

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: Eight; Alderman Rainey absent.

Media present: Three: Evanston Now, Evanston Roundtable, NU Daily

Meeting began: 8:35pm

Meeting ended: 11:35pm

Announcements. Mayor Hagerty expressed the condolences of the City over the murder of a newly arrived Northwestern graduate student, shot to death on Clark Street just south of Howard. He also announced that funeral services will be held for former Mayor Lorraine Morton on Saturday. He offered Aldermen and the City Manager an opportunity to express appreciative comments about the Mayor; many moving memories were expressed. He described September as National Preparedness Month, and recognized the valuable contributions of the Evanston chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on its 70th anniversary. He then recognized the 25th anniversary of the Warren “Billy” Cherry Scholarship Fund.

The City Manager provided an update on the Lincoln Street Beach and explained that meetings with IDNR had clarified that the beach is not the property of Northwestern, but ownership and jurisdiction are still to be determined. The City and NU are continuing to work on a plan for future beach operations.

The City Clerk announced that election season is starting and early voting will be beginning. He urged Evanstonians to register and vote. He read a communication from the Citizens Network of Protection.

Alderman Revelle then moved to amend the agenda to include consideration of a special event on the golf course on September 29. Time constraints require action. The motion was seconded and approved.

Public comment. Thirteen comments. 5 supported Harley Clarke, specifically criticizing the Dunes group proposal; 1 asked why B & B's were not taxed like hotels; 1 criticized high towing fees; 1 called for more affordable housing; 2 expressed concern about the budget including citizen input and funding for the arts; 1 expressed appreciation for Mayor Morton; 1 said that Mayor Morton had integrity and class and criticized current council and city officials as having neither integrity nor class. Dave Davis introduced himself as the new Northwestern Neighborhood and Community Relations Director.

Special order of business (SP1) Proposed fiscal year 2019 Budget Updates. Two budget updates were provided. Deputy CM Kim Richardson described the review of Social Service Programs to evaluate their effectiveness. She explained it as a difficult process because of inconsistent data and inadequate performance measures. There are 51 different programs in several different departments, providing food, housing, education, healthcare and other support services, with total funding of over \$3.2 million. The next step will be to create outcome measurements to evaluate service delivery. Analysis will be made to consider

consolidating programs in a single(or several) department(s). The City Manager said they are gathering information to make decisions, the process may take two years, and some reductions will be made.

Parking Director Jill Velan reviewed a number of possible proposals to increase parking fees, at meters or in garages. Council will need to decide among them. An RFP has been issued for the crossing guard service.

Consent agenda. Alderman Fleming introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes. Payroll. Bills. Approval of one year contract for leaf hauling. Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the 2018 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Project. Approval of one year contract extension for the purchase of up to 7,500 tons of rock salt. Approval of emergency, single source agreement for the replacement of the existing fire panels and system devices at the Civic Center. Approval of side walk café permit for Tag's Café, 2012 Central Street. Approval of sole source purchase of Cisco SmartNet networking licenses and software to support the City's computer networking system. Approval of two year contract with Target Solutions for a Learning Management Software system for OSHA safety training for Police, Fire and other city employees. Authorization of two year lease of Civic Center office space with Impact Behavioral Health Partners. Approval of renewal contract to provide a senior meal program at Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center. Approval of inter-governmental agreement with Winnetka for the limited use of their fire training tower. Approval of Open Space and Land Acquisition and Development grant application to IL DNR for the Habert Park Renovation Project. Approval of easement agreement with Northwestern University to provide a temporary construction agreement easement for the removal of the existing reservoir and installation of a new reservoir, including a long term easement for the new underground reservoir on NU property. Adoption of amendments to the City Code modifying Snow Emergency and Snow Routes(Introduction). Approval of amending the city code to promote the replacement of lead water service lines by residential property owners.

The consent agenda also included fifteen ordinances modifying or transferring liquor licenses for several restaurants and Northwestern venues, delineated in the Observer Report of the Administration and Public Works Committee.

Alderman Wilson presented from the **Planning and Development Committee**. Approval of landlord-tenant services provided by Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers Committee for Better Housing. Approval of modification of Zoning Ordinance to modify parking requirements for Northwestern resident students to reduce required NU parking spaces. Approval of Zoning Ordinance to Allow Brew Pubs and Craft Alcohol Production facilities(Introduction). Approval of Special Use for a Banquet Hall and Brew Pub for Double Clutch Brewing Company at 219-2125 Ashland Avenue(Introduction). Approval of Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant Backlot Coffee at 2004 Central Street (Introduction and Action). Approval of Special Use and Zoning Relief to expand a Child Day Care Center at 2200 Main Street (Introduction and Action), Approval of Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Kilwins' Chocolates at 1724 Sherman Avenue (Introduction). Approval of a Public Utility replacing existing ComEd equipment with a concrete wall for safety and thermal screening at 514 Custer

Avenue (Introduction, Suspension of the Rules, Action). Approval of special use for a Domestic Animal Daycare Center, Rex's Place at 2118-2120 Ashland Avenue, 1625 Payne Street and 2147-2149 Dewey Avenue.

The consent agenda passed 8-0.

From **Administration and Public Works**, Fleming presented approval of purchasing three Divvy Bike Stations at a reduced price. It passed 7-1 with Fleming voting against. She then presented a 36 month extension with Motivate International to operate the Divvy bicycle sharing system in Evanston. Staff anticipates the 2019 cost will be budget neutral because of ad revenue sharing. Fisk and Wilson said they were opposed to future expenditures for Divvy. Revelle said use was expanding and ad revenue would reduce costs. The program is an important element of reducing automobile use and carbon. Fleming expressed concern about costs. The vote was 4 to 4, with Fiske, Fleming, Wilson and Braithwaite voting against. Mayor Hagerty cast a vote in favor, and the motion passed, 5 to 4.

Fleming then amended a motion to approve an MOU to share Divvy Sponsorship revenue for the 36 months of the extended contract. Both the amended MOU and the contract extension were approved 7 to 1.

Alderman Revelle introduced an addition to the agenda to allow the City Manager to negotiate a special permit for an event on September 29 on the golf course, later to be confirmed by Council. The motion was seconded and approved, 8 to 0.

Call of the wards. Alderman Fleming asked for a list of 2018 parking revenue and parking tickets to be released for the sake of transparency. Alderman Fiske expressed support for the Lincoln Street beach as a resource for Evanston residents and a possible source of beach token revenue from NU students. Alderman Rue Simmons asked for a review of the crossing guard situation in the Fifth Ward.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 11:30.