

**Observer Report**

**Rules Committee**

**April 17, 2017**

**Observer:** Carol Mullins

**Aldermen Present:** Chair Don Wilson convened the meeting after City Council with aldermanic members: Braithwaite, Fiske, Holmes, Rainey, Wynne, Miller, Mayor Tisdahl, (Tendam left after City Council meeting)

**Staff:** City Manager, Dr. Iffy?, Marty Lyons

**Media:** EvanstonNow, NU

**Meeting Started:** 10:30pm

**Meeting Ended:** 11:15pm (TV16 shut off)

The committee approved unanimously the following:

**Minutes of the last meeting**

**01 Summary of the City of Evanston's Procedures for Selecting a Financial Institution.**

Staff submits a summary of the City's procedures for selecting a financial institution and asks Council to accept and place on file.

Speakers Junad Rizki and Madelyn DuCre

Rizki spoke about Mayor being a board member of First Bank. Our current Mayor quickly said she was not on the Board of Directors of First Bank.

The distrust continued: Judy Fiske asked if Mayor Elect Hagerty was being paid to be a board member and if he "made more, incentive pay" if he steered business to the Bank. City Manager confirmed Hagerty on board, Bobkiewicz doesn't know if he is being paid. Fiske looked at details in packet and seemed okay with ethics form statements as presented.

01 was passed unanimously

**jJeJ02 Summary of the City of Evanston's Advertising Procedures**

Staff submits a summary of the City of Evanston's procedures on advertising and recommends City Council accept and place on file.

Many, many questions ensued along with recommendations

We pay Roundtable, Evanston Review, Tribune, EvanstonNow to publish our budgets and notices. Fiske made recommendations about having online notices click to Evanston Website. Manager said citizens call 311 to report that if wasn't in the Roundtable, they didn't see it and claim ignorance as excuse for responsibility.

Marty Lyons reported on budget amounts and Dr. Iffy? responded to comments and questions. Miller said some online papers (probably EvanstonNow) were racist and discriminating. The City Manager called upon Dr. Iffy? (of Equity Committee) who said

we can't speak for others and need a definition of racism. She suggested that we don't speak for others, but get the others, the victims of racism to the table. Rainey talked about the bullying to which she was subjected to by Caucasian women. Wilson talked about bullying and the nasty campaign, the "wicked comments made in parking lots" Fiske talked about requiring peoples' names on all correspondence and Wilson responded yes, but, people were harassed for voicing their opinion via yard signs. The discussion was a microcosm of the dirty campaigns.

The TV #16 clicked off at 11:15. I assume, but don't know, that the committee ultimately accepted and placed the file.