

Present: Mayor Biss, CM Revelle, Alison Leipsiger, Kelley

Gandurski **Observer:** Cheryl Wollin, LWV

Virtual meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 8:35 am. He had texted CM Suffredin since he was not present, but Suffredin said “something had come up” and he couldn’t be there. However, they had a quorum, so began their work. Mayor said there were three types of referrals today: an old one, six new ones, and two made just last night.

Discussion on whether they could discuss the most recent ones since they were not even on the referral tracker yet, nor had they been discussed by staff. There was no written policy on such “late arrivals”, but Mendoza usually “approves” them first. CM Revelle questioned why. Mayor explained that some “human” had to validate that a referral was actually made by a council member. There had been instances where people had “hacked” into the technology, and could impersonate a CM. It was just a step to be sure the referral was valid. This policy should probably be in writing, but for now these two late referrals could wait until their next meeting.

Old referral was the one made by Reid **to ban water shut-offs**. Made in July, 2021 (#22). There has been much discussion on this topic already and staff has made suggestions. Voted to refer this to A&PD, to be on the agenda as soon as possible. 2-0

#8 on new referrals list by CM Reid **to allow cash payments from Reparations** Committee. There are actually two parts to this, because he then requests an amount of \$10 million for such allotments. The first part should be referred to the reparations committee at their next meeting. Legal has noted that there are tax implications for the recipients if they decide to do this. Once that question is answered, the amount suggested is a referral to the Budget and Finance Committee (depending on what Reparations decides on first part). 2-0

#9 To allow **cannabis consumption in public** in the City of Evanston. This should be referred to Human Services because there are health implications, and it may be controversial. Their agenda is very full, so the timeline would be in the third quarter of 2022. 2-0.

#10-13 are **specific parking changes** made by CM Burns. There was some question about how much background research (ward meetings, surveys, etc) and staff involvement (Mike Rivera/ parking) had been done. Referred to AP&D by the third quarter of 2022. 2-0

Noting that the next meeting was on May 26th, Mayor made motion to adjourn at 9:05 am.