

**Observer:** Betty Hayford

**Aldermen present:** All

**Media present:** Three – Evanston Now, Roundtable, Evanston Review

**Meeting started;** 9:00pm

**Meeting ended:** 10:30pm

**Announcements:** The City Manager announced representatives to outline plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Public comment.** Fifteen speakers. 4 in favor of electricity aggregation; 3 opposed to 831 Emerson proposal, 3 in support; 1 concerned about parking restrictions; 1 critical of Roycemore treatment; 1 expressing concerns of west side for library and more responsive police; 1 urging more community input; 1 generally complaining about council and city manager.

**Consent agenda.** Alderman Rainey presented the consent agenda. **Minutes; Payroll, Bills (as amended).** Moved and approved, 8-0, Alderman Rue Simmons abstaining.

From **Administration and Public Works:** Approve contract for Citywide Generator Evaluation; Approval for contract for Fleetwood-Jourdain Washroom Renovations; Approval of contract for James Park North Field Renovations; Authorization for City Manager to execute a master agreement for Community Electricity Aggregation; Authorization for Change Order No. 2 to contract for Parking Lot Improvement Engineering Service to include an analysis/design of off-street parking on Callan; Authorization for one year contract renewal for telecommunications service with Call One reducing projected annual cost by 14%; Authorization for renewal of a software licensing agreement to support activities for two years at reduced cost of 43% from last year; Approval of six replacement vehicles/units for the Public Works Agency; Approval of one year contract with renewals for the purchase of emergency lighting, sirens and services; Approval of sidewalk café permit for Yeero Revolution, 1009 Davis Street for three tables; Approval of financial assistance of landscaping services through the Great Merchants Grant Program to five Evanston business districts; Acceptance and Placing on File of First Quarter Financial Report for FY2017. Authorization of City Manager to execute payments for emergency structural shoring repairs to the City of Evanston Service Center Parking Structure; Authorization for City Manager to execute a parking lease agreement for parking spaces on McDaniel Avenue with Kabul House Restaurant at 2424 Dempster Street; Approval of adoption of proposed updated Complete & Green Streets Policy to align city policy with the City's Age Friendly goals; Adoption of Ordinance to establish a 4-way stop control at the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and Jenks Street (Introduction); Ordinance directing the City Manager to offer the sale of city vehicles at the Northwest Municipal Vehicle Auction on July 25, 2017 (Introduction).

From **Human Services:** Approval of revisions of city code including definitions and penalties for Drug Paraphernalia violations (introduction). From **Economic Development:** Approval of \$81,174 funding for North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau; Approval of financial assistance not to exceed \$50,000 to Sharp Edge Crossfit at 1324 Dodge Avenue for interior and exterior renovations.

The consent agenda was moved and seconded and passed 9-0.

On behalf of **Planning and Development** Alderman Rainey explained that the proposed amendment to regulate the location of generators was withheld for clarification. A proposal to grant landmark status for 1726 Hinman Avenue required further information. She presented the item **Granting Special Use Approval for a Planned Development with Rezoning at 831 Emerson**. Alderman Fiske explained that all aldermen wanted this property improved but she did not support this proposal. She agreed that this proposal was an improvement over the earlier proposal but was not satisfactory. It is still too close to street and she thinks this large proposal needs more public benefits.

Alderman Wilson said this proposal was a good improvement and if the building were set back further it would become too tall. He will support this proposal, partly because of the contribution to the affordable housing fund. Revelle expressed support because of the increased set back and the transit oriented approach. Rue Simmons expressed appreciation for the improved proposal, the set back and the contribution to the affordable housing fund. Rainey spoke at some length about the peculiarities of the lot and said the proposed building would improve the neighborhood. Contribution to the affordable housing fund was significant. Wynne explained her uncertainty about the project and eventual decision to support.

The motion to approve passed 7-2, with Fiske and Suffredin opposing

From **Economic Development**, Economic Assistance through the Entrepreneurship Support Program totaling \$8500 was approved for three Evanston businesses. Alderman Rue Simmons recused herself. The motion passed, 8-0.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30pm.