

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: All (Alderman Fleming left early in the meeting)

Media present: Evanston Now, Round Table. (Not sure about others since I was watching on line)

Meeting started: 8:10 pm

Meeting ended: 9:30 pm

Announcements: The Mayor expressed appreciation to Public Works employees for their hard work in managing the snow and cold. He called attention to the exhibit on West African gold and other works at the Block Gallery at Northwestern and read a proclamation announcing Black History Month in February. The City Manager reported that there was modest response to the City outreach to furloughed federal workers. He announced the Snow Parking Ban and City preparations for the extreme cold. The City Clerk reported on the meeting with Governor Quinn proposing a referendum process for City ordinances. Alderman Fiske responded that this would be a significant change and needed careful consideration. The Clerk started to read a statement related to the Crosby legal settlement and the Mayor ruled him out of order because he was not part of the policy body, Council.

Public comment. 10 comments on various topics. 1 expressed concern about cost of Robert Crown Center; 1 expressed concern about selling 2222 Oakton; 1 opposed to building proposed for 1714 Chicago Avenue; 1 supporting citizen comment and asking for alderman responses; 2 supporting special use for medical practice at Chicago and Main; 1 criticizing City response to Crosby arrest; 1 critical of spending and police behavior; 1 (President of St. Francis Hospital) supporting the AMITA mobile Paramedic program with St. Francis Hospital. Clerk came down from the dais to speak about the Crosby settlement and the need to reduce racial bias.

Consent agenda. Alderman Rue Simmons presented the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes. Payroll. Bills. Credit Card without Amazon. Approval of the purchase of 10 vehicles for Police, Fire and Facilities Management. Authorization of Extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for 2019 Refuse Disposal to Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. Approval of 2019 Annual User Charge with MWRD for Disposal of Sludge generated from water treatment. Approval of renewal of annual sole source maintenance and support for the Utility Billing Software for the water department. Approval of contract for the Water Department evaluation. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Construction on Illinois State Highways for 2019 and 2020. Approval to release certain closed session meeting minutes while need for confidentiality still exists for other minutes. Approval of Settlement and Release of all Claims in Lawrence Crosby v City of Evanston case. Approval of Grant Agreement with AMITA St. Francis Hospital for a Mobile Integrated Paramedic Program. Approving Official Intent authorizing payments for FY 2019 Capital Improvement Plan up to \$31,360,000 to be reimbursed by 2019 General Obligation bonds. Approval to amend City Code to amend the loading zone on Simpson Street. Approval to amend City Code related to Sidewalk Cafes to modify fees and approval procedures, to require approval of DAPR Committee.

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Revelle presented Approval of \$28,675 to Community Partners for Affordable Housing to continue administering Evanston's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance centralized waitlist. Approval of Special Use for a ground-floor Medical Office, North Shore University Health System at 524 Main Street (Introduction and Action). Approval to amend Zoning Ordinance to clarify the permitted and special uses in the oRD Redevelopment Overlay District. Approval to grant special use approval for a ground floor Medical Office, Evanston Family Chiropractic and Wellness Center at 705 Main Street. Appointment of Jesse Greenberg to Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board.

The consent agenda passed 8 – 0 (Alderman Fleming has left).

Alderman Rue Simmons presented the Amazon Credit Card activity. This was approved 7 – 0, with Alderman Suffredin abstaining. She then presented approval of a contract for a lighting upgrade at Sherman Plaza Garage. Alderman Fiske noted this is a large part of the Parking Fund budget and wondered if it could be reduced. The City Manager said some would be reimbursed by the nearby condo building, and Alderman Rainey pointed out that good lighting was important and the project should move forward. Council members asked to see more specifics of the contract. The motion was approved 7-1, with Suffredin voting no.

Call of the wards. Alderman Wilson expressed concern about the factors leading to the Crosby settlement. He also said he has heard of proposals to purchase the Harley Clarke mansion and would like to know particulars. Several aldermen asked to have information on queries related to Harley Clarke.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 pm.