

**Observer Report**  
**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**Start Time: 6:07**

**End Time: 7:22**

**In Attendance: Rainey (Chair), Fleming, Rue Simmons, Suffredin**

**ABSENT: Brathwaite**

**Media: Evanston NOW, Roundtable, NWU**

**Staff: All Department Heads**

**Approved for action on consent agenda for City Council**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 8, 2018 (A1) Payroll – December 25,2017 through January 07, 2019 \$294,8470.31

(A2.1) Bills List – January 23, 2018

(A3.1) Contract for Asbestos at 721-723 Howard Street with Cove Remediation, LLC

(A3.2) Change Order No.1 to the Architecture/Engineering Services for the Gibbs Morrison Site Improvement Project with Teska Associates

(A3.3) Change Order No.1 to the engineering Services Contract for the Fountain Square Renovation Project with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD

***This extension is so the engineering company can watch the construction company that was not fulfilling the contract. Suffredin voted no.***

(A3.4) Renewal of Single Source Service Agreement with Motorola, Inc for the 911 Center

(A3.5) Twelve Month Divvy Contract Extension with Motivate International, Inc.

***Both Fleming and Rue Simmons had questions about the extension and wondered if they needed a full year to decide if it was worth the money.***

(A3.6) Use of Local Employment Program Penalty Fees-Evanston Firefighter Application Fees

***Alderman want firefighters to reflect the diversity of the community and the fee prohibits some people from applying. This would help with that issue.***

(A4) Resolution 3-R-18, Authorizing Payments Relating to the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan Projects be reimbursed by the Subsequent 2018 General Obligation Bonds

(A5) Resolution 5-R-18, Agreement with Cook County Assessor's Office for Access to Geographic Information System

***Rainey says this information is so out of date that it is almost worthless. It is the only game in town however.***

(A6) Resolution 4-R-18, Approval and Execution of the First Addendum to the Water Supply Agreement with Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission

FOR INTRODUCTION AND ACTION

(A7) Ordinance 6-O-18, Real Estate Contract for the Sale of Certain City-Owned Real Property at 623-627 ½ Howard Street to Little Piggie, LLC

***This is the sale of property to Peckish Pig who will pay back the loan given to them as well as purchasing the property.***

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION – None

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(APW1) Ridge Avenue Corridor – Church Street to Howard Street

***One speaker who spoke to narrow lanes and suggested they go to 1 lane in each direction with a turn lane in the middle.***

Staff made a presentation identifying the larger number of accidents on Ridge in the last year. Staff was looking for direction. They had three phases of change, each one was more expensive including the last of hiring a firm to do an assessment of the problem. Alderman asked about mast lights as opposed to post lights and were told that mast poles would reduce accidents by 25%. They also talked about split lights, the reaction of preservationists to mast lighting in the historic district and the reaction of arborists to cutting the trees way back so people can see the lights from further away. Staff will come back with a proposal.

(APW2) Sidewalk Complaints

There were 405 calls to 311 about sidewalks. They were mostly about the 50/50 program and then about public sidewalk problems.

(APW3) Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program

At its 1/8 meeting A&PW instructed staff to develop a pilot rehabilitation assistance program for local landlords who provide affordable rental rates but need funds to improve properties. Staff was looking for direction.

***One speaker was Tina Paden, she has many affordable units and rents to Connections clients as well as other low income clients. She is concerned she will need to stop doing so if she can't get some help from the city for repairing roofs and replacing windows.***

Council members listened carefully, talked about a loan program and then said this could be discussed at the City Council Meeting focusing on Affordable Housing.

(APW4) Steps Toward Home Ownership: History of Evanston Program

Will be discussed by City Council at the council meeting focused on Affordable Housing.

V. COMMUNICATIONS -None

VI. ADJOURNMENT