



City of Evanston

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, June 24th, 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 Proclamations:

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- Parks and Recreation Month – July 2019

City Manager's Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz announced Dick Peach as grand marshall of the 4th of July parade. People can start saving their spots for the parade beginning July 1st at 6 a.m.

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City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk had 1 Communication: The Clerk's Office will be hosting an event on July 17 starting at 6 p.m. The event will focus on an ethics ordinance, lobbying ordinance and whistleblower ordinance.

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Public Comment

Alejandra L. Ibanez	Voiced her opposition of having a Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Response van used during the Custer Street fair. Requested City Council to never use those vehicles for any future events in the city. Said the presence of the vehicles during the Custer Street fair brought fear to residents.	Watch
Linda Del Bosque	Requested City Council to never use Cook County DHS vehicles in future city events.	Watch
Michael Vasilko	Asked City Council to make City Clerk Reid the only FOIA Officer for the City of Evanston. Wants City Council to reconsider the matter and placed to a vote. Believes the previous vote was political and illegal. Requested the new LOI's for Robert Crown not be accepted.	Watch
Harris Miller	Talked about the new FOIA policy and requested Clerk Reid to be made the sole FOIA Officer for the City of Evanston. Thanked City Council for choosing a safer and more fiscally responsible option for Elgin Rd.	Watch
Michael Naybors	Voiced his enormous support for Resolution 46-R-19 which will	Watch

designate a portion of Florence Avenue between Lake Street and Greenwood Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Ernest W. Jackson Way". Also shared his perspective of the recent changes in the FOIA policy. Suggested there should be a mediator who should listen to both parties on the issue and base his determination on the evidence presented.

Darlene Cannon	Said the Cook County DHS vehicle created a bad shadow on the Custer Fair. Wants private donors to the Robert Crown Center to pay their fair share of construction cost, as well as facility time. Lastly, she asked City Council to restore FOIA responsibilities to Clerk Reid.	Watch
Ruth Hudson	Assistant Director of Custer Fair who wanted to clarify the position of Custer Fair towards the Cook County DHS vehicle present during the event. She said the city requested to barricade the entrances. She said the options presented to them were either to erect physical blockades at the cost of over \$1,000,000 or the DHS vehicles. Stated Custer Fair requested municipal vehicles.	Watch
Mary Rosinski	Asked City Council for a forensic report for Robert Crown. Wants City Council to table the liquor license for Northwestern.	Watch
Joan Safford	Talked about Resolution 59-R-19	Watch
Kathrine Jackson Bradley	Spoke about Resolution 46-R-19 which will designate a portion of Florence Avenue between Lake Street and Greenwood Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, "Ernest W. Jackson Way".	Watch
Doreen Price	Talked about funding and prioritizing the city budget. Wants an outside counsel to review the city's FOIA policy.	Watch
Ray Friedman	Spoke about TIF funds. Wanted to know why money was being taken from bonds towards the TIF funds. Asked City Council to review the Certificate of Zoning Compliance for the HOW project.	Watch
Bennett Johnson	Suggested City Council to make Robert Crown revenue independent. Would also like a new City Hall to be constructed.	Watch
Caris Sutton	Thanked City Council for the honorary street naming of "Ernest W. Jackson Way". He also shared his remarks on the appointments to the Boards & Commissions.	Watch
James Englman	Requested City Council to direct staff to hand-deliver meeting notices for residents who are handicapped.	Watch
Tiara X Foster Loyd	Believes African-American families are being pushed out of Evanston. Asked City Council to take concrete action to help diversity in the city.	Watch

Allie Harned	Voiced her opposition for the deal with Beacon Academy and their exclusive gym hours at Robert Crown.	Watch
Carl Klein	Wants City Council to hear the input from the community on the future of the Evanston Library parking lot. Said the guidance from the public should be the first step in determining the future use of the library parking lot. Suggested to have a special panel comprised of community members with expertise in urban planning, zoning, and the downtown plan.	Watch
Kiera Kelly	Talked about the future use for the Evanston Library parking lot.	Watch
Betty Ester	Spoke about the two appointments for the Housing & Homelessness Commission.	Watch
Heather Sweeney	Voiced her opposition of having the Cook County DHS vehicle placed at the Custer Fair. She read a few comments that were placed in the online petition which opposed the placement of DHS vehicles in Evanston.	Watch
Trisha Connolly	Stated that the Cook County DHS vehicle does not make Evanston a welcoming city. Another issue she believes doesn't make Evanston a welcoming city is the constant request by residents who want to view the financial reports and user agreement regarding Robert Crown.	Watch
Sergio Hernandez	Voiced his support for not allowing DHS vehicles in Evanston and thanked Ald. Fleming for reaching out to community leaders and having them remind the immigrant community they are safe and welcomed in Evanston. He also thanked City Council for passing the resolution that seeks to create equity in Evanston.	Watch

Consent Agenda

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 10, 2019	Motion: Ald. Braithwaite	Watch
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For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A1) Payroll – May 27, 2019 through June 9, 2019	\$2,841,400.11
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For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A2) Bills List – June 25, 2019

\$2,831,992.69

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3) Agreement to with Sam Goss & Associates to Provide Services for the Handyman Program

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Sam Goss & Associates (1727 Brummel, Evanston, IL 60202) to provide handyman services for the Handyman Program (RFP 19-17). This agreement will cover the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Funding will be provided from the Affordable Housing Fund (Account 250.21.5465.63095) with a budget of \$20,000.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A4) Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc for Sales and Utility Tax Revenue Audits

City Council authorized a new agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. (Azavar) to provide auditing services related to Sales Tax and Utility Tax revenues. The City is currently paying Azavar a monthly amount of \$915 as an incremental share of electric and gas tax revenues. Additional revenues shared with Azavar will be 45% of the increment for 36 months compared to 45% of the increment for 60 months. This will help the City retain incremental revenues after 3 years.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A5) Contract Award with Spring City Electrical Manufacturing for Tallmadge Street Light Poles and Fixtures

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a 10-year contract with Spring City Electrical Manufacturing (One South Main Street, Spring City, PA) for the single-source supply of Tallmadge Street Light Poles and Luminaire Fixtures. The cost of the contract through 12/31/2020 will be \$177,598. Funding through 2020 will be from the Capital Improvement 2019 and 2020 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$177,598. A detailed summary of the funding is included in the corresponding transmittal memorandum.

For Action

Held in Committee

(A6) Sole-source Renewal of Dell Pro Support

City Council authorized the sole-source renewal of Pro Support from Dell Technologies (1 Dell Way, Round Rock, TX 78682) in the amount of \$27,598.12. This renewal purchase enables the City to maintain support plans for critical IT infrastructure. Funding is provided by the IT Division's Computer License and Support Account (100.19.1932.62340) which has a 2019 budget of \$550,000 and a current balance of \$164,829.03. The account balance will be \$137,230.91 after this purchase is complete.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A7) Resolution 61-R-19, Updating the Investment Policy

City Council adopted Resolution 61-R-19 updating investment policy related to the allowable investment products.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A8) Resolution 62-R-19, Approving Settlement in Lindstrom v. City of Evanston

City Council adopted Resolution 62-R-18 authorizing the City of Evanston ("City") to issue a settlement payment pursuant to a settlement agreement and release in Cecilia Lindstrom v. City of Evanston (Case No. 1:17-cv-07719). Funding will be provided from the Insurance Fund - Settlement Costs – Liability (Account 605.99.7800.62260).

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A9) Resolution 63-R-19, Approving Settlement in R.J. O'Neil, Inc. v. City of Evanston, et al.

City Council adopted Resolution 63-R-18 authorizing the City of Evanston ("City") to issue a settlement payment pursuant to a settlement agreement and release in R.J. O'Neil Inc. v. City of Evanston, et al. (Case No18-CH-15227). Funding will be provided from the Construction Fund – Fountain Square Project (Account 415.40.4217.65515 – 516004).

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A10) Ordinance 62-O-19, Amending Portions of City Code to Institute Building Permit Cancellation Fee Schedule

City Council adopted Ordinance 62-O-19, amending portions of Ordinance 136-O-18 Permit Fee Schedule to assess a cancellation fee to all building permit cancellations resulting in a refund request. Cancellation fee will be \$25 for permits issued with a permit fee of \$150 or less and \$50 for permits issued with a permit fee greater than \$150. Funding will be provided from the Fee Revenue to Building and Inspection Services – Building Permits (Account 100.21.2126.52080).

For Introduction

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A11) Ordinance 61-O-19, Amending Portions of City Code Regarding the City of Evanston Occupation of Public Way Permit Fee Schedule

City Council adopted Ordinance 61-O-19, amending portions of City Code Chapter 2 - Streets, Sidewalks and Public Ways to assess a cancellation fee to all Occupation of Public Way permit cancellations resulting in a refund request. Occupation of Public Way permit types are Right of Way, Sidewalk Cafe, Moving Vehicle Parking and Storage Container. The cancellation fee will be \$25 for permits issued with a permit fee of \$150 or less and \$50 for permits issued with a permit fee greater than \$150. Funding will be provided from Fee Revenue to Public Works Agency - Occupation of Public Way Permits (Account 100.40.4105.52126).

For Introduction

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A12) 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

Motion: Ald.
Braithwaite

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Staff requests City Council receive and file 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, Illinois.” Staff seeks direction from City Council on potential future development efforts for this property. This item was held at the June 10, 2019 City Council Meeting.

Motion to terminate the contract and return the earnest money

Passed 9-0

Motion: Ald.
Fiske

For Action

Referral for staff to draft a Request for Qualifications (or letters of interest) for interested parties to develop the city-owned property at

1714-1720 Chicago Ave. The draft RFQ will return to P&D for review on July 8.

(A13) 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

Motion: Ald.
Braithwaite

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The Liquor License Commissioner recommends City Council adoption of 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 Action

Item held until July 8th meeting.

(A14) 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 Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(A15) 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 Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(P1) Ordinance 64-O-19, Major Zoning Relief for a Curb Cut and Driveway to the Street at 2650 Sheridan Road – Variations in the R1 District

Motion: Ald.
Rue Simmons

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City Council denied Ordinance 64-O-19 authorizing a major variation to establish a curb cut and driveway from the street frontage (Sheridan Rd.) on a newly subdivided property with alley access in the R1 Single Family Residential District. The property currently features a single family

residence with a curb cut and driveway from the street frontage. The existing single family residence will be demolished and a new residence will be constructed. The proposal does not meet the Standards for Variation, specifically the proposal is not keeping with the intent of the Zoning Ordinance, does not have a hardship or practical difficulty peculiar to the property, is based upon a desire to extract additional income from the property, and is not limited to the minimum change necessary.

For Introduction

Approved on Consent Agenda

(P2) Ordinance 54-O-19, Amending Various Parts of Title 6, “Zoning,” of the Evanston City Code To Conform with the City of Evanston Inclusionary Housing Ordinance – Zoning Text Amendment

City Council adopted Ordinance 54-O-19, amending various parts of Title 6, “Zoning,” of the Evanston City Code to conform with the City of Evanston Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to revise density and parking bonuses established by the City of Evanston’s revised Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (IHO), 107-O-18.

For Introduction

Approved on Consent Agenda

(P3) Ordinance 65-O-19, Extending the Time for Applicant to Obtain a Building Permit to Construct the Planned Development at 100 and 128-132 Chicago Avenue

Motion: Ald.
Rue Simmons

[Watch](#)

City Council adopted Ordinance 65-O-19 to extend the time for commencement of construction of the Planned Development at 100 and 128-132 Chicago Avenue, originally approved on June 26, 2018. The Ordinance would grant a one-year extension for building permit issuance to June 24, 2020.

Motion to suspend the rules for Introduction and Action

Passed 9-0

Motion: Ald.
Braithwaite

For Introduction and Action

Passed 8-1

Ald. Suffredin voted “No”

(PD1) Elgin Road Pilot

Alderman Fiske proposes a pilot to evaluate the temporary closure of Elgin Road between Emerson Street and Orrington Avenue. The purpose of this pilot is to consider the potential benefits of restoring the original street grid system at the northern edge of the downtown business district. Staff seeks further direction from the Planning and Development Committee. If the

Committee directs staff to study this area, then a complete evaluation of vehicular turning and detour ability needs further review before initiating a pilot.

For Discussion

Item held in Committee

(O1) Resolution 46-R-19, Designating the Portion of Florence Avenue between Lake Street and Greenwood Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Ernest W. Jackson Way”

Motion: Ald.
Braithwaite

[Watch](#)

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board recommend adoption of Resolution 46-R-19, designating the portion of Florence Avenue between Lake Street and Greenwood Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Ernest W. Jackson Way.” Three street signs are made for the honoree. One sign is installed at each end of the designated one block area and the third sign is given to the honoree. The approximate total cost to create all three signs is \$200. Funds for the honorary street name sign program is budgeted in the Public Works Agency, Public Service Bureau - Traffic Operations Materials Fund (Account 100.40.4520.65115) which has a fiscal year 2019 budget of \$58,000 and a year to date balance of \$40,000.

For Action

Passed 9-0

(APP1) Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Corina Boeckeler

Motion: Ald.
Fiske

[Watch](#)

Corina Boeckeler, a building energy specialist and architectural designer at SAS Architects and Planners, has extensive professional experience in master planning and feasibility construction. She has worked with community members and decision makers to formulate strategies for phased developments and to assess current and future housing needs. She holds a master’s degree in Architecture from the University of Illinois.

Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee - Stephanie Gerberding

Stephanie Gerberding is a licensed clinical social worker and Senior Care Advisor for Care.com, where she provides information and referral services to family caregivers and seniors seeking support. As a health social worker, Stephanie helped address housing issues faced by patients and worked with community resources to meet their needs. She is a resident of Community Partners for Affordable Housing. Stephanie received a B.A. in Sociology from DePaul University and a master’s degree in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago. Arts Council - James Deeb James Deeb is an Evanston artist with over 30 years of experience in the field. He has taught, exhibited, and curated art in a

variety of different mediums, and is the owner of RFN Studios. James holds a B.A. from Indiana University at South Bend and a Masters of Fine Arts from Western Michigan University.

Environment Board - Caroline Peyer

Caroline Peyer has eight years of experience in environmental consulting, greenhouse gas emissions accounting, and resource management. Most recently, she worked as a Project Manager at myclimate, a leading Swiss nonprofit organization committed to climate protection. Caroline holds a Masters in Environmental Engineering from ETH Zurich, one of the world's leading universities in science and technology.

Environment Board - Michelle Redfield

Michelle Redfield has been an Evanston resident for 30 years and has spent her time working in environmental protection, safety and environmental compliance, and environmental program management. Michelle is the Director for Environment, Safety, and Sustainability for Schneider Electric, and is also a member of the board of the National Association of Environmental Management. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University.

Equity and Empowerment Commission - Max Weinberg

Max Weinberg is the principal of Lincolnwood Elementary School in Evanston, and has been working professionally towards equity in schools since serving as a member of Teach for America Corps in 2000. Throughout his career, Max has advocated for meaningful learning opportunities for historically underserved families, working in schools in South Bronx and Harlem in New York City, and on Chicago's south and west sides through the University of Chicago's Urban Teacher Education Program. He holds a B.A. in English and American Literature, an M.S. in Administration & Supervision, an M.S. in Elementary Education, and is currently working towards a PhD in Educational Leadership.

Housing & Homelessness Commission - Kathy Feingold

Kathy Feingold has more than 20 years of experience in community development. She currently serves as Senior Loan Officer at Community Investment Corporation, a non-profit organization working to preserve affordable housing in the Chicago area. As an urban planner with experience in the public and private sectors, Kathy is deeply knowledgeable about zoning implications, transportation and traffic issues, density concerns, and other issues that arise with affordable housing projects. She holds a Masters of Urban Planning and Policy and a Certificate in Real Estate Finance.

Housing & Homelessness Commission - Neda Nozari

Neda Nozari is a civil rights attorney focusing on fair housing and foreclosure mitigation. Prior to starting her private legal practice in Evanston, Neda served as a staff attorney and as Director of Fair Housing at Open Communities, a nonprofit that promotes housing, economic and social justice in north suburban Chicago. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Northwestern University and a J.D. from The John Marshall Law School.

Public Safety Civil Service Commission - Steve Lemieux-Jordan

Steve Lemieux-Jordan is a longtime Evanston resident and the owner of Evanston Photographic Studios. Steve is an active member of the board of the Evanston Police & Fire Foundation and is the civilian coordinator for Evanston's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He is a graduate of both the Citizen Police Academy and Citizen Fire Academy programs in Evanston.

Public Safety Civil Service Commission - Diane Petersmarck

Diane Petersmarck is a 23-year resident of Evanston and a member of Evanston's Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association. Diane volunteers her time at the Symphony of Evanston, where she works with residents suffering from dementia, and she is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Sherman Garden Apartments Co-operative Trust. Previously, Diane served on the Citizens Advisory Board for NorthShore University HealthSystem's Center for Brain Health. She holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Public Safety Civil Service Commission - Fred Tanenbaum

Fred Tanenbaum is a retired pharmacist and former Deputy Chief of Skokie Civil Defense. He is a proud graduate of Evanston's Citizen Police Academy and Citizen Fire Academy programs, a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and a board member of the Evanston Police and Fire Foundation. Fred has lived in Evanston for 12 years.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(APP2) For Reappointment to:

Firefighter's Pension Board
Library Board

Aleks Granchalek
Adam Goodman

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

Call of the Wards

Ward 1:	No Report	Watch
Ward 2:	The street naming ceremony for Mr. Jackson will be on July 20 at 2 p.m. between Lake and Florence.	Watch
Ward 3:	No Report	Watch
Ward 4:	No Report	Watch
Ward 5:	Made a referral to Rules Committee regarding better managing diversity on boards and committees. Also made a referral to M/W/EBE Development Committee for best practices to have progress compliance for large developments.	Watch
Ward 6:	No Report	Watch
Ward 7:	Meeting on June 25 starting at 6 p.m. in the Wilson Club at Welch-Ryan to discuss with Northwestern representatives their proposal for a zoning amendment.	Watch
Ward 8:	No Report	Watch
Ward 9:	No Report	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 (9-0) City Council recessed into Executive Session.