CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: ALDERMAN BRAITHWAITE
Meeting called to order at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

HSM1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2020
Draft Human Services Committee Minutes - February 3, 2020

Staff recommends approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the February 3, 2020 Human Services Committee meeting.

For Action

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite
Seconded by 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Ayes: 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite, and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

Alderman Braithwaite moved to amend HS2. of the minutes to say Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 14-R-20 replacing Alderman Braithwaite recommends adoption of Resolution 14-R-20.

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming
Ayes: 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite, and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

(III) PUBLIC COMMENT
Priscilla Giles felt the ads on high rise building does not promote keeping Evanston affordable and diverse.

Lorianne Kloss a member of Red Door Shelter has rescued more than 300 rabbits since last Easter 2019. She would like Evanston to adopt an ordinance that has updated language on rabbits; since Ordinance 32-O-20, Chapter 33, 3-33-1- (1) (a) has language to indicate the animals should be spayed or neutered prior to the sale, that is acceptable to her.

Toni Greetis Vice President at Red Door Shelter in Rogers Park says rabbits are the most popular pets to have in the United States. People purchase rabbits without research and they grow into expensive and destructive animals and get placed outside to fend for themselves. She supports Ordinance 32-O-20.

Tamara Friedman Red Door Shelter Volunteer supports Ordinance 32-O-20.

Betty Ester requested a town meeting held to discuss the new complaint process of the Police Review Board.

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
HS1. **Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report**
Staff recommends the Human Services Committee accept and place on file the Review of Evanston Police Complaints and Comments Report.
For Action: Accept and Place on File

HS2. **Ordinance 32-O-20, Amending City Code Title 3 to Restrict the Sale and Adoptions of Cats, Dogs and Rabbits**
Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 32-O-20, approving restrictions on the sale and adoption of cats, dogs, and rabbits in Evanston.
For Action

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite
Seconded by 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Ayes: 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite, and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons
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Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS3. **Status Update of Donation Policy**

The Committee requested staff to clarify the time period in which a donation could be made by someone seeking zoning approval and gift vs. public benefits donations.

Staff recommends approval of the Donation Policy for the City of Evanston.

*For Action*

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite  
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite, and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

HS4. **2020 Mental Health Board Funding Allocations**

The Mental Health Board and staff recommend the Human Services Committee approve the proposed allocation of $763,373 in FY 2020 to 19 non-profit agencies to provide needed social services to Evanston residents. Allocations range from $8,910 to $78,586 for 21 individual programs. Allocations will be disbursed from the Human Services Fund (Account 176.24.4651) with separate object codes to identify and disburse funds.

*For Action*

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite  
Seconded by 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite, and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons

Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

(V) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

HSD1. **Coronavirus Update**

Ike Ogbo, Director of the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) updated the Committee on what the department is doing regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). There are in access of 55 countries around the world that has been affected. There has been 16 confirmed cases in the United States in which 12 are travel related and 4 due to person to person contact. In Illinois there were 2 confirmed cases and they have since recovered; however, there are two new cases which have been confirmed by a test lab but are awaiting confirmed testing from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
Evanston does not have any confirmed cases.

COVID-19 is new; however, there has been other viruses from the same family in the past such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). The virus does not have any vaccines or anti-viral drug, the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has suggested treatment with non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI). NPI are things that can be done daily to combat the spread of COVID-19 such as washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, using hand sanitizes with 60-90% alcohol, try not to be in close proximity of people who are sick, and disinfect surfaces. The most important deterrent is if you are experiencing symptoms stay home. The incubation period is 2-14 days.

Italy, China, Iran and South Korea travel restriction has been elevated to level 3. During meetings and calls with IDPH and CDC, staff has been learning guidelines on how to handle COVID-19. High risk residents are being monitor, education is being provided, and working with residents, schools and local hospital. A meeting with Northwestern University is planned to discuss their strategy. Staff has also discussed with agencies who handle the homeless population on their plan. The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is a group of professionals to which the Health Director activates during a public health emergency to discuss strategies and planning. Evanston does not have people under investigation (PUI).

The Health and Human Services website has information on COVID-19 and links to the CDC website.

People who are experiencing symptoms should wear a mask.

(VI) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

(VII) ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: ALDERMAN BRAITHWAITE
Meeting called to order 6:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2019
HSM1. Staff recommends approval of the Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Human Services Committee meeting.
For Action

PUBLIC COMMENT
State Representative Robyn Gabel is working with the Illinois End of Life Coalition to craft a bill to give people the option for medical aid in dying.

Oliver Ruff supports 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.

Larry Biondi a member of Not Dead Yet, opposes Resolution 14-R-20, he urged the committee to vote NO.

Ms. Gunther does not support Resolution 14-R-20.

John Lyon Burger a Minster at Three Crowns Park says medical aid in dying is only for the terminal ill and to-date there has not been any substantiated case of abuse.
Jill Gardner says medical aid in dying will allow patients the options of how they die, it is not assisted suicide. This option will reduce the emotional anguish and provide peace of mind of loss of life for the patient.

Doreen Price spoke on the Donation Police she suggested adding the provision to allow and identify future donation funding programs as Committees, Commissions and City Council recommends.

(IV) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS1. Resolution of 3-R-20 Approval of City of Evanston Donation Policy

Shenicka Hohenkirk, ICMA Management Fellow undated the committee on the proposed donation policy which will 1. Provide a criteria and process for the acceptance of donations. 2. Give the City the ability to accept donations that it needs and the capacity to maintain. 3. Allows department heads to delegate authority to accept or spend donations within the scope herein.

"Donations" are defined as cash or in-kind contributions which provide assistance to the city. Donations do not constitute a business relationship since no reciprocal consideration is sought. Donations generally qualify for a tax receipt.

The Donation Policy and application form does not apply to the Reparations fund. Reparations will have a separate process.

The Committee would like the City Council to be notified regardless of dollar amount. The zoning donations will be clarified further by request of the committee.

HS2. Resolution 14-R-20, Supporting the Illinois Legislature to Enact Legislation that Allows Terminally III, Mentally Capable Adults the Option to Seek Medical Aid in Dying

Alderman Braithwaite does not support this Resolution due to spiritual and cultural beliefs.

Alderman Fiske does not believe this Committee is the appropriate place to hear this Resolution; it is better suited to be heard at the State level to be more effective.

Alderman Revelle is in favor and believes Evanston passing the Resolution would support it at the State level. She would like the Resolution forwarded to City Council.

Alderman Fleming is not personally comfortable dictated this choice. She will support the Resolution being forwarded to be reviewed by the full City Council.
Alderman Braithwaite recommends adoption of 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 previously discussed this item and took no action.

**For Action**

Moved by 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming and 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle
**Nays:** 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske and 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite

DEFEATED. 2-2 on a recorded vote

Alderman Revelle moved to amend the recommendation to forward to City Council for discussion.

Moved by 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, and 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite

Motion to move Resolution 14-R-20 as amended to City Council

Carried 4-0 on a recorded vote

**HS3. 2019 Mental Health Board Funded Programs and Summary of Programs Requesting Funding in 2020 Report**

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee Accepts and Places on File the 2019 Mental Health Board Funded Programs and Summary of Programs Requesting Funding in 2020.

**For Action: Accept and Place on File**

Moved by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming
Seconded by 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, and 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite

Carried 4-0 on a recorded vote
HS4. **Health and Human Services General and Emergency Assistance Update**
Indira Perkins Human Services Manager, updated the committee on the General Assistance Program.

If you are currently on social security or another state funded program you can apply for Emergency Assistance not General Assistance due to state mandate. Alderman Fleming thanked Ms. Perkins and her team on their assistance given to a resident that was referred to the program. Alderman Braithwaite said the feedback he has received from residents is that the program is working and he thanked her and team.

Staff recommends the Human Services Committee accepts and place on file the General and Emergency Assistance update.

**For Action: Accept and Place on File**

Moved by 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, and 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 4-0 on a recorded vote**

HS5. **City of Evanston Emergency Shelter for the Homeless Update**
Ike Ogbo Director of Health and Human Services, update the committee on the possibility of a City of Evanston designated emergency shelter for the homeless. The old building of Robert Crown was designated for the 2019-2020 winter; however due to the pending demolition a 2020-2021 winter location has not been found.

Staff requests the Human Services Committee to accept and place on file the Evanston Homeless Shelter Update.

**For Action: Accept and Place on File**

Moved by 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske
Seconded by 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming

**Ayes:** 9th Ward Alderman Cicely Fleming, 1st Ward Alderman Judy Fiske, 7th Ward Alderman Eleanor Revelle, and 2nd Ward Alderman Peter Braithwaite

**Carried 4-0 on a recorded vote**

(V) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

HSD1. **Cook County Animal Shelter Grant**
Lara Biggs, Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau Chief, said Cook County through Housing Cook County's Animals is calling for proposals to do capital improvements at animal shelters. The grant is 8 million dollars for two or more shelters. A contract to take in Cook County impounded animals in the improved facility is part of the grant stipulation.
The Evanston Animal Shelter building is owned by the City of Evanston therefore the City will take the lead on applying and facilitating the requirements of the grant. Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin supports the application for the Cook County Animals grant.

**HSD2. Drug Testing Policy Update**

Nicholas Cummings, Deputy City Attorney said the Law Department is working with Human Resources to update the employment handbook. The legalization of marijuana will not change the standing for job positions listed as Safety Sensitive.

**(VI) ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION**

**(VII) ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 7:51 p.m.