REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, June 10th, 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 Announcements and Proclamation:

- LGBTQ Pride Month – June 2019

Announced the passing of Leon G. Robinson Jr., Steve Mullins, Betty Ann Papangelis and Patricia Telles-Irvin.

City Manager’s Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz introduced John Thompson and Shenicka Hohenkirk.

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk had no announcements

Public Comment

Harris Miller  Doesn’t want FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) to be handled by the Legal or Police Department. The proposal to designate additional FOIA Officers did not allow ample time for residents to meet and discuss the issue. Asked City Council to make City Clerk Reid the sole FOIA Officer. Asked City Council to oppose Resolution 59-R-19.

Amy Kurson  Said an extension of purchase and sale agreement for the City-Owned property at 1714-20 Chicago Avenue is not warranted. The developer proposed building plans were rejected previously by City Council and other Committees. Urged City Council to reject the proposed extension.

Marge Gambow  She is a Board Member of the Woman’s Club of Evanston who opposed the project at 1714-20 Chicago Ave. Believes the project is not proper for the area it’s located in. Hopes City Council will vote against an extension of the sale.

Alex Morgan  Voiced his support for Resolution 58-R-19 and hopes City Council will support the resolution unanimously.
Alyce Barry urged City Council to adopt Resolution 58-R-19 unanimously. Stated the resolution will empower individuals to follow the rules that promote inclusion. Wants to live in a city which doesn’t hurt but help people by design.

Elliot Zashin voiced his support for Resolution 58-R-19.

Sarah Schastok stated there wasn’t a basis to grant developers additional time and the proposed development at the Evanston Library parking lot should be denied. Said the developers have not address concerns raised by Design and Project Review (DAPR) or the Plan Commission.

Vicki Burke asked City Council to vote against Resolution 59-R-19. Stated that the developers have had two extensions and have done nothing.

Mike Vasilko requested Ald. Braithwaite make a motion to reconsider the appointment of additional FOIA Officers during the last City Council meeting. Said there was no proper notice given to residents, supporting evidence to warrant additional officers and procedures to place the item on the agenda wasn’t properly followed. Believes the motive was purely political and vindictive. Would like to see the vote reconsidered and the proper procedures followed. Lastly, he spoke against 59-R-19.

Sarah Vanderwicken is a member of the Unitarian Church of Evanston who is part of a team that helps people understand the issues of racial equity and justice. Spoke about different workshops and events that help members understand the topic by viewing the issues through an equity lens. Asked City Council to pass Resolution 59-R-19 and understand and accept it will require challenges and change.

Misty Witenberg responded to comments previously made by City Council members.

Darlene Cannon believes the resolution to end structural racism in Evanston will not have any impact in the community if there is no action implemented. Claimed there was systemic oppression towards Clerk Reid on behalf of the City Council.

Holly Hoffman talked about Resolution 58-R-19.

Michelle Hays spoke on Resolution 58-R-19.

Rina Campbell spoke on Resolution 58-R-19. Stated a part of being committed to ending structural racism in Evanston is to listen to the voices of constituents and their needs.

Evelyn McGowan spoke about the Robert Crown Center and the proposed
development at the Evanston Library parking lot.

Trisa Connely  Shared her suggestions on how to fight discrimination in Evanston.  

Carl Klein  Would like to see City Council to have a discussion on Resolution 59-R-19. Asked City Council to vote against the resolution and not grant a third extension to the developers.  

Allie Harned  Stated that the video for the Robert Crown project did not constitute a community meeting. Said that civil disobedience happens when people feel disrespected. Talked about FOIA and holding government entities to transparency.  

Chris Chavoustie  Voiced his support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street. Said climbing gyms are mentally and physically stimulating environments with a supporting communities.  

Yvi Russell  Called for Ald. Braithwaite and Ald. Revelle to make a motion to reconsider Resolution 57-R-19. Said that denial of access to information is dangerous to totalitarian precedent.  

Joseph Accardo  Voiced his support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street.  

Adrien Seitz  Voiced her support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street. Said it provides a source of community and fun activities.  

Debbie Adamson  Said a climbing facility will bring revenue to the community. The facility is looking to partner with local vendors during competition.  

Kiera Kelly  Urged City Council to vote in favor of the racial equity proposal and to vote against the third extension for developers for the library parking lot.  

Elizabeth Hubbard  Voiced her support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street. Said her and her family travel to neighboring communities because Evanston does not currently offer any of the outdoor activities such as rock climbing. Would like City Council to pass this proposal so her family can spend their money in Evanston.  

Ray Friedman  Asked City Council to reconsider their vote of appointing additional FOIA Officers. Said Cler Reid should be the only FOIA Officer, as this is one of the reasons why he was elected by residents.  

Jeanne Barclay  Shared her opposition on granting an extension for the developers of the library parking lot. Said she has yet to speak with an Evanston resident who supports the proposed development. She also supports the proposed development of a climbing gym. Said it would bring
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<td>Bennet Johnson</td>
<td>Stated 57-R-19 is an example of hypocrisy and claims it denies FOIA duties to City Clerk Reid, as it relates to equity. Robert Crown, Harley Clarke and other projects are examples he believes are instances of exclusion of equity. Wants City Council to focus on the needs and concerns of residents.</td>
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<td>Beth Stare</td>
<td>Said she has not witnessed any angry citizens during public comments. Didn’t appreciate the comparison to active shooters and fears for the safety of public comment speakers. Said the resolution to end structural racism will only be meaningful once there are measurable goals and objectives. Would like Resolution 57-R-19 to be repealed because she believes it’s inappropriate to remove the duties of the City Clerk.</td>
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<td>Meg Welch</td>
<td>Voiced her support for a comprehensive affordable housing plan. Asked City Council to consider the structural racism of not having a budget that isn’t followed for projects such as the new Robert Crown Center.</td>
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<td>Caroline Wilkerson</td>
<td>Voiced her support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street.</td>
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<td>Doreen Price</td>
<td>Stated Resolution 58-R-19 doesn’t cover issues concerning residents and would like to see more concrete action. Referenced the City of Seattle as a guide with tools that could be implemented in Evanston.</td>
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<td>Katie Robinson</td>
<td>Voiced her support for the proposed climbing gym at 2222 Oakton Street. Said it’s a diverse community which includes women empowering other women. Believes it would also bring economical benefits to Evanston.</td>
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<td>William Eason</td>
<td>Expressed his opinion about the appointment of additional FOIA Officers and claims the process was not democratic. Claims City Council engaged in systematic racism.</td>
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<td>Bobby Burns</td>
<td>Shared the story of Anthony Crawford who was murdered in 1916 in connection to a dispute he had with a white man. Following the incident, Mr. Crawford’s family had a deed to show ownership of 400 acres of land owned by Anthony Crawford but were denied. Claims the resolution being presented to help end structural racism doesn’t obligate City Council to take any actions.</td>
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<td>Mary Rosinski</td>
<td>Voiced her support for Clerk Reid. Also shared her views on the proposed liquor license being considered near the university district. Doesn’t want money to be generated at the expense of Evanston neighborhoods.</td>
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Rodney Greene talked about the liquor licenses being requested by Northwestern. He said the city already has problems with Northwestern during sporting games and claims that adding liquor will only increase those problems. Lastly, he spoke about FOIA and the role of the City Clerk. He said the Clerk has never been a point in time where the City Clerk has been designated the sole FOIA Officer. In his experience as the previous City Clerk, the responsibility was to receive and disburse FOIA requests. Stated he received a phone call from someone who threatened his life if he ever were to present himself at City Council or speak of Clerk Reid again.

Madeline Ducree stated Resolution 53-R-19 is a good beginning in helping recognize the fallen soldiers who have fought in battle. She hoped City Council members will commit to ending structural racism in Evanston. When speaking of Ordinance 37-O-19, she would like to have minority residents living in the 5th Ward an opportunity to purchase the properties. Lastly, she shared her disagreement with the action taken by City Council relating to FOIA.

**Special Order of Business**

**(SP1) Resolution 53-R-19, Designating Eligibility for Memorialization of Service Members on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall**

City Council adopted Resolution 53-R-19, “Designating Eligibility for Memorialization of Service Members on the Fountain Square Memorial Wall”. This resolution formally adopts requirements to honor fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen from Evanston who lost their lives in combat. Previously, the rules were not formally adopted.

**For Action**
Passed 9-0

**(SP2) Resolution 58-R-19, Commitment to End Structural Racism and Achieve Racial Equity**

This resolution is submitted for your consideration and approval to solidify the City Council’s commitment and goal to “Ensure Equity in City Operations.”

**For Action**
Passed 9-0
Consent Agenda

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2019

For Action
Passed 9-0

(A1) Payroll – May 13, 2019 through May 26, 2019 $2,763,534.85

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A2) Bills List – June 11, 2019 $9,454,785.87

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3) BMO Amazon Credit Card Activity – Ending April 25, 2019 $4,752.49

For Action
Passed 8-1-0

Ald. Suffredin abstained

(A4) Contract Award with Capitol Cement Co., Inc. for the 2019 Alley Improvements Contract A

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2019 Alley Improvements Contract A (Bid No. 19-31) with Capitol Cement Co., Inc. (6231 North Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60646) in the amount of $649,604.50. Funding will be provided from the proceeds of the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) Settlement in the amount of $589,604.50 and from the Sewer Fund in the amount of $60,000. A detailed breakdown is included in the corresponding transmittal memo.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A5) Replacement of One Public Works Agency Refuse Vehicle

City Council approved the purchase of one (1) replacement refuse vehicle for operations and allocated to the Public Works Agency (Public Services Bureau). The replacement vehicle will be purchased from National Fleet Auto Group, 490 Auto Center Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076 in the amount of $282,697 through the Sourcewell contract. Funding for the vehicles will be from the Solid Waste Fund (Account 520.40.4310.65550) in the amount
of $282,697 which has a budgeted amount of $283,900. This expenditure represents 99.5% of this budgeted amount.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**(A6) Change Order No. 2 with Greeley and Hansen, LLC for the Oakton Street Water Supply Connection**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 2 to the agreement for the Oakton Street Water Supply Connection with Greeley and Hansen, LLC (100 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60606) to design a bulk water filling station and associated roadway improvements. This will increase the total contract price by $13,200 from the of current contract amount of $233,732 to $246,932. There is no time extension associated with this change order. 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. Additional funding from the water fund is available from savings on other projects, specifically the 54” Intake Heater Cable Repair which has been delayed until 2020.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**(A7) Contract Award with Teska Associates, Inc. for Landscape Architectural and Engineering Services for the Harbert Park Renovation Project**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for landscape architectural and engineering services related to the Harbert Park Renovation Project (RFP No. 19-21) with Teska Associates, Inc. (627 Grove Street, Evanston, IL 60201) in the amount of $77,434. Funding will be provided from the 2019 General Obligation Bonds (Account 415.40.4119.65515 – 519001) which has a budget of $120,000, all of which is remaining.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**(A8) Resolution 59-R-19, Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the City-Owned Real Property Located at 1714-20 Chicago Avenue to Chicago Avenue Partners, LLC**

Staff requests City Council consideration of Resolution 59-R-19, authorizing the City Manager to amend the contract for the sale of City-owned real property located at 1714-20 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 to Chicago Avenue Partners, LLC. The first amendment to the
contract, executed in July 2018 established an approval period which expires at 5:00 p.m. Central Time on December 12, 2018, the second amendment to the contract executed in December 2018 established an approval period which will expire at 5:00 p.m. Central Time on June 30, 2019.

For Action
Item held until June 24, 2019 City Council meeting.

(A9) Resolution 60-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Lease Agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to Permit Alcohol Sale and Consumption and to Permit Concerts and Festivals on the Golf Course Property, Consent to a Permit for Northwestern Football Parking and Tailgating Events for the 2019 season, and Issue Payment to MWRD for Alleged Unauthorized Uses

City Council adopted Resolution 60-R-19, which authorizes the following actions: (a) amendment to a lease agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”) for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the property and to allow concerts and festivals on the golf course; (b) issuance of payment to MWRD for a default of the lease agreement; (c) consent to a permit to be issued by MWRD to Northwestern University for parking; and (d) enter into a contract with SPACE to host concerts in August 2019 at the golf course and promoted by SPACE.

Motion to amend the Canal Shore annual payment for June 30, 2020 and every year after for June 30.  
Passed 9-0

For Action
Passed 7-2  
Ald. Fiske and Fleming voted “No”

(A10) Ordinance 51-O-19, Approval to Amend City Code 3-4-6 “Classification and License Fees” to Create a New Class R-1 Liquor License

City Council adopted Ordinance 51-O-19, amending City Code 3-4-6 “Classification and License Fees” to add Class R-1 to the Liquor Code to allow for alcoholic beverage sales at Welsh-Ryan arena.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda
(A11) Ordinance 56-O-19, Approval to Amend City Code Section 3-4-6 by Creating a New Class P-5 Liquor License

City Council adopted Ordinance 56-O-19, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating a New Class P-5 Liquor License which permits alcohol manufacturers to produce more alcohol than is currently permitted under the class P craft distillery license (30,000 gallons).

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A12) Ordinance 57-O-19, Approval to Amend City Code Section 3-4-6 by Amending the Class J and P-2 Liquor Licenses

City Council adopted Ordinance 57-O-19, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by amending the Class J and P-2 Liquor Licenses for brewpub operators and craft brewers. The amendments permit the off-site production of alcohol for sale on-site; the sale of beer and cider manufactured by other brewers for on-site consumption; and the sale of individual bottles of beer that are greater than 375 ml.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A13) Ordinance 55-O-19, Decreasing the Number of Class X Liquor Licenses for SV Evanston Family, LLC dba Board & Brush, 802 Dempster Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 55-O-19, amending Evanston City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(X) to decrease the number of Class X Liquor Licenses from one (1) to zero (0) for SV Evanston Family, LLC dba Board & Brush. Staff recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the June 10, 2019, City Council Meeting.

For Introduction and Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A14) Ordinance 59-O-19, Amending City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(I) to Increase the Number of Class I Liquor Licenses for Lush Wine & Spirits, 2022 Central Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 59-O-19, amending Evanston City Code Subsection 3-4-6-(I) to increase the number of Class I Liquor Licenses from one (1) to two (2) and permit issuance of a Class I license to 2022 Central, LLC d/b/a Lush Wine & Spirits, 2022 Central Street. Alderman Revelle recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting.
(A15) Ordinance 60-O-19, Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses for Ipchila, LLC dba Frida’s Breakfast and Lunch, 618 Church Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 60-O-19, amending the number of Class D Liquor Licenses from fifty-four (54) to fifty-five (55) for Ipchila, LLC dba Frida’s Breakfast and Lunch, 618 Church Street. Alderman Wilson recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting.

(A16) Ordinance 42-O-19, Authorization to Enter into a Real Estate Contract for Sale of City-Owned Real Property at 2222 Oakton Street to Clark Street Real Estate, LLC

City Council adopted Ordinance 42-O-19, “Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Real Estate Contract with Clark Street Real Estate, LLC for the Sale of City-Owned Real Property Located at 2222 Oakton Street.” This item was held at the May 28, 2019 City Council meeting. A two-thirds majority of City Council is required to adopt the ordinance.

(A17) Ordinance 37-O-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Sales Contract for City Owned Real Property located at 1824 Emerson Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 37-O-19, authorizing the City Manager to execute a sales contract for City-owned real property located at 1824 Emerson Street to Evanston Township High School District No. 202 (“ETHS”) for affordable housing. A two-thirds majority is required for adoption of this ordinance.
(A18) Ordinance 48-O-19, Amending the City Code to Establish a 4-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Brown Avenue and Noyes Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 48-O-19 by which the City Council would amend Section 10-11-5(D), Schedule V(D) of the City Code to establish a 4-Way Stop Control at the intersection of Brown Avenue and Noyes Street. Funding will be through the General Fund-Traffic Control Supplies (Account 100.40.4520.65115), with a budget of $58,000 for FY 2019.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(P1) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Application for Funding

The Housing and Homelessness Commission and staff recommend approval of a renewal grant in the amount of $20,500 from the Affordable Housing Fund for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (“The Alliance”). The Alliance receives funding from HUD for HMIS, and has a 20% non-federal match requirement to make full use of this funding. The $20,500 grant from the Affordable Housing Fund will enable the Alliance to access $82,000 in HUD funds. Funding is from the Affordable Housing Fund (Account 250.21.5465.65500). The 2019 Affordable Housing Fund has $21,000 budgeted for HMIS and an uncommitted cash balance of approximately $750,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(P2) Resolution 56-R-19, Proposed Re-subdivision of 1424 Dewey Ave

City Council adopted Resolution 56-R-19 approving the proposed re-subdivision of the property located at 1424 Dewey Avenue.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(APP1) Appointment of Christopher Skey to the Utilities Commission

Christopher Skey is an attorney at Quarles & Brady with over 15 years of experience in the energy field, including work involving competitive energy markets, renewables project development, energy efficiency, and municipal aggregation. He is the recipient of the 2017 Lexology Client Choice Award in the category of Environment & Climate Change. A
25-year resident of Evanston, Christopher volunteers with the District 65 Books & Breakfast program, coaches with the Evanston AYSO soccer program, and serves as a pro bono attorney and counsel for various community organizations. He received both a B.A. in Philosophy and a J.D. from Northwestern University.

**For Action**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**(APP2) For Reappointment:**

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**For Action**

Approved on Consent Agenda

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**Call of the Wards**

**Ward 1:** Made a reference to A&PW regarding the dog beach. Wants to know how much revenue was collected from the dog beach, how many families with pets were using it and whether Lincoln Street beach is appropriate location for the dog beach.

**Ward 2:** Expressed his condolences to the family of Leon G. Robinson. There will be a 2nd Ward meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. hosted at ETHS Day School.

**Ward 3:** Equity and Empowerment Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 20. She also sent her condolences to the family of Steve Mullins.

**Ward 4:** Attended the Robert Crown fundraiser and believers the event raised $140K. There was a new application submitted for 601 Davis Street and there will be a community meeting in early July.

**Ward 5:** Shared her condolences to the family of Leon G. Robinson. Reminded residents of the graduation party happening in the 5th Ward on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. followed by the Ward meeting at 8 p.m. Shared her congratulations to Evanston Own it for their fundraising event. Also Congratulated Northwestern students for finals weeks and Dillo Day. Lastly, the Equity & Empowerment Commission meeting will be on June 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Civic Center in Room 2404.
Ward 6: Said he has been receiving many calls from constituents about the parks in the 6th Ward. Made a referral to the Administration of Public Works for a discussion to purchase better equipment to mow the grass at the parks. [Watch]

Ward 7: Thanked Northwesterns’ Athletic Department for their Community Outreach Day. There will be a community meeting on Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m. at the Welsh-Ryan Arena. There will be a discussion with NU representatives to talk about a proposal to expand the types of uses allowed at Welch Ryan arena. [Watch]

Ward 8: Thanked neighbors of the 8th Ward for a productive discussion about the 60-unit affordable housing building which will be constructed on the old Dairy Queen lot on Howard St. Also expressed her condolences to the family of Leon G. Robinson. [Watch]

Ward 9: 5th Ward meeting on Saturday, June 15 starting at 9 a.m. at Reba Place Church. [Watch]

Adjournment

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