REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, February 10th, 2020

Present:

Alderman Fiske  Alderman Rue Simmons
Alderman Braithwaite  Alderman Revelle
Alderman Wynne  Alderman Suffredin
Alderman Wilson  Alderman Rainey

(8)

Absent:

Alderman Fleming (1)

Presiding:  Mayor Stephen Hagerty

Devon Reid
City Clerk
Mayor’s Public Announcements

Mayor Hagerty Announcements and Proclamations:

- Recognition of Dr. Michael Allen
- Blackhawks Foundation Grant
- Evanston Own It

City Manager’s Public Announcements

Interim City Manager Erika Storlie:

- Animal Shelter Grant Application Update

City Clerk’s Communications

City Clerk Reid gave updates for the upcoming March 17, 2020 Election. Expressed his views on the appointment for members for the Compensation Committee.

Public Comment

Fay Clayton

Provided a thorough explanation to City Council on the parameters that encompass terminally ill, mentally capable adults in seeking medical aid in dying. She asked the City Council to hold Resolution 14-R-20 in order to have a better discussion on the matter.

James Engelman

Suggested the fines for not shoveling snow on the sidewalk be increased. He shared a personal story of his girlfriend who passed away.

Dan Joseph

Believes the ordinance asking for residents to plow the snow on their part of the sidewalk should be amended. If city vehicles push snow towards the sidewalk during street cleaning, they should be responsible for shoveling the snow that lands on the sidewalks. Invited people to attend the Pace Bus meeting at the Levy Center.

Oliver Ruff

Voiced his support for Resolution 14-R-20, a resolution that supports Illinois Legislature to enact legislation that allows terminally ill, mentally capable adults to seek medical aid in dying.
Misty Wittenberg  Asked City Council to prioritize the pending Ethics Complaints.  
Eric Parker  Voiced his support for Resolution 14-R-20.  
Mike Vasilko  Asked City Council to support Resolution 14-R-20. He shared his concerns over the Lakefront Stabilization Proposed Plan.  
Amber Smock  Director of Access Living who voiced her organization’s opposition to the assisted dying law. Claimed that many of the facts that have been presented are incorrect and urged City Council to do more research before making a decision.  
Charles Petrof  Member of Access Living who also spoke about Resolution 14-R-20. Said the City of Evanston is not in a position to remedy the problem for people with disabilities.  
Garland Armstrong  Shared his concerns over Resolution 14-R-20.  
Heather Armstrong  Opposed Resolution 14-R-20. She said it’s discriminatory for people with disabilities and she wants to make sure people with disabilities have a voice.  
Bess Schenkier  She stated that in her volunteer work, she had the privilege to speak with individuals about death and dying. Said that medical aid in dying can provide comfort and peace to those suffering from a terminal illness.  
Larry Biondi  Opposed Resolution 14-R-20. Among the reason for opposing the legislation, he says that assisted dying will become susceptible to abuse as it is seen as the cheapest alternative to their problems.  
Lyndsay Sullivan  Shared her personal experience in dealing with pain and still doesn’t believe nor supports assisted dying.  
Ryan Mcgraw  Stated that 21 percent of individuals who request assisted dying report having a primary issue of pain. He went on to say that 80 percent of individuals listed existential fear of disability as a primary factor in enlisting assisted dying. The option of having assisted dying is more economically convenient for many individuals whose conditions may not be covered by healthcare providers.  
Clark Craig  Opposed Resolution 14-R-20  
Juan Geracaris  Opposed having EPD Officers in unmarked vehicles, ticketing parents near Oakton Elementary.  
Katherine Lundeen  Shared her concerns about ticketing near Oakton Elementary School.
She said it’s affecting the children and the parents. It is also affecting the community financially. Suggested placing signage and a crossing guard to help direct traffic near the school.

Doreen Price  
Talked about Resolution 14-R-20. She believes there should be alternatives presented to individuals seeking assisted dying services.  

Watch

Gregory Carik  
Opposed Resolution 14-R-20  

Watch

Jill Gardner  
Voiced her support for Resolution 14-R-20, a resolution that supports Illinois Legislature to enact legislation that allows terminally ill, mentally capable adults to seek medical aid in dying.  

Watch

David Melton  
Asked City Council to support Resolution 14-R-20 in order to give individuals the autonomy of dictating the manner in which they choose to die.  

Watch

Kevin Mccray  
Respectfully asked City Council to vote against Resolution 14-R-20. Is concern the legislation will be used misused against disadvantaged groups in society.  

Watch

Jane Sullivan  
Opposed Resolution 14-R-20. She says that during the time someone is diagnosed with a terminal illness, families will come together for healing and prayer. She says it’s immoral to and unjust to assist someone in dying.  

Watch

Rhonda Rawson  
Voicer her support for Resolution 14-R-20. She shared a personal story about her brother who passed away recently and how through that experience she hopes to give others an opportunity of a peaceful and dignified death.  

Watch

Ray Friedman  
Talked about public comments, James Park, 1305 Pitner Ave and the search firm responsible for fining applicants for the role of City Manager.  

Watch

Diana Pearl  
Voiced her support for Resolution 14-R-20. She shared her experience of having a family member living with chronic pain. Said this resolution is to provide individuals with the choice of seeking help in dying.  

Watch

John Hitt  
Opposed Resolution 14-R-20. Said there are some individuals who make irrational decisions due to their medical conditions and he understands the pain they may be going through.  

Watch
SP1. **Application for Appeal to the City Council of Preservation Commission Decision Denying Certificate of Appropriateness for 612 Judson Avenue to Replace Twenty One (21) Wood Windows with Vinyl Windows**

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 set the hearing date for February 24, 2020**
Passed 8-0

For Action
Hearing set for February 24, 2020

SP2. **Lakefront Stabilization Discussion**

Staff recommends City Council discuss staff's Lakefront Stabilization Proposed Plan and provide direction to the City Manager.

**For Discussion**
Direction provided to Staff

For Action
Approved as amended 8-0

A1. Approval of the City of Evanston Payroll, Bills and Credit Card Activity

City Council approved the City of Evanston Payroll for the periods of January 6, 2020 through January 19, 2020 in the amount of $2,996,043.06, Bills List for February 11, 2020 FY 2019 in the amount of $1,192,185.27 and Bills List for February 11, 2020 FY 2020 in the amount of $3,100,545.85, as well as credit card purchases period ending December 26, 2019 in the amount of $165,642.04.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A2. Approval of BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card Activity

City Council approved the City of Evanston’s BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card Activity for the period ending December 26, 2019, in the amount of $5,273.20.

For Action
Passed 7-1-0

Ald. Suffredin abstained

Motion: Ald. Rainey
Second: Ald. Braithwaite

A3. Approval of the Purchase of Seven (7) Vehicles for the Public Works Agency

City Council approved the purchase of seven (7) vehicles/pieces of equipment for the Public Works Agency operations in 2020. The following vehicle will be purchased as a Sole Source Purchase since the vendor is the sole distributor in the Chicagoland area for this specific piece of equipment: one (1) Kromer Field Commander Chameleon from Central Distributing Company, Inc (4N955 Old LaFox Road, P.O. Box 299, Wasco, IL 60183) in the amount of $26,060.05. The following replacement vehicles will be purchased as Single Source Purchases from Sourcewell contracts: one (1) Vermeer BC1800XL Chipper from Vermeer-Illinois, Inc. (2801 Beverly Drive, Aurora, IL 60504) in the amount of $84,341; one (1) Jacobsen HR800 Mower from Burris Equipment (2216 N. Greenbay Rd, Waukegan, IL 60087) in the amount of $106,871; one (1) Ventrac 4500 Tractor from Burris Equipment Co. - Joliet (2001 Cherry Hill Rd Joliet, IL 60433) in the amount of $52,346.39, and one (1) used Hamm HD 12VO
Roller from Roland Machinery Company (816 N Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62702) in the amount of $30,215. The following replacement vehicles will be purchased as Single Source Purchases from the Northwest Municipal Conference Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (NWMC SPC) contracts: one (1) Ford F550 4x4 from Sutton Ford (21315 Central Avenue, Matteson, IL 60443) in the amount of $77,799, and one (1) Ford F450 from Currie Commercial Center (10125 W Laraway, Frankfort, IL 60423) in the amount of $89,052. The total for the seven requested vehicles is $466,684.44. Funding for the purchase of these vehicles will be from the Equipment Replacement - Automotive Equipment Fund (Account 601.19.7780.65550), with a FY budget of $2,000,000, and a YTD balance of $1,426,469.20.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A4. Contract Award with Wantman Group, Inc. for the Performance of a Comprehensive Parking Study (RFP 19-62)

City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract (RFP 19-62) with Wantman Group, Inc. (2001 Butterfield Rd, Suite 410, Downers Grove, Illinois) for the performance of a City-wide, comprehensive parking study in the amount of $33,000. Funding for this contract will come from the Parking - Other Improvements Fund (Account 505.19.7005.65515), with a FY20 budget of $1,575,000, with a YTD balance of $1,407,719.

For Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A5. Ordinance 19-O-20, Amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10 “Limited Parking” and Section 12 “Parking Zones” Amending Parking on Central Street and Hurd Avenue

Transportation & Parking Committee and staff, pursuant to Alderman Suffredin’s request, recommends City Council adopt Ordinance 19-O20, amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 10 (Limited Parking) and Section 12 (Parking Zones) of the City Code for portions of Hurd Avenue and Central Street to allow for four (4) hour parking. Hurd Avenue parking will remain free, and Central Street from Hurd Avenue to Central Park Avenue will be amended to allow for four (4) hour paid parking.

For Introduction
Held in Committee
A6. Ordinance 20-O-20, Amending Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 1 “Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places”

Transportation & Parking Committee and staff recommend City Council adoption of Ordinance 20-O-20, amending Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 1 “Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places.” This Ordinance will address stopping, standing or parking a vehicle that blocks part or all of a bicycle lane. A fee of $75 will be issued and there will be an option for the right to tow the vehicle that blocks the bicycle lane.

For Introduction
Failed in Committee for lack of a Second

A7. Ordinance 24-O-20, Amending Section 7-2-9-3 Sidewalks to be Cleared of Snow, Ice, Dirt, and Weeds

City Council adopted for introduction Ordinance 24-O-20, “Amending Section 7-2-9-3 Sidewalks to be Clear of Snow, Ice, Dirt, and Weeds”, which will require snow and ice removal for any winter weather accumulation. Alderman Melissa Wynne has requested Introduction and Action of this item at the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting.

Motion to amend item to include a $50 fee for the first offense, $100 for the second offense and $150 for the third offense
Motion was withdrawn

For Introduction and Action
Item approved from Introduction 8-0

A8. 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 Action
Approved on Consent Agenda

A9. 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 Food Service Limited Partnership, 2705 Ashland Avenue
For Action  Passed 5-3   Ald. Suffredin, Ald. Revelle and Ald. Wynne voted No

A10. 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.

For Action  Approved on Consent Agenda

A11. 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 Action  Approved on Consent Agenda

A12. 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 Action  Approved on Consent Agenda

APW1. Consideration of Residency Requirement for Select City Employees

Alderman Suffredin requests City Council discuss residency requirements for select City employees.

For Discussion
Direction provided to staff during committee

P1. **Ordinance 166-O-19, Granting a Special Use for an Educational Institution - Private, and a Religious Institution, St. Athanasius School and Parish, to Expand Off-Street Parking in the R1 Single Family Residential District**

City Council adopted Ordinance 166-O-19 granting special use approval for an Educational Institution - Private, and Religious Institution, St. Athanasius School and Parish, to expand offstreet parking at 2503 Eastwood Ave./2510 Ashland Ave./1615 Lincoln St. in the R1 Single Family Residential District. The Zoning Board of Appeals found the proposal does not meet all of the Standards for a special use in this district, specifically, the proposed parking expansion would increase the negative cumulative impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood, and may interfere with or diminish the value of property in the neighborhood. Following the ZBA hearing, the applicant submitted a modified traffic circulation plan and parking and operations summary that will mitigate the impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood.

**For Introduction**

Approved on Consent Agenda

P2. **Ordinance 3-O-20 Granting Major Zoning Relief for Parking to Retain a Basement Dwelling Unit at 2008 Harrison St.**

City Council adopted Ordinance 3-O-20, granting major zoning relief for 4 parking spaces where 7 parking spaces are required, to allow the retention of a basement dwelling unit in the R5 General Residential District and the oCSC Central Street Overlay District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for major variations for this district.

**For Introduction**

Approved on Consent Agenda

P3. **Ordinance 23-O-20 Amending Title 6, Cannabis Use Regulations**

City Council approved a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the distance requirement between cannabis dispensaries and pre-existing public or private educational institutions that are elementary, middle, or high schools, as well as establish definitions and provisions for additional cannabis uses such as cannabis growers, infusers, processing organizations, transporters, etc. within the City’s zoning districts.

**For Introduction**

Approved on Consent Agenda
P4. **Ordinance 25-O-20, Amending Title 7, Chapter 8, Section 8 “Tree Preservation”**

City Council adopted Ordinance 25-O-20 amending the Tree Preservation Ordinance (7-8-8) to apply to trees 25 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) and larger (20 inches dbh or larger for Oak and Hickory species) on private property when improvements are proposed that are classified as new construction or those that would increase the amount of impervious surface by more than 600 square feet.

**For Introduction**

**Approved on Consent Agenda**

**O1. Resolution 14-R-20, Supporting the Illinois Legislature to Enact Legislation that Allows Terminally Ill, Mentally Capable Adults the Option to Seek Medical Aid in Dying**

The Human Services Committee submits for consideration Resolution 14-R-20, "Supporting the Illinois Legislature to Enact Legislation that Allows Terminally Ill, Mentally Capable Adults the Option to Seek Medical Aid in Dying."

**Motion to strike and remove from the Agenda**

Passed 8-0

**For Action**

Stricken and removed from the Agenda

**APP1. Approval of Compensation Committee Appointments**

City Council approved the appointments to the Compensation Committee: Cheryl Wollin, Rebecca Berneck, Omar Brown, Nehanda Loiseau, Eric (Rick) Marsh

**For Action**

Passed 7-1  
Ald. Suffredin voted No
Call of the Wards

Ward 1: No Report

Ward 2: Ward meeting on February 13 at the District 65 Center at 7 p.m. Made a referral to staff to develop comprehensive accessory dwelling unit regulations to include attached units such as basements and attics.

Ward 3: No Report

Ward 4: Encouraged everyone to be respectful and thoughtful when driving on the road.

Ward 5: Invited everyone to attend the 5th Ward meeting on February 12, 2020, at the Civic Center in Room G300, starting at 7 p.m. Wished everyone a happy Black History Month. Encouraged everyone to enjoy the Pan-African flag that’s been placed outside the Civic Center and Fleetwood Jourdain Center.

Ward 6: Increase traffic enforcement around Muller school.

Ward 7: Ward meeting on February 20, 2020, to discuss the Greenbay Rd. Improvement Project. The meeting will take place at the Ecology Center at 7 p.m.

Ward 8: Ward meeting on February 27 at the Levy Senior Center to discuss the reuse of the recycling center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thanked everyone in the 8th Ward for shoveling the snow.

Ward 9: No Report

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 a 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 8-0 City Council recessed into Executive Session.