

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: All

Media present: Three – Evanston Now, Evanston Roundtable, NU Daily

Meeting began: 11:00 pm

Meeting ended: 11:50 pm

Announcements: The City Manager introduced a new Management Fellow, Mr. Hernandez, who will be joining the staff until summer. Erica Storlie has been appointed Assistant City Manager.

Public comment. Three comments. One complained about racist incident at Roycemore School and lack of city response; one asked Council to consider needs of homeless people; one asked Council to reject proposed Rubie's Restaurant.

Consent agenda. Alderman Rainey introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works:** Minutes; Payroll; Bills; Approval of Contract for Asbestos Abatement at 721-723 Howard Street, funding provided by Howard Ridge TIF; Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Gibbs Morrison Site Improvement Project extending the contract deadline from June 30, 2017 to September 30, 2018; Approval of renewal of the annual single source Service Agreement with Motorola for the 911 Center; Approval of MWEBE recommendation to spend Local Employment Program Penalty fees to finance Evanston Firefighter Application Fees for local Evanston applicants; Authorization of Payments related to the FY 2018 Capital Improvement Plan Projects by subsequent 2018 General Obligation bond issuance; Approval and execution of the first addendum to the water supply agreement between Evanston and the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission memorializing the relevant changes in status/contract assignment and confirming the same contractual obligations; Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a real estate contract for the sale of City-owned property at 623-627 Howard Street to Little Piggy (Peckish Pig) (Introduction, Suspension of Rules and Action); Amending City Code related to designated bike routes on Chicago Avenue, Sheridan Road, Sheridan Place, Euclid Place, Ingleside Place, Central Street, Church Street and Davis Street; Approval of Amending City Code Requiring Fire Protection Systems Testing Records on an Annual Basis.

Alderman Wynne introduced items from the **Planning and Development Committee:** Approval of recommendation from Zoning Board of Appeals and City Staff to grant special use approval for a Type 2 Restaurant, Colectivo Coffee at 716 Church Street (Introduction, Suspension of Rules and Action); Approval of recommendation from Zoning Board of Appeals and City Staff to grant special use approval for the expansion of a Religious Institution, Lubavitch Chabad of Evanston and a third story addition at 2014 Orrington Avenue (Introduction) . Other items were held in committee for further work or tabled in committee.

The consent agenda passed 9-0.

Alderman Rainey presented additional items from **Administration and Public Works.** First, a staff recommendation to Authorize the City Manager to approve Change Order No. 1 to the engineering services contract for the Fountain Square Renovation Project to increase the amount of the contract and extend the deadline from June 30, 1918 to September 30, 2018. The motion passed, 8-1, with Suffredin voting no.

Rainey then presented a Twelve Month Extension of the Divvy Bike sharing system contract. This is a partial extension of the 5 year extension contemplated in the original contract. The 12 month extension will provide additional time for the Motivate International Inc and the City to build Evanston based ridership, complete potential station relocations, and better support this mode of transportation. Braithwaite said the program is expensive and isn't working as expected. Wilson said this one year extension is an improvement over the initial five year extension and provides time to improve the effort and evaluate the operation. Braithwaite moved to hold the measure until the next meeting, and Fleming seconded. The motion to hold failed, 7-2, with Braithwaite and Fleming voting in favor. The motion to extend the Divvy Contract for twelve months passed 7-2, with Braithwaite and Fleming voting no.

With all business concluded, the City Manager proposed that no Executive Session be held, and the Executive Session be held at the next Council meeting scheduled for January 29. Council agreed.

Call of the wards. Alderman Fleming asked for data on clients of Open Communities including whether they are Evanston residents. She also asked for data on Hearing Officers, including the number of hours worked and the number of clients.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm.