REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LOLLAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTHE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, September 23rd, 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:

- Recognition of City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz

City Manager’s Public Announcements

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz had no announcements

City Clerk’s Communications

Deputy City Clerk Gomez had no announcements.

Public Comment

James Engelman
Supports purchasing a new fire truck for the city. He believes Erika Storlie will do a great job as City Manager.

Mike Vasilko
Asked City Council to vote against agenda item A3. Asked City Council to reject the gift agreement between the City of Evanston and Chicago Young Americans (CYA). Wants to give Evanston residents the opportunity to use the ice-rinks during prime time hours.

Harris Miller
Asked City Council to vote against agenda item A9 & A10. He said Chicago Young Americans (CYA) and Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) will consume most of the ice rink time during the week at Robert Crown. Said there would be stronger support from residents if a more equitable hockey league.

Kenneth Proskie
Spoke on the Northwestern University U2 zoning text amendment. Claims small businesses will be negatively affected by the influx of major sporting events at the Welsh-Ryan arena.

Lynn Bednar
Small business owner who opposed the Northwestern U2 zoning text amendment. Doesn’t see any benefit for the community with the change in the zoning change and will only benefit Northwestern University to increase its revenue. As a business owner, she attest to the fact that Northwestern’s events at the arena cause a decrease in

Patricia Hunt Shared her concerns over large rodents in her neighborhood. She also shared her concerns over a neighbors house having a long fence across the yard which she feels is a safety concern.  

Lynn Trautman Spoke on the Northwestern University U2 zoning text amendment. Shared the many inconveniences she faces when there is a game happening at the Welsh-Ryan arena. Asked City Council to oppose the text amendment.  

Misty Witenberg Wanted clarification on a few questions pertaining to the investigation surrounding Clerk Reid.  

Yvi Russell Opposed the Northwestern U2 text amendment.  

Leslie McMillan Asked City Council to reject the Gift Agreement with Chicago Young Americans (CYA). Read an article which references a lawsuit that names the CYA group and which she believes shows how the CYA promotes exclusivity.  

Del Morris Director of Evanston Hockey who shared his experience playing the game of hockey. Said there is an NHL diversity program which provides assistance to any individual who wishes to participate in the sport. Believes that having Chicago Young Americans (CYA) at Robert Crown will bring more girls to participate in the sport and open more opportunities for them.  

Mary Rosinski Asked City Council to reject the gift agreement between the City of Evanston and Chicago Young Americans (CYA). Doesn’t think it’s a financially responsible agreement and would want the City to renegotiate the agreement. Opposed the Northwestern zoning text amendment.  

Betty Ester Shared her remarks on the proposed affordable housing dwelling unit pilot program.  

Ray Friedman Stated the previous budget meetings hosted by Kimberly Richardson and Kate Lewis-Lankin were not exactly a discussion, but rather a presentation about the breakdown of the budget. Would like to have a discussion about future city plans and have metrics set to measure the success of those plans.  

Trisha Conolley Asked City Council to not burden the residents of Evanston with unwanted restraints imposed by outside organizations. Explained how Northwestern has created problems for residents who live around the Welsh-Ryan arena.
Clare Kelly
Asked City Council to hold the vote for agenda items A9 & A10. Believes the need of the public should not be considered after the accommodation of elite groups in Evanston.

Brad Gluszewski
Said his concerns over the safety issues of the elevator located inside his apartment building have not been addressed despite his repeated calls to the city’s 311 Center. He and others living in the building have called 911 on several occasions because they have found themselves trapped in the elevators.

Carlis Sutton
Hopes there will be a large community input on the search for a new City Manager. Encouraged City Council members to use sensitivity in order to decrease the number of lawsuits against the city. Shared his concern over the gift agreements with Chicago Young Americans (CYA) and Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA). Lastly, he applauded the decision to appoint Patricia Gregory to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board.

Darlene Cannon
Shared her concern over the gift agreements with Chicago Young Americans (CYA) and Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA).

Lu Tuber
She is the owner of Berglund Animal Hospital who will be adversely affected by the proposed Northwestern zoning text amendment. Losing clients during Northwestern events could cause the clinic to lose them indefinitely.

Candace Davis
Opposed the Northwestern U2 text amendment. Said it’s unacceptable to expand the arena to professional and commercial events. Believes the text amendment does not meet the standards of the zoning amendment, is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, not compatible with the character of existing uses in Evanston and it will have an adverse impact on the value of adjacent properties.

Doreen Price
Suggested the city look at climate resilience for low-income homes in Evanston.
Special Order of Business

(SP1) Application for Appeal to City Council of the Preservation Commission Decision Denying Certificate of Appropriateness for 2404 Ridge Avenue

Staff recommends that the City Council continue consideration of whether to accept the appeal of the Preservation Commission’s decision denying the Certificate of Appropriateness for 2404 Ridge Avenue until the October 14, 2019 meeting of the City Council. The appellants have stated that they will be out of the country on September 23, 2019. The City Council may make a motion to accept the application for appeal. If a motion is made and adopted, the City Council shall affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Preservation Commission within forty-five (45) days. If no motion to accept the application for appeal is made, the decision of the Commission shall be final.

Motion to hold item until next City Council meeting

For Action
Item was held for October 14, 2019 City Council meeting

(SP2) City Manager Search Firm

Staff recommends City Council approval of a contract with GovHR USA executive recruitment firm (630 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062) in the amount of $23,500 to conduct the recruitment process for the next City Manager for the City of Evanston. Funding is from HR’s Recruitment budget, 100.19.1929.62512. The current budget balance is $20,029. One third of the recruitment fee is due upon the acceptance of the proposal, one third is due when a list of candidates is forwarded to the City for consideration, and the remaining one third is due when the recruitment is completed (in 2020).

Motion to hold item until the October 7, 2019 Rules Committee meeting

For Discussion
Item referred to Rules Committee
Consent Agenda

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 9, 2019

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

Motion: Ald. Braithwaite

(A1) Payroll – August 19, 2019 through September 1, 2019 $2,715,957.13

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A2) Bills List – September 24, 2019 $5,284,553.50

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A3) Sole-Source Purchase of Parking Business Analytics and Garage Capacity Signs from Automated Parking Technologies

City Council approved a sole-source purchase of parking business analytics and garage capacity signs from Automated Parking Technologies (500 W 18th Street, Chicago, IL 60616). The purchase includes the platform for data collection, analysis and reporting of available parking in connection with Smarking, as well as the fabrication and installation of signs for a total of $147,876. Capacity signs would be installed at the entrances to the City’s 3 garages and on two of the surrounding streets of the downtown area. Based on the vendor’s previous experience with the analytics and signage, staff estimates that the project will pay for itself within 2 years of implementation due to better utilization of garages spaces. $250,000 in CIP funds are reserved for the project (Account 505.19.7005.65515 project # 619003 - Church/Maple/Sherman Garage - Capacity Signs).

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A4) Sole-Source Renewal with Google Premium Partner, Daston Corporation for the G Suite License Agreement

City Council authorized the City Manager to proceed with the renewal of a sole-source agreement with a Google Premier Partner, Daston Corporation (19 E Market St #LL01 Leesburg, VA 20176-3004). The total cost of purchase is $96,804.50 for G Suite Enterprise Licenses for hosted email, application suite and Tier 1 G Suite Help Desk Support. This represents a 40% decrease in the cost per year from the renewal quote
first received by the City. Total savings realized are estimated at $128,391 over the course of two years. The agreement is for one year with an option to renew for one additional year. The funding for this project will derive from the 2019 Information Technology Division IT Computer Software Fund (Account 100.19.1932.62340).

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A5) Approval of the Purchase of Replacement Fire Engine from Global Emergency Products

City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Temco Machinery dba Global Emergency Products (“Global”) (2600 American Drive P.O. Box 2017, Appleton, WI 54912) for the design and fabrication of a replacement fire engine in the amount of $659,200. The fire engine will be delivered in the fall of 2020. As an alternative, if staff receives Council approval, Global will accept a reduced payment of $648,105 to be paid in full on February 1, 2020.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A6) Approval of a Change Order with Teska Associate Contract for RFP 18-51 Central Street SSA Feasibility Study

City Council approved the change order to the Teska Associates contract for RFP 18-51 Central Street SSA Feasibility Study in the amount of $9,755.60.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A7) Resolution 93-R-19, Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Contract with Erika Storlie to Serve as Interim City Manager for the City of Evanston

City Council adopted Resolution 93-R-19, authorizing the execution of an employment contract with Erika Storlie to serve as Interim City Manager for the City of Evanston. On September 16, 2019, the City Council met in Executive Session to discuss, review and approve the terms of the contract.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
(A8) Resolution 86-R-19, Adopting Outside Counsel Litigation Procedures and Billing Guidelines

City staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 86-R-19, to approve Outside Counsel Litigation Procedures and Billing Guidelines.

For Action
Item was held

(A9) Resolution 30-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Gift Agreement and a Use Agreement with Chicago Young Americans Hockey Organization for the Donation to the New Robert Crown Community Center

City Council adopted Resolution 30-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Gift Agreement and a Use Agreement with Chicago Young Americans (CYA) (543 North Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048) for partial naming rights to Rink 1 at the new Robert Crown Community Center and a Use Agreement outlining terms of rink rental. Revenue from the gift agreement will be deposited into the Crown Construction Fund (Account 416.40.4160.56011 - Donations) via Friends of Robert Crown. Revenue from the user agreement will be deposited into General Fund Revenue (Account 100.30.3030.53565 - Recreation Program Fees).

For Action
Passed 9-0

(A10) Resolution 32-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Gift Agreement and a Use Agreement with Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) for the Donation to the New Robert Crown Community Center

City Council adopted Resolution 32-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Gift Agreement with Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) (P.O. Box 149, Evanston, IL 60201) for partial naming rights to Rink 1 at the new Robert Crown Community Center and a Use Agreement outlining terms of rink rental. Revenue from the gift agreement will be deposited into the Crown Construction Fund (Account 416.40.4160.56011 - Donations) via Friends of Robert Crown. Revenue from the user agreement will be deposited into General Fund Revenue (Account 100.30.3030.53565 - Recreation Program Fees).

For Action
Passed 9-0
(A11) Resolution 90-R-19, Authorizing a Three-Year Lease Agreement with North Shore Senior Center for Room G205 at the Morton Civic Center

City Council adopted Resolution 90-R-19, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the lease of office space with North Shore Senior Center (NSSC) at the rate of $563.00 per month for three (3) years beginning October 1, 2019 for Room G205 in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A12) Resolution 91-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Three Month Lease Agreement for Studio B11 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center

City Council adopted Resolution 91-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a three (3) month lease term with new tenant Rimma Mitchell, an Evanston resident, to lease vacant studio B-11 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center. Revenues are deposited into the Noyes Cultural Arts Business Unit (Account 100.30.3710.53565).

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A13) Resolution 92-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Hoffman House Catering for Senior Meal Food Programs at the Levy Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center

City Council adopted Resolution 62-R-19 authorizing the City Manager to execute a new contract between the City of Evanston and Hoffman House Catering (1530 Hubbard Avenue, Batavia, IL) to provide a senior meal congregate program at the Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center for a period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 in the not–to-exceed amount of $4.80 per lunch meal. Total meal program contract value is projected at $43,543.00. This is a reimbursement meal program in which the total amount of reimbursement the City will receive and expenses is solely dependent upon the number of lunches served and varies depending on the levels of participation. The program will be reimbursed through a grant from Age Options, the regional coordinator of federal funds dispersed for programs in the Older Americans Act and donations received from attendees at the meal program. The City’s estimated reimbursement is calculated using the highest daily participation level stated in our application. Funding for this program is budgeted in the Fleetwood-Jourdain and Levy Center meal program expenditure accounts.
For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A14) Ordinance 111-O-19, Amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(F)1 “Residential Exemption Parking District B”

City Council adopted Ordinance 111-O-19, amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(F)1 “Residential Exemption Parking District B.” This Ordinance will add three homes, 400/406/412 Clark Street and homes from 1430 Sheridan Road to Davis Street to the Residential Parking District B.

Motion to suspend the Rules for Introduction and Action
Passed 9-0

Motion: Ald. Braithwaite

For Introduction and Action
Passed 9-0

(A15) Ordinances 107-O-19 and 108-O-19, Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area No. 7 and No. 8 in the City of Evanston, Illinois and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Related Procedures

City Council adopted Ordinances 107-O-19 and 108-O19 proposing the establishment of two Special Service Areas (SSA #7 and SSA #8) for commercial properties located in the merchant district along Central Street. A West Central Street district would be located between Central Park Avenue on the west and Ewing Ave. on the east. An East Central Street district would be located between Hartrey on the west, Eastwood on the east, Isabella on the north and Simpson on the south. Two SSAs are recommended based on community feedback during the SSA feasibility study period. Staff recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the September 23, 2019 City Council meeting to enact the SSAs to allow tax collections beginning January 1, 2020.

For Introduction and Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
Ordinance 109-O-19, Proposing the Extension of Special Service Area No. 4 in the City of Evanston, Illinois and Providing for a Public Hearing and Other Related Procedures

City Council approved Ordinance 109-O-19 proposing the extension of Special Service Area #4 for properties located in downtown Evanston generally bound by Emerson, Ridge, Grove and Chicago Avenue and establishing a public hearing date. Staff recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the September 23, 2019 City Council meeting to enact the SSAs to allow tax collections beginning January 1, 2020.

For Introduction and Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

Ordinance 89-O-19, Amending the Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax to Increase the Rate Assessed from 1.0% to 1.25%

City Council adopted Ordinance 89-O-19, amending the municipal retailer’s occupation tax (home rule sales tax) to increase the rate assessed from 1.0% to 1.25%. The additional revenue from this rate increase would be deposited in the City’s General Fund.

For Action
Passed 5-4 Ald. Suffredin, Rainey, Fleming and Fiske voted “No”

Ordinance 88-O-19, Amending Section of Title 10, Chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones” adding a Portion of Madison Street

City Council adopted Ordinance 88-O-19, amending Section of Title 10, Chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones”, adding the North side of 600 Madison Street, from Chicago Avenue to Custer Avenue. Enforcement will be from 8am - 9pm and will have a rate of $.50 per hour.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
(A20) **Ordinance 84-O-19, Amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(C) “Two Hour Limited Parking”**

City Council adopted Ordinance 84-O-19, amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(C) “Two Hour Limited Parking.” This Ordinance will allow for 2-hour parking on the east side of Maple Avenue from Garnett Place to Foster Street.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A21) **Ordinance 85-O-19, Amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(F)8 “Residential Exemption Parking District G”**

City Council adopted Ordinance 85-O-19, amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10, Schedule X(F)8 “Residential Exemption Parking District G.” This Ordinance will add the three spaces west of Maple on the north side of Foster Street to District G.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

(A22) **Ordinance 91-O-19, Amending Various Sections of Title 10, Chapter 11 Pertaining to City of Evanston Parking Lots**

City Council adopted Ordinance 91-O-19, amending various portions of Title 10, Chapter 11 pertaining to City of Evanston Parking Lots. The Ordinance will remove Lot 32’s 13 meters (825 Hinman Avenue) as all spaces within the lot are being converted to permit only, add Lot 68 and its 13 spaces (717-719 Howard Street) as construction is complete on the new lot, and various other amendments to bring the City Code up to date with previous parking rate and hour changes.

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda
Ordinance 87-O-19, Proposing Consideration of Scheduling of Dates for a Joint Review Board Meeting and a Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed First Amendment to the Howard and Ridge TIF District Redevelopment Plan and Project

City Council approved Ordinance 87-O-19 establishing dates for Howard Ridge TIF amendment Public Hearing and Joint Review Board Meeting.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization & Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

City Council approved a renewal contract with Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) and Lawyers’ Committee for Better Housing (LCBH) in the not-to-exceed amount of $70,000 for landlord-tenant services. The funding source is the City’s Affordable Housing Fund, 250.21.5465.65497, Landlord-Tenant services. The Affordable Housing Fund currently has a cash balance of approximately $900,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

Ordinance 115-O-19, Granting the YWCA a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development Located at 1215 Church Street and 1726-1730 Ridge Avenue in the R4 General Residential District

City Council approved a Special Use to expand a Community Center – Public and a Recreation Center – Public and for a Planned Development to demolish two single family residence-style structures and construct a two-story entrance addition abutting the south façade of the existing YWCA building and a four-story domestic violence shelter abutting the north façade of the existing YWCA building. The proposal includes the following Site Development Allowances: 1) Parking Location: Propose parking spaces within the required front yard setback (fronting Church St.) where parking is not permitted in front yards; 2) Loading Berth Location: Propose two loading berths within the west interior side yard setback where loading berths are permitted within the building envelope only; 3) Impervious Surface Coverage: Propose 75.5% impervious surface coverage where a maximum 55% is allowed; 4) Building Height: Propose 4 stories at 42.4’ height for a flat roof where a maximum 2.5 stories or 35’ to the peak for a sloped roof is allowed; 5) Unenclosed Loading Berth: Propose 2 open loading berths within the side yard/front yard where open loading berths are only permitted within a rear yard.
(P3) **Ordinance 105-O-19, Application for Major Zoning Relief to Expand a Legally Nonconforming Structure at 3101 Central Street**

City Council adopted Ordinance 105-O-19, granting major zoning relief to expand a legally nonconforming structure by constructing a 580 sq. ft. one-story garage bay enclosure. The applicant requests to expand the legally nonconforming use for an Automobile Repair Service Establishment and an Automobile Body Repair Establishment where said uses are not eligible permitted or special uses in the R4 General Residential District or an eligible Active Ground Floor Use in the oCSC Central Street Overlay District. The applicant also requests the addition of zero parking spaces where one additional parking space is required due to the expansion, for a total of 11 legal on-site parking spaces where 12 parking spaces are required.

(P4) **Ordinance 106-O-19, Granting a Special Use Permit for Daycare Center – Domestic Animal, and Kennel at 1245 Hartrey Avenue**

City Council adopted Ordinance 106-O-19 granting special use approval for a Daycare Center – Domestic Animal, and a special use for a Kennel, for Unleashed in Evanston, in the I2 General Industrial District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards of a special use for this district.

(P5) **Ordinance 114-O-19, Granting a Special Use Permit for a Planned Development Located at 1012-1018 Church Street in the D3 Downtown Core Development District**

City Council adopted Ordinance 114-O-19 for approval of a Special Use for a Planned Development in the D3 Downtown Core Development District to construct a 3-story, 37,800 square foot Cultural Facility, a live theater performance venue, with a 289-seat main stage and a building height of 41 feet. The development includes site development allowances for the following: 1) Number of parking spaces: 0 spaces where 32 are required; 2) Street frontage property line setback: 2 feet at the first floor where 0 feet is required up to a minimum building height of 24 feet but not more than 42 feet.
Resolution 89-R-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement with Mudlark Theater, NFP to Provide Funding for the Equity in the Arts Hiring Program

City Council adopted Resolution 89-R-19, authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with Mudlark Theater, NFP to provide funding for the Equity in the Arts Hiring Program for a second and final year at a total cost of $25,000. Staff recommends utilizing the Economic Development Workforce Development Fund (Account 100.21.5300.62663). The approved 2019 Fiscal Year Budget allocated $100,000 to this account. To date, $12,602.10 has been spent, leaving a remaining balance of $87,397.90.

Ald. Suffredin and Fleming voted “No”

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board - Patricia Gregory

A 60-year resident of Evanston, Patricia Gregory is a physical education teacher for Evanston/Skokie School District 65. She has served as president of the Evanston/Skokie PTA Council, educational chairperson for Foster Park Neighbors, and co-president of the West End Area Block Club. Patricia holds a master’s degree in special education and a bachelor’s degree in physical education, health and recreation.
Call of the Wards

Ward 1: No Report  
Ward 2: Announced the opening of Blink Fitness. Currently cost $1 to join and starts at $15 a month. 
Ward 3: No Report  
Ward 4: Announced the passing of Evanston resident Steven Demorest. 
Ward 5: Explained there was no quorum to host a M/W/EBE Development Committee meeting. Is working to set a date for a future meeting as soon as there is a quorum. 
Ward 6: No Report  
Ward 7: Ward meeting Thursday, September 26, at the Ecology Center starting at 7:00 p.m. 
Ward 8: Bike The Ridge on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The ride will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 
Ward 9: No Report

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 pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2a to discuss agenda items regarding Litigation and Security Procedures. These agenda items are permitted subject to be considered in Executive Session and are enumerated exception under the Open Meetings Act with the exception being 5 ILCS 120/2a(c8)(c11). A roll call vote was taken and by a unanimous vote (9-0) City Council recessed into Executive Session.