

Observer Report
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Monday, November 14, 2022

Start Time: 5:10

End Time: 7:10

Observer: Sue Brenner

In Attendance: Nieuwsma, Kelly (Chair), Harris, Reid (arrived late but was on virtually until arrival), Burns.

- I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF 10/24/2022**

- III. Public Comment**

There were 7 speakers. The owner and GM of Evanston Lumber explained the problem of their trucks turning from Main St. onto Custer (which is an acute angle). Mike Vasilko was concerned about 6 items on the agenda. Ms. Allen thanked the Committee who was to vote on the help to citizen's with huge sewer costs item. 2 people spoke against having the Main St. trucks for Evanston Lumber rerouted to Oakton. There were 10 emails against that as well. Two people spoke about the pension fund. Tim Schoolmaster gave a 30 minute presentation on the lack of funding pensions, (at the discretion of Kelly who was Chair).

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Item III (3), Consent Calendar, are considered by the Committee to be routine and will be enacted in one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS SEE [LINK](#)

FOR ACTION

(A1, A2, A4, A5, A6, A8)

OFF CONSENT AGENDA But Approved

(A3) Authorizing the Purchase of a new 2024 Mack Truck for Workforce Development Program/Public Works Agency Water Division **Approved 5-0**

Kelly asked about electric version. There isn't any as of now.

(A7) Approval to Hire Contractual Employee to assist with the Reimaging Safety Committee **Approved 5-0**

Kelly asked about this item. Explanation that the staff person who was a liaison has left and no one replaces him. Committee needs staff help to move ahead.

(A9) Approval of Change Order for Shoreline Repairs **Approved 4-0 (Reid had left podium)**

This is to study and develop plans for an ADA path for the Dog Beach.

(A10) Approval of Contract Ammendment with SAfebuilt for Inspection and Plan Review.
Approved 4-0 (Reid was still gone from podium)
Currently the city does not have a residential inspector on staff. Hoping to hire one in next year's budget.

V. Items For Consideration

(A11) Resolution Recognizing Public benefit of the City Paying Private Sewer Repair Line Costs for Residential Property **Approved 4-1 (Nieuwsma No)**
Changed the amounts of how much single family must make and reduced amount they pay.

(A12 and A13) Resolution authorizing City Manager to Enter into leases for space at Noyes Cultural Arts Center. **Passed 5-0**

(A14) Resolution with Hoffman House Catering for Senior Meal Food Programs
Passed 5-0

Council members would like to see a local vendor for this program when it comes up for a new contract. This was a renewal.

(A15) Resolution Authorizing the Settlement and Release of all Claims in Mack vs. City **Passed 5-0**

(A16) Ordinance Amending City Code to Allow Three Way Stop at Florence and Washington **Passed 5-0**

(A17) Ordinance Amending City Code to Revise Sanitation Service Charges
Approved 5-0

Nieuwsma reminded constituents they could save money by using the smaller refuse can. Reid suggested they Council have future discussions about citizen's taking their garbage to a central site over individual home pick up.

(A18) Ordinance Amending City Code Rates, Charges, Fees and Penalties
Approved 5-0

(A19) Ordinance Amending City Code regarding the Affordable Sewer Rate Annual Payment **Approved 5-0**

This has ended the two-year discussion of whether citizens should pay for sewer replacement from their property to the main city sewer line.

VI. Items for Discussion

(D1) Resolution Authorizing City Staff to Issue a Memorandum to Police Traffic Enforcement Regarding Incoming Trucks to Evanston Lumber

Council Members Nieuwsma and Geracaris could not come to agreement on whether trucks could use Oakton in place of Main even with the Mayor as a go between. Currently, trucks can detour from a truck route to another street for safety reasons. This applies here, but Nieuwsma wanted Geracaris to weigh in and agree. He did not agree. For now, trucks can use Oakton. If Geracaris wants that to change he must propose an ordinance changing the current ordinance.

(D2) Presentation on Status of the Evanston Shoreline Repairs Project

This was a 8-10 presentation of the history, current project and timeline. It includes citizen meetings.