

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: All

Media present: Three; Evanston Now, Roundtable, one other.

Meeting began: 7:25 pm

Meeting ended: 8:45 pm

Announcements: The Mayor presented the Key to the City to Sir Fraser Stoddart, Northwestern Professor and Recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

The City Manager introduced Fire Chief Brian Scott and the City Clerk administered the oath of office. Lawrence Hemingway introduced two new Recreation Managers, and announced plans for recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Public comment. Four comments. One expressed appreciation for the Dog Beach and asked several questions about election statistics and procedures. One expressed concern at lack of jobs for Evanston residents. One expressed concern about a grant to Sunshine Enterprises which is directed by a candidate for City Council. One expressed opposition to Evanston being a welcoming city.

Special Order of Business: Sherman Plaza Garage Fence. Alderman Fiske had recommended that the Council reconsider the decision made in June 2014 not to install a fence on the upper deck of the Sherman Plaza Garage and asked for a quote on installation. At the meeting she withdrew that request and asked staff to gather information about suicide prevention in general and the efficacy of installing a fence to prevent suicides. She said the City needs better information about best route to help those considering suicide.

Consent agenda. Alderman Rainey introduced the consent agenda. Minutes.

From **Administration and Public Works:** Payroll; Bills; Approval of multi-year janitorial services contract for multiple facilities; Approval of expenditure in Public, Education & Government Funds for equipment purchases for the Education Channels for FY 2016 for District 65 and District 202; Approval for pre-qualification of Contractors for Cured-in-place Pipe Rehabilitation of Sewer Mains for three year period; Approval of Engineering Services Contract for the Emerson Street Traffic Signal Modernization Project; Approval of Change Order Number 2 for Penny Park Renovation Project to provide a 128 day time extension, at no additional cost; Approval of agreement to provide engineering design services for the Main Street Corridor Improvement Project; Approval of the extension of the intergovernmental agreement for 2017 refuse disposal fees with Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC); Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Construction on Illinois State Highways in Evanston for 2017 and 2018; Authorization for City Manager to Grant an Easement for a Fence at 822 Colfax Street; Authorization for City Manager to sign grant awards to fund and operate the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program ; Amending the City Code by adding portions of Brummel Street to Parking Prohibited at Certain Times; Approval to amend the City Code to increase the number of authorized Class D liquor licenses from 57 to 58 and issue Class D Liquor License to Kabul House at 2424 Dempster Street.

From **Planning and Development:** Approval of the proposed re-subdivision of the properties located at 917 and 919 Edgemere Court to move the common lot line approximately 10' to the north; Approval of

special use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Sushi Burrito, at 1565 Sherman Avenue(Introduction); Adoption of Ordinance designating 2771 Crawford Avenue as an Evanston Landmark (Introduction).

From Human Services Committee: Adoption of Ordinance amending City Code to align animal impoundment procedures in accordance with current policies and procedures; Adoption of amendments to City Code to permit farmer cooperatives and Non-Evanston Bread Makers to sell products at the Evanston Farmers' Market. **From Economic Development Committee:** Authorization for City Manager to negotiate a grant agreement with Sunshine Enterprises to help facilitate business creation opportunities for primarily low and moderate income Evanston residents.

The consent agenda was moved and seconded, and passed 9-0.

Call of the wards. Alderman Miller expressed his concern about another incident related to police misconduct from an arrest in October 2015. He asked for the release of police video from the incident, and that the Human Services Committee develops a policy on release of video. The Mayor and the City Manager said the video would be released. Alderman Wilson pointed out that a policy is in place for releasing police video; no one has requested that this video be released.

Alderman Wilson moved that Council adjourn to Executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.