

Observer Report Form

Council or Committee: Rules

Date: January 22, 2019

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present/Absent: Fiske chaired. Fleming and Rainey were absent.

Staff Present: Bobkiewicz, Francello, Reid (very late), Massoncrop

Media Present: Evanston Now, Roundtable, Seidenberg (who does he work for now?)

No. Of Citizens in Attendance: 4

Meeting Began. 6:05 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:08 pm

Public Comment: One spoke on democracy, BCCs, public comment and Council needs to work with all of us.

Agenda:

Board of Ethics Annual Report: No discussion, except that one was made. No one there from the Ethics Board to answer questions. Filed.

Appointment of a subcommittee to consider revisions to the code of ethics, city council rules and administration of the board of ethics: The packet stated that appointees would be Braithwaite Rules Chr. as of next month), Fiske, Wilson, Suffredin and the former chair of the ethics board. Discussion on the need to have a section on the code of ethics for both staff and Council, Council rules haven't been relooked for a number of years and they should probably not be always applied to standing committees, a long discussion on length of time for public comment and when the time is held - Council vs. standing committees (which split the time to various topics and developers usually have longer times for presentations). Plan to get back by April.

Speakers ceding time to others: Wynne has looked and Evanston longer time than most neighboring communities. The deciaion may be limited to Council. Betty Esther stated that at committee meetings alderpersons can respond to speakers and that if people make a statement they should stay to hear the Council's discussion.

(Clerk Reid arrived about 6:50. He stated that he would like to be on the subcommittee to review the Rules and that if speakers' questions need answers, the Clerk's office would be happy to answer them.)

Review of rotation of committee chairs: Approved as suggested with a minor change between Braithwaite and Rue-Simmons.

Future meetings: Will skip February and the next meeting will be April 1.