

Observer: Eileen Lowery

Meeting began: 6:07 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:22 pm

Aldermen Present: Fiske (Chair), Revelle and Fleming; **Absent:** Braithwaite, Rue Simmons

Staff Present: Atty Mario Treto, Karen Dandzak Lyons, Bob Dorneker, Audrey Thompson, Karen Hawk, Deputy Chief Pickett and Commander Wright

Media Present: EvanstonNow, Roundtable, 2 NU students, Facebook video

Citizen Comment: 9 comments preceded each related agenda item. 1 representative from SPACE Canal Shores concert series cited positive community support; 6 commenters representing agencies and panhandling population requested reconsideration of 22-0-18 amending City Code Section 9-5-25; cited it would be contrary to Illinois Bill of Rights for the Homeless and criminalize homelessness/poverty; questioned fining/community service penalties as unreasonable and use of subjective language; suggested collaboration among city and not-for-profits to work with the population to identify individuals to assist and offer services/resources; suggested review with Housing and Homelessness Commission for revisions. 1 commenter in agreement with the updated taxi plan applauded City Staff Audrey Thompson for her work. 1 commenter entered a complaint about the current system of posting arrest records which includes ability to search by name on the internet without mention of record disposition.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(HH1) Stone Terrace Renewal Staff recommends approval of the renewal of the Bed and Breakfast License for Stone Terrace Bed and Breakfast located at 1622 Forest Place, Evanston, IL 60201. Alderman Fiske asked and Atty. Treto confirmed owners do live on premises, which is required by ordinance. Action: approved unanimously.

(HH2) 2018 Special Events in City Parks Staff recommends approval of the 2018 special events proposed in city parks, contingent upon compliance of all requirements as set forth by the Special Event Policy Guidelines. This year's calendar includes two new park events (a marshmallow drop at James Park and the Evanston Green Ball at the Ladd Arboretum), and a two date concert series at Canal Shores. Mr. Dorneker, when questioned by Ald. Fleming, stated leftovers will be added to local compost post marshmallow event. Ald. Revelle reiterates resident's positive response for concerts. Action: approved unanimously.

(HH3) 22-O-18 An Ordinance Amending City Code Section 9-5-25, "Public Panhandling, Begging, Charitable and Political Solicitation Regulated" The Law Department submits the attached Ordinance 22-O-18 "Public Panhandling, Begging, Charitable and Political Solicitation Regulated" for your consideration and approval. Ald. Fiske reported 1st and 4th Fourth Ward residents discuss ongoing concerns about panhandlers/solicitors specifically in areas that pose security threats near locations such as ATMs, transit stops, and parking garages; has seen increase in activity in fall, suggests generous NU students create artificial expectations that downtown Evanston is a lucrative place to panhandle. Ald. Revelle and Fleming share commenters reservations regarding subjective language, fines/community service penalties, needed collaboration with community not-for-profits and ordinance as proposed ordinance needs work, more community input and revision. Action: Conversation to continue, need to get more input from residents, shoppers, business owners and police records re: calls/actions regarding panhandling.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(HH4) Police Issues Work Plan and Body Camera Update Deputy Chief Pickett referred to training packet items. Item #4- 43 officers have attended Crisis Intervention Team Training, 4 to attend in March and calls will be assigned a code and tracked; #5- 2nd training by Dr. Logan town hall on 11/9/17 topic was Gangs/Drugs and Unsolved Homicides Training, 3rd slated for spring, date tbd; #9- officer update to Problem Solving Team; item #11- 120 body cameras in use by all field and special operations officers; item #25- Lexipol training completed, system provides daily training bulletins; clarified that #24 Use of Force Committee reviews all cases of use of force and is reviewed up the chain of command.

(HH5) Taxi Program Update Updated proposal for expanded transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Provided by Ms. Thompson and questions were addressed by Ms. Thompson and Ms. Hawk about travel within and outside of Illinois.

(HH6) Arrest Records Alderman Fleming requested staff review the City of Evanston's policy regarding the posting of arrest records to the City's webpage and the length of time they need to be made available. Today Ald. Fleming was able to google select records. Aldermen were in agreement that this needs to be remedied, requested that City Manager review current policy regarding posting and revise to ensure identifying information is not provided in a google search.

ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

(HH7) 4rd Quarter Cannabis Citation Report

(HH8) Change in Chairmanship Memo Alderman Revelle will chair April-August 2018.