

**Observer:** Jessica Feldman

**Aldermen Present/Absent:** Only Alderman Braithwaite absent.

**Staff Present:** Sarah Flax; Grant Farrar; 2 unidentified staff.

**Media Present:** Mary Gavin, Roundtable; Bill Smith, EvanstonNow; 2 NU students; Genevieve (no last name) identified herself as from Chicago Tribune Evanston Review.

**Meeting began:** 7:30 pm

**Meeting Ended:** 8:30 pm

**Mayor's Public Announcements:** Evanston Davis St. Post Office now the Abner Mikva Post Office after the ceremony that morning. Announced that the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program has highest number of jobs available for 2017.

**City Manager's Public Announcements:** Introduced Katie Knapp who presented the colorful (but not readable) Power Point recommendations for the Transit Planning 4 All Plan and survey which can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/EvanstonTP4ALL> (I urge everyone to do this.) Street Sweeping suspended until March 15.

**Citizen Comment:** Four speakers: Michael Vasilko, objecting to contracting process for Howard Theater which scored his firm as 0; Junad Riski, also objected to contracting process and that one of the Mayoral candidates was serving on the Board of Evanston First Bank, where the City had accounts; two women Heather and Stephanie (missed last names) objected to City placing ads on EvanstonNow (bill was included in the Bills listing), claiming that this news source used and thus supported racist comments.

### **Discussion, Action.**

Alderman Rainey presented the **CONSENT AGENDA**

(M1) **Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings February 27, 2017**

### **ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

(A1) **Payroll – February 6, 2017 through February 19, 2017** \$3,007,215.30.

A3.1) **Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2016**

(A3.2) **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Purchase with Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.**

(A3.3) **Professional Service Agreement with Connelly's Academy for Martial Arts Instruction at the Levy Center**

(A3.4) **Single Source Purchase of Ford Original Equipment Manufacturer Parts and Vehicle Service from Golf Mill Ford**

(A3.5) **Contract Renewal for Tire Repair and Recap Services from Wentworth Tire Service**

(A3.6) **Contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. For Engineering Services for Phase 3 of the Fountain Square Renovation Project**

- (A3.7) **Contract with Copenhaver Construction for Fountain Square Renovations Staff**
- (A3.8) **Contract with Landscape Concepts Management, Inc. for 2017 Green Bay Road Landscape Maintenance**
- (A3.9) **Contract with Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. for the 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Project**
- (A3.10) **Contract Extension for Pavement Patching with J.A. Johnson Paving Company**
- (A3.11) **Sole Source Purchase of Concrete from Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.**
- (A3.12) **Contract with Hoerr Construction for the 2017 CIPP Contract A**
- (A3.14) **Howard Street Corridor Improvement Project Engineering Services Contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.**
- (A4) **Resolution 23-R-17, Affirming the City of Evanston’s Commitment to Reimburse District 65 and District 202 Their Respective Shares of Northwestern University’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes**
- (A5) **Resolution 24-R-17, Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement to Various Evanston Streets**
- (A7) **Ordinance 9-O-17, Increasing the Number of Class D Liquor Licenses for Red Hot Chilli Pepper Restaurant**
- (A8) **Ordinance 10-O-17, Increasing the Number of Class W Liquor Licenses for Little Beans Cafe**

#### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- (H1) **Resolution 15-R-17, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with Evanston Animal Shelter Association to Serve as the City’s Volunteer Animal Organization**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 15-R-17, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Evanston and the Evanston Animal Shelter Association to serve as the City’s Volunteer Animal Organization for the Evanston Animal Shelter and Adoption Center for a period of two years (June 1, 2017 – May 31, 2019).

- (H2) **Resolution 16-R-17, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Grant Agreement with Evanston Animal Shelter Associate to Fund Operations at the Evanston Animal Shelter**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 16-R-17, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Evanston and the Evanston Animal Shelter Association to fund part-time positions for the operations of the Evanston Animal Shelter. The total cost of this agreement would be \$65,000 per year and the agreement would run concurrent with the Volunteer Animal Organization Agreement.

- (H3) **Resolution 25-R-16, Designating that Portion of Foster Street Between Hartrey Avenue and Emerson Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Rev. Zollie Webb Way”**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This statement applied to O1 -O4: Funding will be from the Economic Development Business District Improvement Fund (Account 100.15.5300.65522) The approved Fiscal Year 2017 Budget allocated a total of \$350,000 for this account to fund both the Storefront Modernization and Great Merchant Grant programs. To date, \$0 has been spent from this account, leaving \$350,000 available for expenditure.

### **(O1) Storefront Modernization Program Application for Gross Point Plaza**

Staff and the Economic Development Committee recommend approval of financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program to the owners of Gross Point Plaza shopping center at 2504-2510 Gross Point Road in an amount not-to-exceed \$16,500 for façade renovations including accessibility improvements and installation of new windows and doors.

### **(O2) Storefront Modernization Program Application for Lake City Cleaners**

Staff and the Economic Development Committee recommend approval of financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program to Lake City Cleaners at 600 Oakton Street in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,648 for the installation of an RPZ backflow prevention device and water pressure booster pump within the building's plumbing systems in order to bring it into compliance with plumbing code requirements.

### **(O3) Storefront Modernization Program Application for Red Hot Chilli Pepper Restaurant**

Staff and the Economic Development Committee recommend approval of financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program to Red Hot Chili Pepper located at 500 Davis Street in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,700 for the façade renovations including the addition of a revolving door, relocation of an accessible entrance, and installation of new windows and signage.

### **(O4) Storefront Modernization Program Application for Good to Go Jamaican Cuisine**

Staff and the Economic Development Committee recommend approval of financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program for Good to Go Jamaican's new location at 711 Howard Street in an amount not-to-exceed

\$50,000 for renovations including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, concrete work, masonry work, painting, drywall and demolition.

### **(O5) Resolution 22-R-17, Good To Go Jamaican Cuisine Request for CDBG Funding**

The Economic Development Committee and staff recommend City Council approval of Resolution 22-R-17 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan in the amount of \$25,000 to Good To Go Jamaican Cuisine LLC to purchase equipment needed for their new location at 711 Howard Street. Staff recommends using the CDBG Economic Development Fund (Account 215.21.5260.63064), with a budget of \$175,500. To date, \$75,000 has been allocated to Economic Development priorities in the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

## **Items off the Consent Agenda**

### **(A2) City of Evanston Bills – March 14, 201 Approved 7-1 (Alderman Miller dissenting)**

\$ 3,315,207.85

**(A3.13) Howard Street Theatre Architectural Services Contract with Ross Barney Architects, LLC**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract to provide architectural services for the Howard Street Theatre with Ross Barney Architects, LLC (10 W. Hubbard, Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$150,455. Funding for this project will be provided from Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Howard-Ridge TIF funds (Account 415.40.4116.62145 – 617016), which has an FY 2017 budget allocation of \$1,400,000. The Howard Ridge TIF will issue debt and will pay the debt service costs for the architectural and construction costs for this project. **Approve 7-1 (Alderman Miller dissenting.)**

**(A3.15) Report Regarding Northwestern University's Voluntary Annual Payments Referenced in its January 31, 2017 Letter to the City**

Staff recommends City Council receive this report regarding a recent Northwestern University property acquisition of 1840 Oak Avenue and a status report on the remaining properties owned by Northwestern in the Research Park district.

**For Action:** Accept and Place on File Approved 8-0 with agreement that a there is need for a written agreement memorializing this and other such agreement in perpetuity because to date neither Mr. Farrar or his counterpart at NU has found an adequate paper trail about such a referenced understanding.

**(A6) Ordinance 23-O-17, Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 721-723 Howard Street to Theo Ubique**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 23-O-17, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease of City-owned real property located at 721-723 Howard Street with Theo Ubique. The lease would be for ten years and includes four, five-year options for additional lease periods. Rent is proposed to be \$3,500 per month or \$42,000 annually for the first three years. Theo Ubique will make six payments totaling \$204,450 to the City to cover a portion of the costs associated with renovating the building. A two-thirds majority of City Council is required to adopt Ordinance 23-O-17 For Introduction. **Approved 7-1 (Alderman Miller dissenting).**