be done more effectively.

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Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	No Report	Watch
Ward 2:	No Report	Watch
Ward 3:	Office hours 7-10 a.m. on April 4.	Watch
Ward 4:	Sub-committee meeting April 22 at 4:15 p.m.	Watch
Ward 5:	No Report	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	No Report	Watch
Ward 8:	Responded to remarks made by Dan Coyne	Watch
Ward 9:	No Report	Watch

Adjournment

Mayor Pro tempore Don Wilson 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 (8-0) City Council recessed into Executive Session