

LWVE CC Observer Report

Committee: City Council

Date: May 8, 2017

Observer Jessica Feldman

Meeting began: 7:07pm

Meeting Ended: 7:50pm

Aldermen Present/Absent: Alderman Tendam absent.

Staff Present: Erika Storlie; Grant Farrar; Dave Stoneback; Lauara Biggs, Sarah Flax.

Media Present: EvanstonNow; Evanston RoundTable; Evanston Review; 2 NU reporters and ETV

- (I) Roll Call – Begin with Alderman Revelle
- (II) Mayor Public Announcements – Mayor Tisdahl says she's worked with "the best darn council" in America. Provided praise for each of the aldermen, Wally, key staff, Sen. Durbin, Congressman Schakowsky, and Shapiros.
- (III) City Manager Public Announcements -- Thanked Liz. Commented on Liz's special interest in potable water,
- (IV) Communications: City Clerk --Thanked his supporters.
- (V) Public Comment: Lori Osborne, Sara Schaestock, Janet Steidl, and Vicky Burke objected to reconsideration of the motion to defeat the Library Parking lot development approved at the last meeting. Tina Paden said her family has decided to rent units that they have been set aside as affordable in their buildings to market-rate tenants because of lack of funding for the program.
Karen Jackson, an artist, said she liked the proposed art gallery on the 1st floor of the new bldg. for the Library lot. Three neighbors objected to the proposed affordable building for the corner of Pitner and Dempster.

Alderman Wilson said that in conversations after last vote on library project says thinks cut off discussion was premature. Said all want something brilliant. And don't know yet whether the developers can come up with something brilliant. Said anything has to bring entire block together, rather than divide it to win his vote. At this point he just doesn't know whether they can or can't do that. Says there's not any done deals. This is a negotiation. After an exchange with Alderman Rainey about the validity of a vote to reconsider at this meeting, Alderman Wilson moved to reconsider the vote denying city manager authority to negotiate a contract to sell the property. Motion carried 6-2 (Rainey and Wynne voting no).

Special Orders of Business

(SP1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 24, 2017

(SP2) Payroll – April 3, 2017 through April16, 2017 \$ 2,712,184.20

(SP3) Bills List – May09, 2017 \$ 2,473,161.37

(SP4) Purchase of Arbotect Fungicide from Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements. This vendor has the sole license from the European manufacturer, Syngenta, to distribute Arbotect in the United States.
Approved 8-0

(SP5) Ordinance 37-O-17, Granting Special Use Approval for a Planned Development with Rezoning and Special Use for a Convenience Store at 831 Emerson At request from Developer move to meeting on June 12. Approved 8-0.

(SP6) Resolution 42-R-17, Designating the 1963 Water Filtration Building Located Within the Evanston Water Treatment Place as the “Elizabeth B. Tisdahl Water Filtration Building”

Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution 42-R-17, expressing appreciation for Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl by designating the 1963 Water Filtration Building within the Evanston Water Filtration Building at 555 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois the “Elizabeth B. Tisdahl Water Filtration Building” Approved 8-0. Then Building City Manager Bobkiewicz and Stoneback presented Liz with a piece of art made from a Water equipment element (see EvNow for picture)

(SP7) Resolution 43-R-17, Upon the Occasion of the Retirement of Alderman Brian Miller

(SP8) Resolution 44-R-17, Upon the Occasion of the Retirement of Alderman Mark Ten dam

(SP9) Resolution 45-R-17, Upon the Occasion of the Retirement of Alderman Delores A. Holmes

(SP10) Resolution 46-R-17, Upon the Occasion of the Retirement of Clerk Rodney Greene

(SP11) Resolution 47-R-17, Upon the Occasion of the Retirement of Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl

All approved 8-0.

(VI) Call of the Wards: All aldermen expressed thanks and appreciation of their fellow Aldermen, etc.

Council Chambers were cleared so families and supporters of newly elected Mayor, Clerk and Aldermen could be seated.

Inaugural CC Meeting Observer Report

Chambers were jam-packed with standing room only.

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Aldermen Present/Absent: Mayor Hagerty, Aldermen Fiske, Braithwaite, Wynne, Wilson, Rue, Revelle, Rainey and Fleming, and Clerk Reid.

Staff Present: City Manager Bobkiewicz, Marty Lyons, Dave Stoneback, Sarah Flax, Grant Farrar, Laura Biggs, Dar Francellno, and a few unidentified.

Media Present: Same as above.

Meeting began: 8:10pm

Meeting Ended: 8:55 pm

- (I) Call to Order.....Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl
- (II) InvocationThe Rev. David P. Jones, Evanston Fire Department Chaplain
- (III) Administration of Athenian Oath of Citizenship and Oath of Office to MayorFormer Mayor Lorraine H. Morton
- (IV) Administration of Athenian Oath of Citizenship and Oath of Office to Clerk.....Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor
- (V) Administration of Athenian Oaths of Citizenship and Oaths of Office to Aldermen.....Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor
- (VI) Roll Call of the 80th Evanston City Council
- (VII) Call of Wards of the 80th Evanston City Council
- (VIII) Fiske thanked members of her campaign team. Called for balanced development and keeping residents engaged in the process.
- (IX) Braithwaite thanked family for support; welcomed new council members; said ward meeting on Thursday 7pm at D65 admin building. Wynne thanked supporters and husband, said exciting times coming toward us, making Evanston the most livable city in the United States. Wilson thanked family and voters; said excited to be working with the new group– just as devoted as the people who were serving before. Expects to build stronger community in Evanston; Rue Simmons thanked supporters and family; "fired up" to be in the new position; honored to be here; wants to make the 5th Ward as livable as the rest of Evanston. Suffredin thanked family; said was part of Mayor Morton's retirement ceremony at Haven School in 1990; excited to be here 27 years later. Revelle thanked voters; asked for special council session before the May 15 Rules Committee meeting opposing request to Cook County for easement that the city leases from the MWRD.

Regarding development of property in Wilmette, said neighbors are strongly opposed. Rainey said appreciates interest from new aldermen in talking to the old ones; said former 9th Ward aldermen have been among her best girl friends, and hopes Cicely Fleming will become her new one. Meeting about Clyde Brummell Park coming up next week. Fleming thanked family and supporters; said here to serve the entire city; looking forward to it.

- (X) Clerk Devon Reid thanked his Mom and other supporters. Said Clerks office is the people's office. Hopes people will become involved in making decisions in the city. Says office will have improved hours, 8:30am to 7pm starting next week. Hopes to clarify election rules and increase voter registration and participation.
- (XI) Hagerty said sees so much hope and optimism in the meeting tonight. Said people will disagree, but hopes will always be respectful of one another and civil in discourse. Got big laugh when says doesn't want the sewer system named after him after four years.

Reception immediately followed outside of Council Chambers