REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, January 27th, 2020

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 S.O.A.R. Program Participants

City Manager’s Public Announcements

City Manager Erika Storlie welcomed Nicholas Cummings' as the new Deputy City Attorney for the City of Evanston.

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk Reid provided information on the upcoming March 17, 2020 Election.

Public Comment

Toby Sachs  He along with all other members of the Arts Council opposed the removal of exemption tax for not-for-profit arts organizations. This would cause many organizations to increase ticket prices which in turn would drive down attendance.

BJ Jones  Talked about the proposal to impose taxes on not-for-profit arts organizations.

Dianna Hamann  Voiced her opposition to the proposed revisions to the amusement tax.

Dickelle Fonda  Voiced her support for Resolution 5-R-20 to allow the opening of a restaurant at 1829 Simpson Street.

Marcia Bernsten  Shared he concerns over the City of Evanston possibly using drones for surveillance, which was discussed years prior.

Maria Lopez  She is the new owner of Tapas Barcelona along with her husband who wanted to attend City Council to introduce themselves.

Allie Harned  Explained what the Evanston Voter Initiative group is.
John Prince  Claimed there is tainted food being sold in local grocery stores.  Watch

Special Order of Business

SP1. Discussion Regarding Proposed Revisions to the Amusement Tax Ordinance

Staff seeks direction from the City Council regarding the preparation of a revised amusement tax ordinance.

For Discussion
Direction provided to staff

Motion: Ald. Fleming
Second: Ald. Braithwaite

Consent Agenda

M1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 9, 2019 and January 13, 2020

The City Clerk recommends City Council approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of December 9, 2019 and January 13, 2020.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A1. Approval of the City of Evanston Payroll and Bills


For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
A2. Contract with Chi-Town Cleaners for 2020-2022 Multi-Year Janitorial Services at Multiple City Facilities

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract for multi-year janitorial services at six City facilities (RFP #19-57) with Chi-Town Cleaning Services Co., (21W665 Thorndale Ave., Medinah, IL 60157) in the amount of $657,007. Funding will be from four different accounts, detailed in the summary, depending on the facility being serviced. A breakdown of funds by year will be as follows: $208,413 for FY 2020, $218,830 for FY 2021 and $229,764 for FY 2022.

For Action
Failed in Committee


City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Water Products Company (3255 East New York Street, Aurora IL 60504) for the purchase of Water Distribution System Materials (brass valves, fittings and gaskets) for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 in the amount of $360,937.95. Funding is provided by the Water Fund (Account 510.40.4540.65055). The FY 2020 budget has a budget of $150,000. This account has a YTD balance of $150,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A4. FY 2020 Estimated Annual User Charge with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for Disposal of Sludge Generated as Part of the Water Treatment Process

City Council approved payment of the estimated annual user charge for 2020 with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) for disposal of sludge generated as part of the water treatment process in the amount $151,800.08. Four payments of $37,950.02 will be made beginning in February 2020 and ending November 2020. Funding for this work will be from the Water Fund (Account 510.40.4220.62420). This account has a budget of $339,000 allocated for MWRDGC sludge disposal fees. The YTD account balance is $339,000.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
A5. **Renewal of the Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement with Harris Computer Systems for the Utility Billing Software**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the sole-source renewal of the annual maintenance and support agreement for the term March 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020 with Harris Computer Systems (1 Antares Drive, Suite 400, Ottawa, Ontario) for Harris NorthStar Utility Billing software in the amount of $36,661.59. Staff is in the process of evaluating proposals for a new utility billing system. Funding for this purchase will be from Water Fund (Account 510.40.4225.62340), which has an allocation of $45,000 for this item. This account has an YTD balance of $373,300.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A6. **Agreement with Northwestern University for the Sale of Salt and Brine**

City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement to sell road salt and brine to Northwestern University. Revenue from the sale of these products will be deposited into the General Fund (Account 100.40.4105.56068).

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A7. **Resolution 5-R-20 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Real Estate Contract for the Purchase of a Vacant Lot Located at 1829 Simpson Street**

City Council adopted Resolution 5-R-20, authorizing the City Manager to execute a real estate contract for the purchase of a vacant lot located at 1829 Simpson Street for an amount not to exceed $55,000. The source of funds for this proposed acquisition is Capital Improvement Funds Parks Contingency (Account 415.40.4119.65515- 519011).

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

Motion: Ald. Rainey
Second: Ald. Rue Simmons

A8. **Resolution 13-R-20, Authorizing the Settlement and Release of all Claims in Wanha v. City of Evanston, et al.**

City Council adopted Resolution 13-R-20 authorizing the City of Evanston to issue a settlement payment pursuant to a settlement agreement and release in Kanan Wanha v. City of Evanston (Case No. 19-c-4346). Funding will be provided from the Insurance Fund Settlement Costs -
Liability (Account 605.99.7800.62260).

**For Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**A9. Ordinance 7-O-20, Amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 12(H), “Parking Zones”**

City Council adopted Ordinance 7-O-20, amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 12(H), “Parking Zones” to add hourly parking in Lot 1 and remove Lot 38.

**For Introduction**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**A10. Ordinance 10-O-20, Decreasing the Number of Class C Liquor Licenses for Pete Miller's Evanston, LLC, Rock n’ Ravioli and Creperie Saint Germain**

City Council adopted Ordinance 10-O-20, decreasing the number of Class C Liquor Licenses for Pete Miller's Evanston, LLC, d/b/a Pete Miller Steak House, 1572 Sherman Avenue; Evanston, LLC d/b/a Rock n’ Ravioli 1012 Church Street; and Creperie Saint Germain, Inc d/b/a Jilly’s Bistro, 1512 Sherman Avenue.

**For Introduction and Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**A11. Ordinance 11-O-20, Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses for Barcelona North Inc., d/b/a Tapas Barcelona, 1615 Chicago Avenue**

City Council adopted Ordinance 11-O-20, amending Class D Liquor License from fifty-nine (59) to sixty (60) for Barcelona North, Inc. d/b/a Tapas Barcelona 1615 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

**For Introduction and Action**
Approved on Consent Agenda

**A12. Ordinance 12-O-20, Amending Class R-1 Liquor License from Zero (0) to One (1) for Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership, 2705 Ashland Avenue**

City Council adopted Ordinance 12-O-20, amending Class R-1 Liquor License from zero (0) to one (1) for Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership d/b/a Levy At Welsh - Ryan Arena 2705 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

**Motion:** Ald. Rainey

**Second:** Ald. Fiske
For Introduction
Passed 5-4    Ald Suffredin, Revelle, Fleming and Wynne voted “No”

A13. Ordinance 13-O-20, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by Amending the Class B Liquor License

City Council adopted Ordinance 13-O-20, which amends the Class B license for movie theaters. The amendments removes the movie rating requirement of PG-13 or R to authorize the sale of alcohol and increases the drink maximum per transaction from one (1) to two (2).

For Introduction and Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A14. Ordinance 14-O-20, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by Amending the City’s Class E Liquor License to Permit On-Site Tastings

City Council adopted Ordinance 14-O-20, which amends the Class E license for package stores. The amendment permits the on-site consumption for purposes of tasting only in stores.

Motion: Ald. Rainey
Second: Ald. Rue Simmons

For Introduction
Passed 9-0

A15. Ordinance 16-O-20, Amending City Code Section 3-4-9(B) by Amending the City Liquor Code to permit the Liquor Commissioner to Approve Early Hours Requests and Reduce the Fee From $500 to $100 Per Event

City Council adopted Ordinance 16-O-20, which amends the City Liquor Code to permit the Liquor Commissioner to approve early hours requests and reduce the fee from $500 to $100 per event.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda
A16. Ordinance 17-O-20, Amending City Code Section 3-4-8(B) by Amending the City Liquor Code to Require a New Liquor License if More than 50% of Business is Sold

City Council adopted Ordinance 17-O-20, which amends the Section 3-4-8(B) of the City of Evanston Liquor Code to require a new liquor license if more than 50% of the restaurant is sold in a year.

For Introduction
Approved on Consent Agenda

A17. Ordinance 9-O-20, Amending Portions of the City Code Following the Enactment of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act

City Council adopted Ordinance 9-O-20, amending portions of the City Code following the enactment of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

P1. Ordinance 5-O-20 Granting a Special Use for a Commercial Indoor Recreation Facility, Born2Win, at 2510 Green Bay Rd.

City Council adopted Ordinance 5-O-20 granting special use approval for a Commercial Indoor Recreation facility, Born2Win, at 2510 Green Bay Rd. in the B1a Business District and oCSC Central Street Overlay District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a special use for this district.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

P2. Ordinance 6-O-20 Amending Title 6, Planned Development Setbacks in Residential Districts

City Council adopted a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to revise section 6-8-1-10 relating to limitations on site development allowances regarding setbacks for planned developments in Residential Zoning Districts.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda
ED1. Resolution 16-R-20 Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate a TIF Forgivable Loan Agreement with Zipaktli LLC for the Interior Renovation of a Commercial Property at 1813 Dempster Street

City Council adopted Resolution 16-R-20 in support of a TIF funding request from Zipaktli LLC, doing business as Zentli, for financial assistance totaling $24,200 toward the cost of renovating 1813 Dempster Street. Funding is provided by the West Evanston Tax Increment Financing Account (Account 335.99.5870.65515), which has a fund balance of approximately $711,000.

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

APP1. Approval of Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments The Mayor recommends City Council approval of appointments to the Commission on Aging and Utilities Commission.

City Council approved temporary appointments to the Board of Ethics to fill vacancies in order to complete the review of current complaints under the previous City Code.

**For Action**
**Approved on Consent Agenda**
Call of the Wards

| Ward 1: | Made a referral to the Rules Committee to discuss the duties of the City Clerk. | Watch |
| Ward 2: | Ward meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020. | Watch |
| Ward 3: | Thanked all 3 residents who attended the previous Ward meeting. | Watch |
| Ward 4: | No Report | Watch |
| Ward 5: | No Report | Watch |
| Ward 6: | Requested clarification on why the City is having the City Manager hiring process in Executive Session as opposed to publicly. | Watch |
| Ward 7: | No Report | Watch |
| Ward 8: | 8th Ward Meeting from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the Levy Senior Center on January 28, 2020. One of the properties under contract with Northlight Theater is currently generating $83,830.33 in property taxes based on 2018 tax records. | Watch |
| Ward 9: | Thanked General Assistance staff for helping a client navigate through some challenging circumstances. Supports having an OMA (Open Meetings Act) Officer. Suggested that staff have agendas properly placed to avoid confusion. | Watch |

Adjournment

Ald. Wilson led City Council into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(a) to discuss agenda items regarding litigation. The agenda item is permitted subject to be considered in Executive Session and is an enumerated exception under the Open Meetings Act with the exception being 5 ILCS 120/2(a)(c)(11). A roll call vote was taken and by a vote of 8-1 City Council recessed into Executive Session.