

8-13-18 City Council Observer Report

Committee: City Council

Observer: Jessica Feldman

Meeting began: 8:20pm

Meeting Ended: 10:45pm

Aldermen/Mayor Present: Alderman Wilson absent.

Mayor's Announcement

Parks & Rec Dept. Head Lawrence Hemingway introduced the eight Summer Youth Employment award winners during the farewell to Summer Youth Program. 584 youth participated in youth employment programs..

While announcing that National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month will be September, Mayor Hagerty asked anyone who knew someone who died from or attempted suicide stand. He spoke kindly of need for early awareness and intervention.

City Clerk Announcements: City Clerk Reid announced his support for elected Clerk and invited public to attend the upcoming citizen engagement event -- Participatory Budgeting Aug. 22 6:30 -8:30pm* (see below). Objections to Transfer Tax referendum close Tuesday, Aug. 14th; currently have 3. (e.g., very tight time table; not in compliance with Master Plan. Also has a petition on Harley Clark (not on agenda that night).

City Engineer Lara Biggs gave project update:

- Fountain Square pipe lining expected to be completed this week. Fountain testing to be completed by Sept. Last memorial panel to be delivered by the end of this month.
- James Park north field ... grass establishment delayed by bad weather. Hope to do weed management this fall. Hope field will be in service next spring.
- Basement flooding in 300 and 400 block of Dodge and 1600 block of Kirk ... as a result of sewer lining work underway when a major rains storm hit. Says contractor is working to resolve insurance claims related to it. Says city has lined about 40 of its 160 miles of combined sewers. This is the first time there's been such a flooding issue. Work now is complete for this year.
- Sheridan Road ... Lincoln to Isabella. Work at Lincoln intersection to be completed in time for NU move in. Rest of work to continue into October. Project is on schedule.
- Robert Crown fencing to go up soon. Earth moving to start in earnest early in September. Project is on schedule

Staff Present: Michelle Masoncup; Erika Storlie, Lawrence Hemingway, and Dave Stonebeck

Media Present: EvNow; NU students?; RoundTable not at Press table?

Citizen Comment: Citizen comment is included under the discussion of each Ordinance

Public Hearing: (just under 1 hour)

(SP1) Resolution 60-R-18, A Resolution Instructing the City Clerk to Submit, for the November 6, 2018 Ballot, a Referendum for a Proposal to Increase the Real Estate Transfer Tax with the Additional Revenue Dedicated to the City of Evanston General Fund

2 realtors –both opposed. 1) Evanston would be highest in North Shore 5th in IL; 2nd an inconsistent resource for a revenue stream. Don't have any long range plan for revenue; stop gap measures not good.

One frequent critic – using this as a cover up. Need an independent audit of finances.

Numerous speakers (identify as members of Reclaim Evanston) Include revenue from such an increase needs to be earmarked for affordable housing. Hearing lasted just under an hour

For Action

Off consent ...M1 minutes ... A 12 (Amazon credit card); A 18 and 19 (special event parking); A 20 (Dodge bus stops) P 2 (tenant-based rental assistance program); O2 (CNSCVB funding); Appointments.

Consent Agenda

Administration & Public Works Committee

For Action

A1) Payroll; 7-9-7-22, 2018; **A2) Bills list Aug. 14, 2018;** Credit Card Activity (not including Amazon Purchases

A3) Purchase of Three Public Works Agency Vehicles: From Currie Motors, Inc.: a Ford F-250 XL in the amount of \$30,020.00; a Ford F-450 Chassis XL in the amount of \$63,274.00; from JX Peterbilt a Peterbilt 337 Cab and Chassis with a Cannon VO-260 aerial device in the amount of \$162,917.00.

A4) Fuel Purchases from Gas Depot Oil Company for July 6, 2018 - July 5, 2019

The Gas Depot Oil Company is the current Northwest Municipal Conference Bid winner from July 19, 2018 thru July 19, 2019 for all grades and types of fuels that are utilized by city vehicles. Present fuel prices are \$2.42/gallon for 87 octane gasoline and \$2.50/gallon for bio-diesel.

A5) Benchmark Analytics License Agreement

A 3-year agreement with an option to renew for two additional years. The software system will assist with the management of the Evanston Police Department through the analysis of law-enforcement related information. The License Agreement provides that years one through three will be paid through a grant from the Joyce Foundation, 321 North Clark Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60654. If the City Council decides to renew the license agreement for years four and five, the cost will be \$25,000 and \$26,000 respectively.

A6) Contract with Capitol Cement Co. Inc. for 2018 Alley and Street Improvements Project

Funding will be provided from the CIP Fund as follows: 2018 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$275,940, the Special Assessment Fund in the amount of \$213,645, and Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$385,176.30 totaling \$874,761.30.

(A7) Contract with Bodala, L.L.C. dba Central Rug and Carpet for the Noyes Cultural Arts Center – Hallway and Common Area Improvements A contract for the Noyes Cultural Arts Center – Hallway and Common Area Improvements (Bid 18-37) with Bodala, L.L.C. dba Central Rug and Carpet (3006 Central Street, Evanston, IL) in the amount of \$199,145.

A8) Contract with McGuire Igleski & Associates, Inc. for Architectural and Engineering Services Related to the Water Quality Laboratory. A contract for architectural and engineering services related to the Water Quality Laboratory (RFP No. 18-18) with McGuire Igleski & Associates, Inc. (1330 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201), in the amount of \$182,025

A9) Contract with Giant Maintenance & Restoration for 2018 Fire Hydrant Painting

A contract for 2018 Fire Hydrant Painting with Giant Maintenance & Restoration (20678 W Highway 176, Mundelein, IL 60060) in the amount of \$21,070.00.

(A10) Change Order No. 2 to the Engineering Services Contract for the Fountain Square Renovation Project with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

This will modify the existing agreement amount from \$984,551.69 to \$1,049,412.79 and extend the contract deadline from December 31, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Funding for this work will be through the Washington National TIF fund from liquidated damages assessed against the construction contractor for failure to complete the work within the specified time. As of August 1, 2018 a total of \$153,900.00 in liquidated damages has been assessed against the construction contractor.

A11) Consulting Contract Amendment #3, Design and Construction Engineering Services on Sherman Avenue between Davis Street and Church Street to amend an existing engineering services contract for the Fountain Square Renovation Project (RFP No. 15-68) with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600, Rosemont, IL 60018), in the amount of \$64,861.10. This will modify the existing agreement amount from \$984,551.69 to \$1,049,412.79 and extend the contract deadline from December 31, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

The actual construction (to be awarded at a future date) will be funded partially by additional savings and through the use of an additional \$100,000 in funding from the Washington National TIF fund.

(A13) Resolution 58-R-18, Approving Settlement in Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. v. City of Evanston, et al. Resolution 58-R-18 authorizing the City of Evanston ("City") to issue a settlement payment pursuant to a settlement agreement and release in *Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. v. City of Evanston, et al.* (Case No.17 -L-00).

(A14) Resolution 53-R-18 Authorizing a Lease Agreement with North Shore Senior Center for Office Space at the Civic Center at the rate of \$511.50 per month for 12 months beginning Oct. 1, 2018 for 430 sq.ft. of space on the ground floor of the Civic Center, Ste G205.

(A15) Resolution 57-R-18, Illinois Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement for Phase II Engineering on the Howard Street Corridor Improvement Project

A Local Agency Agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) for the Howard St. Corridor Improvement Project, Phase II Engineering (construction plans). The Agreement establishes the maximum grant funding of the engineering cost, not to exceed \$462,637, and commits Evanston to fund \$137,363 of the engineering cost. Funding for this project will be from the Capital Improvement Fund, including 2018 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$137,363, Surface Transportation Grant (STP) funds in the amount of \$162,637, and reimbursement from the City of Chicago in the amount of \$300,000

(A16) Resolution 55-R-18, Phase II Engineering Services Agreement for the Howard Street Corridor Improvement Project A Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with the IL Dept. of Transportation and a Professional Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600 Rosemont, IL 60018) in the amount of \$600,000. The Howard Street Project is a joint project with the City of Chicago and 50% of the funding is provided by Chicago. The City has received a federal grant of \$162,637 through the North Shore Council of Mayors and this will be reimbursed to the City of Evanston. The remaining amount of \$137,363 will be from the Capital Improvements Fund, 2018 General Obligation Bonds,

For Introduction

(A17) Ordinance 83-O-18, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Sell Water to a New Wholesale Water Customer, the Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois

The agreement is for 39 years with two 10 year extension provisions at the discretion of Lincolnwood.

(A21) Ordinance 82-O-18, Vacating a Portion of Public Land South of the Church Street Public Right of Way, East of Florence Avenue, to an Abutting Owner. Payment will be made to the City in the amount of \$16,000.00 as determined by a third party appraisal report by Property Valuation Services.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For Action

(P1) Vacation Rental License for 2130 Wesley Avenue Approval of a Vacation Rental License for the property located at 2130 Wesley Avenue. The Vacation Rental meets all of the Standards and Procedures for license approval.

(P3) Resolution 49-R-18, Approving a Plat of Resubdivision for 1239 Asbury Ave. and 1224 Dempster St. Proposed re- subdivision of the property located at 1239 Asbury Ave. and 1224 Dempster St.

For Introduction

(P4) Ordinance 84-O-18, Granting a Special Use for a Daycare Center – Domestic Animal, and Kennel, Rex’s Place, at 2118-2120 Ashland Ave., 1625 Payne St., and 2147-2149 Dewey Ave. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for special use and major variations for this district in the MXE Mixed Use Employment District

For Action

(P5) Ordinance 40-O-18, Amending Subsection 6-4-1-9(B)(1) of the City Code, “Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards: General Provisions” Reduces the required front yard setback for open porches in order to allow front porches with a usable depth without the need for zoning relief.

(P6) Ordinance 81-O-18 Granting Major Zoning Relief to Establish a Third Dwelling Unit in an Existing Two-Family Residence at 1822 Lyons Street in the R4 General Residential District. The applicant requests relief for lot size, lot width, and to add zero parking spaces where two additional parking spaces are required. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a variation for this district.

(P7) Ordinance 77-O-18 Granting Major Zoning Relief to Eliminate Parking and Add Fencing for Firehouse Grill at 750 Chicago Avenue Grants major zoning relief to eliminate one ADA parking stall (with one remaining) and install a 3’ tall fence (planter box) fronting Chicago Ave., and denying major zoning relief to install an 8’ tall wood fence with a 0’ street side yard (Madison St.) setback, in the C1a Commercial Mixed-Use District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a variation (for parking and the 3’ fence) for this district.

HUMAN SERVICES

(O1) Resolution 50-R-18, Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Greenest Region Compact 2 with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to Support Regional Sustainability Initiatives

Consent Agenda Approved

For Action

OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of July 23, 2018 and July 30, 2018. Minutes from July 24 held for corrections. Minutes for July 30 approved.

(A12) Amazon Credit Card Activity – Period Ending June 26, 2018 \$ 23,649.82
approved 7-0-1 (Alderman Suffredin abstains.)

(A18) Ordinance 93-O-18, Amending City Code Section 10-11-10, Schedule X “Limit eParking” to Add Schedule X(O) Saturday Special Event Parking Pilot Progra

Amended to be limited to lot 4 and lot 54 (this is the Poplar Metra lot and the Stewart/Central lot. This Ordinance would create a special event parking pilot program that would expand the usage of the ParkEvanston mobile app to include an on-street parking zone for

Northwestern football game days, with a daily parking rate of \$40.00. **Staff recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the August 13, 2018 City Council.**

For Introduction and Action Alderman Revelle moves to eliminate the Stewart/Central lot from the new rule as well. Approved as amended

- (A19) **Ordinance 94-O-18. Amending City Code Section 10-11-17, Schedule XVII “Parking Violation Penalties” to Add Schedule XVII (L) Non-Payment of Special Event Parking Fee Amending** City Code Section 10-11-17, Schedule XVII “Parking Violation Penalties” to add Schedule XVII (L) Non-Payment of Special Event Parking Fee. During the special event pilot program mentioned in item A19, the penalty fee for non-payment would be \$80.00. **Staff recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the August 13, 2018 City Council.**

For Introduction and Action Approved 8-0.

(A20) Ordinance **92-O-18. Amending City Code Section 10-11-7, Schedule VII(C), “Bus Stops and Zones.” to Add Signed Bus Stops on Dodge Avenue from Oakton Street to Main Street** Amended to read east side south of Keeney instead of east side north of Keeney. Approved as amended.

(P2) **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Renewal Funding**

The Housing and Homelessness Commission and staff recommend approval of a funding renewal of \$300,000 in HOME funds to continue the current Tenant- Based Rental Assistance program, administered by Connections for the Homeless. The funding will provide stable housing for two years to up to ten at- risk Evanston families with children under the age of 18 in Evanston that are underemployed, and break the cycle of poverty and instability by developing the capacity to earn a living wage to support their families and afford market rate rental housing. The increase in funding from \$250,000 to \$300,000 is due to the increasing costs to rent in Evanston. Currently, the City has a total of \$474,275.33 in available uncommitted HOME funds.

Alderman Braithwaite says he's concerned about the Paden family not receiving funding. Betty Bogg of Connections says can't discuss because the Padens are threatening litigation. Says Connections is paid in arrears. Alderman Rainey moved to support the motion to fund Connections. She said Connections is the only organization capable of administering the program. She suggests that and Braithwaite meet with Connections and the Padens to try to resolve the dispute. Funding approved.

For Action

Economic Development

- (O2) **Approval of Funding for Chicago’s North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau FY 2018** Recommend approve funding for Chicago’s North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$81,174.00 for a period commencing August 14, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Alderman Fleming asks how much city gets for its funding. Gina Speckman, executive director of CNSCVB, says do tracking of hotel occupancy. Says Evanston's contribution is 4 percent of the bureau's budget. Alderman Fiske says the funding is very important to the hotels in downtown Evanston. Says it's a very tough business now. Says she's convinced it is money well spent. Approved 7-1. Alderman Fleming votes no.

For Action

For Consideration/Discussion

***Participatory Budgeting** is a form of government funding that allows You residents to democratically decide how municipal finances are spent. In Chicago, it is used on a ward by ward basis to direct infrastructure funds. In Evanston, it can be used for whatever residents may see fit. UIC Greater Cities Institute's Thea Crum and Leslie Perkins of Alderman John Arena's 45th Ward office will speak on the Participatory Budgeting Process, what can be done, and what is currently being done in municipalities across Illinois and the country.

Join City Clerk Devon Reid to learn about alternate ways to finance city initiatives that bring residents into the folds of government. The event is FREE for all to attend." From City Clerk Facebook page.