

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: Seven; Fleming and Wilson absent.

Media present: Five; Evanston Now, Roundtable, Patch, Review, NU Daily

Meeting began: 9:05pm

Meeting ended: 9:40pm

Announcements: The City Manager asked staff to explain events for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He expressed thanks and good wishes for his departing intern.

Public comment: Three citizens spoke. One invited citizens to a meeting of the police accountability discussion on January 11 and supported transparent accountability; one supported affordable housing and asked fair treatment for local landlords who have to comply with regulations; one who expressed general appreciation.

Consent agenda: Alderman Rainey introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes; Payroll; Bills, excluding Amazon or Sunshine Ministries. Moved and seconded; passed 7-0.

Amazon Credit Card Activity. Moved and seconded; passed 6-0, Suffredin abstaining.

Sunshine Gospel Ministries transactions ending January 9, 2018. Moved and seconded; passed 6-0, Rue Simmons abstaining.

Approval of Change Order # 4 for Gibbs Morrison Site Improvement Project; Authorization of City Manager to extend the intergovernmental agreement for 2018 refuse disposal fees to Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC); Approval of agreement with E-Town Tennis for the Evanston Tennis Program run through Chandler-Newberger Community Center (as amended in committee to run for two years); Adoption of City of Evanston Sexual Harassment Policy that conforms to Illinois Public Act which mandates all governmental units adopt a policy prohibiting sexual harassment; Appointing Mayor Hagerty as a Director on the Board of the Solid Waste Agency for Northern Cook County and City Manager Bobkiewicz as the Alternate Director; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease with the MWRD for property at 2525 Church Street for \$10.00 per year for recreational uses (Introduction, Suspension of the Rules, Action); Amending City Code designating bike routes on Chicago Avenue, Sheridan Road, Sheridan Place, Euclid Place, Ingleside Place, Central Street, Church Street and Davis Street (Introduction); Amending City Code related to requiring fire protection systems testing records on an annual basis (Introduction); Amending City Code to include Vacation Rental Units in section on Hotel-Motel-Tax.

Alderman Wynne introduced items from **Planning and Development Committee**. Extension of time for commencement of construction of the Planned Development at 1815 Oak Avenue for one year to January 8, 2019 (Introduction, Suspension of Rules, Action)

Alderman Braithwaite introduced an item from the **Human Services Committee**: amendment will disallow local health departments from food inspection and enforcement at private residential homes, to align the City Code with the State Amending of the Food Handling Regulation Enforcement Act.

The consent agenda passed, 7-0.

From **Administration and Public Works**, Alderman Rainey presented authorization for City Manager to renew the agreement with First Bank and Trust to have access to a Line of Credit for the West Evanston Tax Increment Finance District and establish a line of credit for the Howard/Ridge TIF. Alderman Suffredin said he opposed this type of action. The motion passed 5-2, with Suffredin and Fiske voting no.

Call of wards: Aldermen expressed happy new year wishes. Alderman Wynne asked staff to develop a bird-friendly ordinance outlining bird-friendly requirements for new buildings. Revelle and Suffredin agreed. The City Manager recommended referring the request to the Environmental Board, to general agreement. Alderman Rue Simmons asked staff to look into some kind of group transportation system to alleviate congestion around stations.

The City Manager announced the January 16 Council meeting would be cancelled, and the next meeting would be January 22, with a special meeting on January 29 at 6:00pm.

Alderman Wynne moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40pm.