

**Observer:** Betty Hayford

**Aldermen present:** Eight, Rue Simmons absent.

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

**Meeting began:** 8:00 pm

**Meeting ended:** 10:00 pm

**Announcements.** The Mayor thanked Evanston residents who planned the Memorial Day events at Patriot Park. He also thanked all residents who volunteer for youth programs. He announced the observance of Gun Violence Prevention Day on June 1. The City Clerk announced two events: a workshop with County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarborough, and a workshop on Parliamentary Rules of Order at 5:30 on June 26.

**Public comment.** 23 people signed up but only 18 spoke. 10 spoke against approval of the proposed development at 1727 Oak Avenue, particularly because of traffic, congestion, and damage to disabled community; 2 spoke in favor of tearing down Harley Clarke and restoring the natural lake front; 2 expressed support for the arts and opposition to budget cuts; 2 opposed approval of vacation rentals; 2 asked for commitment to finding a new City Manager.

**Consent agenda.** Alderman Fleming introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes; Payroll; Bills; Credit card activity excluding Amazon. It was moved, seconded, and approved 7-0 (Braithwaite was out of the room). She then introduced Amazon credit card activity. It was moved, seconded and approved 6-0. Suffredin abstained and Braithwaite was out of the room. She proceeded: Approval of contract for the 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Street Resurfacing Project; Approval of one year contract for pavement sealing; Approval of purchase of 72 gallons of Arbotect fungicide; Approval for Church Street Harbor-South Pier Renovations; Approval of three year contract for the City's vending machine services at no cost with Mark Vend Company sharing profits and providing \$5,000 worth of in-kind donations to be used for events or other activities; Renewal of sole source software license and service agreement for the Police Department CAD software; Approval of two year contract to cover the fees for remote monitoring and management of the credit card functionality for Parking Meters and Multi-Space Pay Stations; Approval for a sidewalk cafe permit for Falcon Eddy's Barbeque at 825 Church Street to consist of four tables with two seats each; Approval to Extend Hours for alcohol service at The Celtic Knot at 626 Church Street to begin at 7:00 am from June 14 through July 15 to Accommodate the airing of live coverage of the 2018 World Cup; Approval to amend City Code to remove one-way restriction for the alley between Harrison Street and Colfax Place (Introduction); Approval of sale of vehicles determined to be surplus through public auction (Introduction).

Alderman Fiske introduced the consent agenda from **Planning and Development**: Approval of the proposed re-subdivision of the property at 2652 Sheridan Road into 2 lots, each exceeding the minimum required dimension; Approval of adding City Code subsection "Examination of Records by Unit Owners to prohibit the unauthorized access to condominium unit owners' email addresses and telephone numbers (Introduction; Alderman Fiske recommended suspension of the rule for action which was not accepted); Approval to rezone the property at 128-132 Chicago Avenue to allow an open sales lot in a planned development including a 5 story mixed use building.

Alderman Rainey introduced the consent agenda from the **Housing and Community Development Act Committee**: two resolutions approving the 2018 Action Plan governing the City's grants from federal agencies and reallocation of unspent CDBG funds from prior years to new eligible activities.

Alderman Wilson presented the consent agenda from the **Economic Development Committee**: Approval of financial assistance through the Entrepreneurship Support Program totaling \$5,000 to two businesses, IKandi Salon and Total Transformation Coaching; Approval of financial assistance on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis through the Storefront Modernization Program for Booked at 506 Main Street and Prairie Moon at Chicago Avenue; Approval of Evanston Great Merchants Grant for West Village.

Alderman Wilson also presented appointments of Rachel Hayman to the Library Board and Kenneth Itle to the Preservation Commission. Four others were presented for re-appointment to the Library Board, but were taken off the consent agenda.

The consent agenda was moved and seconded and approved 8-0.

Alderman Fleming returned to items from the **Administration and Public Works Committee**. She presented a motion to approve a contract for elevator modernization at the Civic Center with Otis Elevator for \$456,779. Alderman Suffredin asked for fuller discussion about overall plans for the building. Rainey said elevator modernization is a high priority and urged support. Wilson pointed out that a commitment has been made to stay in the building and make improvements and the elevator is essential. The motion passed 7-1, Suffredin voting no. A motion to terminate the Lease for city property at 2222 Oakton with Smylie Brothers has been held in committee.

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Fiske explained that approval of a Vacation Rental License for 2001 Orrington Avenue has been held in committee, and she introduced approval of a Vacation Rental license for 1109 Garnett Place. Wynne expressed opposition because she believes vacation rentals should be owner occupied. Wilson and Rainey pointed out that the rules do not require owner occupancy. The motion passed 5-3, with Revelle, Fiske and Wynne

voting no. Fiske presented approval of a special use permit to expand the YWCA Evanston/Northshore at 1215 Church Street and 1726-1730 Ridge Avenue. Alderman Braithwaite recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action. Alderman Rainey expressed support for the good work of the YWCA but also concern for taking property off the tax rolls, which she said amounted to \$50,000 a year. She suggested the City might negotiate some arrangement with non-profits taking land off the tax rolls. The motion passed 8-0. A motion to approve a resubdivision for 1727 Oak Avenue to allow development at 1727 Oak Avenue passed 6-2 with Fiske and Wynne voting no. A second item granting special use for a planned development for a 17 story age-restricted multi-family rental development with 169 units was presented. Alderman Wynne explained she is opposed because of concerns about safety issues for all residents. Fiske also expressed opposition because of traffic issues at the site. Braithwaite said he understood the opposition from residents, but feels the project is viable and a positive addition to the City because it will provide housing for seniors and will provide affordable units. The building will expand the tax base and the developer is committed to working on parking needs. He spoke at some length describing the developer's plans to work on concerns raised by neighbors, including the construction timeline. The developer explained plans to work with neighbors. Fleming explained her sensitivity to concerns raised by residents but said she thought they could be met and she supported the proposal. Because land is limited there are few options for new buildings which Evanston needs. Other aldermen spoke to acknowledge concerns and the good work of the developer. It was a good, thoughtful discussion. The motion passed 6-2 with Fiske and Wynne voting no.

Alderman Revelle presented a proposal to renew the Bed and Breakfast license for Stone Porch B and B at 300 Church Street. It passed 7-1 with Fiske voting no.

Alderman Wilson presented re-appointments to the Library Board for Margaret Lurie, Vaishali Patel, Benjamin Shapiro and Shawn Iles. Fleming said the Library Board needed change and she opposed the re-appointments. The Mayor explained why he made the reappointments, basically because he thought Board members are entitled to reappointment unless they have not participated responsibly. The reappointments were approved 6-2 with Fleming and Suffredin voting no.

**Call of the wards.** Alderman Revelle said it was premature to talk about demolishing the Harley Clarke mansion and she would like to give the Lakefront organization more time to raise funds. Alderman Rainey asked the City Manager and staff to work with the group proposing demolition of the mansion and restoring the dunes. She also referred to the Rules Committee a REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO MAKE THE CLERK AN APPOINTED POSITION, NOT ELECTED. She also asked Rules to review the handling of the process on Amazon credit card bills. Alderman Fleming asked the Administration and Public Works Committee to report on the

ten top city projects for the future. Alderman Fiske pointed out that Northwestern has decided not to support dumpsters for the move in/move out period in neighborhoods with many NU students and she asked the Mayor to work with Northwestern to restore their support. She also raised the questions of whether the City could annex the NU beach. Braithwaite supported Fiske's request on the NU dumpsters and expressed concern about the budget process. He said the Youth Outreach teams and the Mayor's Summer Youth Program were essential.

The City Manager raised proposed changes in meeting schedule. He suggested cancelling the June 11 Council meeting and combining the agenda with the planned June 18 meeting, as well as the planned June 25 meeting. No one objected to this change. He confirmed the July 9 and July 23 Council meetings, and a July 30 meeting on Affordable Housing.

He also noted that he is working with the Police Department and the Fire Department to identify possible budget reductions.

At 11:00 pm the meeting adjourned to Executive Session.