

**Observer:** Julianne Dieterich

**Meeting began:** 6:40 pm (after roll call and executive session)

**Meeting Ended:** ~10:00 pm

**Council Members Present:** All

**Staff Present:** Wally Bobkiewicz; Erika Storlie; Hitesh Desai; Johanna Leonard; Paulina Martinez

**Media Present:** Evanston Now (Bill Smith), Evanston Roundtable (Mitt Simonette), 2 from Daily Northwestern

**(I)** Roll Call – Begin with Alderman Wynne

**(II)** Executive Session

**(III)** Mayor Public Announcements

- City staff member in Police Dept., Pandora Pratt, recently passed away.
- Proclaiming Nov 24 Small Business Saturday (with announcements of various small business events during the holiday season from Downtown Evanston and Main Dempster Mile)

**(IV)** City Manager Public Announcements

Illinois State Fire Marshall Presentation of Award to City of Evanston – ISO Class 1 Status. Chief Scott introduced State Fire Marshall to present award, which places Evanston in top ranks of fire departments nationwide. Only 17 fire departments out of 1200 in Illinois have achieved this rating.

**(V)** Communications: City Clerk

One communication from Landmarks Illinois, Save Harley Clarke and several other organizations requesting Mayor and Council withdraw the agreement with Evanston Lakeshore Dunes group for demolition funding; and take immediate action to mothball the mansion until a new proposal can be developed.

**(VI)** Public Comment

Allowed up to 2.5 minutes per person.

7 favoring retention of full funding for victim service advocates within police department

1 representing Interfaith Action and other faith-based organizations defending funding for Mental Health Board, and thanking Council for reinstatement of budget

1 questioning competence of City Manager and his direct staff over proposed budget cuts and other issues

1 supporting full funding of EMS services and fire station 4

1 favoring Harley Clarke preservation

- 1 attributing budget deficit to waste and frivolous programs and objecting to various prior spending and debt obligation actions of Council
- 1 favoring preservation of youth and young adult division staffing
- 1 favoring funding of crossing guards
- 1 favoring funding of social services in general, and calling for Health and Human Services to be the focal point of the city's efforts more than economic development
- 1 speaking generally to budget process and calling for consideration of impact on residents and of input from residents who want to be part of process
- 1 advocating for sustainability and supporting Climate Action and Resiliency Plan
- 1 questioning updated budget worksheet and what will happen if expected year-end revenue doesn't come in

**(VII) Agenda Items**

**(1) Agreement for Crossing Guards Services with Andy Frain Services, Inc.**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year agreement with Andy Frain Services, Inc. (761 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, IL 60504) to provide crossing guard services in an amount not to exceed \$620,662 per year with two one year optional extensions (RFP #18-52). Funding will be from the School Crossing Guards Fund (Account 100.19.1942.61060).

**For Action**

Committed to welcoming all existing crossing guards into transition; recruitment focused on Evanston residents; field supervisor will be from City of Evanston. Rainey and Fleming raised concerns about people ultimately being dismissed as wages increase. **Approved 8-1 (Suffredin)**

Mayor Hagerty then turned to a discussion of item 36 on the agenda, to get sense of where budget stood before beginning votes on action items.

Bobkiewicz reviewed some points that came up in public comments and reviewed key changes that have been made to the budget balancing worksheet since last meeting. Although not impacting budget, regarding Youth and Young Adult division staff structure, City Manager has decided not to proceed with reorganization at least until middle of 2019, pending completion of broader review of human services organization. Mayor had noted during comment that Fire Station 4 funding was restored based on prior discussion. Other additional revenue comes from 2 new officers and ticket increase for street sweeping. Mental Health Board funding fully restored. Added senior management analyst for health department.

Rainey moved to direct City Manager to develop ordinance to raise amusement/entertainment tax from 4% to 5% for the current budget. (She also ultimately wants to see 2.5% tax on all live performance that isn't school or school district run, to take effect later, perhaps March 2019.) Fleming seconds, but calls for excluding children's theater from nonprofit tax. Wynne opposes because Chicago has an exemption for small venues, which puts Evanston at a disadvantage; also questions appropriateness

of selectively exempting nonprofit venues; Braithwaite and Wilson concur. **Fails 3-6 per Mayor (although by my count, only Rainey and Fleming voted yes).**

Rainey moves to eliminate special pickup charge for contamination of recycling bins. Seconded. Stonebeck addresses need for way to address repeated problems. Lots of discussion; Bobkiewicz withdraws and says they will revisit at a later date. No vote.

Evonda Thomas-Smith spoke to the victim service advocate proposal in budget. YWCA has provided 24/7 victim service advocate services for many years focused on domestic violence (sexual assault is already covered by Northwest CASA), but not death notification, which the health department would continue to provide. YWCA cannot provide mental health services, but there's already a city contract to provide that service. She is supportive of the proposed transition to YWCA contract, which would result in about \$100K cost savings to the city. Rainey thinks too fragmented and suggests retaining current service and reassessing in June 2019 after new Chief has had time to assess. Based on discussion, Bobkiewicz calls for eliminating the 1 vacant victim service advocate, and keep enough funding for ½ year of YWCA contract, with plan to work with new Chief and come back in April with recommendation on how best to proceed.

*Staff recommends review and adoption by the City Council of the following fifteen (15) abatement resolutions (Items 2 to 16). The resolutions will abate (decrease) the amount of the 2018 property tax levy needed to retire the outstanding general obligation debt. Generally, abated debt amounts are funded through sources other than property taxes such as TIF incremental revenue, water/sewer receipts, special assessments and parking garage revenues. The City's total abatement for 2018 is \$5,872,660.*

**(2) Resolution 82-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 82-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B.

**For Action passes 7-2 (Simmons and Suffredin)**

Then Rainey made a motion to consider all of the remaining tax abatements (items 3-16 below) together. **Items 3-16 below passed 7-2 (Simmons and Suffredin)**

**(3) Resolution 83-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 83-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A.

**(4) Resolution 84-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 84-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012A.

**(5) Resolution 85-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 85-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013A.

**(6) Resolution 86-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 86-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013B.

**(7) Resolution 87-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 87-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014A.

**(8) Resolution 88-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 88-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A. **(9) Resolution 89-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 89-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015B. **(10) Resolution 90-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 90-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016A. **(11) Resolution 91-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 91-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A. **(12) Resolution 92-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 92-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017C. **(13) Resolution 93-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 93-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018A. **(14) Resolution 94-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 94-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018B. **(15) Resolution 95-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 95-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018C. **(16) Resolution 96-R-18, General Obligation Debt Property Tax Abatement**  
Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 96-R-18 abatement for General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018D.

**(17) Ordinance 123-O-18: City of Evanston 2018 Tax Levy**

Staff requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 123-O-18, which levies the annual property tax for General Fund Operations, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Police and Fire Pension Funds, and the General Assistance Fund totaling \$31,539,995. The corresponding total for 2017 Levy was \$30,101,220.

**For Action. Passes 6-3 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming)**

**(18) Ordinance 124-O-18: Evanston Library Fund 2018 Tax Levy**

The Library Board requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 124-O-18, per Library Board action on October 17, 2018, which levies the annual property tax for the Evanston Public Library in the amount of \$6,887,755.

**For Action.** Fleming calls on library board to close Chicago Ave. brand after Robert Crown branch opens. **Passes 6-3 (Simmons, Suffredin, Rainey)**

**(19) Ordinance 125-O-18: Solid Waste Fund 2018 Tax Levy**

Staff requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 125-O-18, which levies the annual property tax for the Solid Waste Fund in the amount of \$836,735.

**For Action. Passes 6-3 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming)**

**(20) Ordinance 126-O-18: Special Service Area #4 2018 Tax Levy**

Staff requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 126-O-18, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #4 in the amount of \$535,714.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(21) Ordinance 127-O-18: Special Service Area #6 2018 Tax Levy**

Staff requests adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 127-O-18, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #6 in the amount of \$225,510.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(22) Ordinance 117-O-18, Amending Section 7-12-17 Increasing the Meter Charges and Water Rates**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 117-O-18, which would increase the water meter charges and water rates by eleven percent (11%).

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(23) Ordinance 118-O-18, Amending Section 7-13-3 Decreasing the Sewer User Rates**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 118-O-18, which would decrease the sewer user rate by 7.5%, from \$3.66 to \$3.39 per billing unit (100 cubic feet of water consumed).

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(24) Ordinance 128-O-18, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Municipal Solid Waste and Increasing the Sanitation Service Charges**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 128-O-18, modifying Title 8, Chapter 4 of the City Code for Municipal Solid Waste increasing the service charges for refuse collected in 95 and 65 gallon roll out carts by 15%, the collection of refuse from condominiums by 2.3% and the charges for special pick-ups beginning January 1, 2019 (as amended from earlier discussion to remove fee for contaminated recycling carts).

**For Action. Passes 5-4 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming, Fiske)**

**(25) Ordinance 130-O-18, Amending Section 7-2-6 (G), Moving Vehicle Parking and Storage Containers on Public Ways**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Ordinance 130-O-18, which would increase the fee to allow public parking spaces and/or other public right-of-way to be reserved for loading and unloading of moving vehicles and storage containers without obstructing traffic flow from \$100.00 to \$120.00 beginning January 1, 2019.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(26) Ordinance 134-O-18, Amending Subsections 10-4-5-2(B)(7) and (11) "Parking in Predominately Residential Areas"**

Staff recommends City Council adopt Ordinance 134-O-18, amending City Code subsections 10-4-5-2(B)(7) and (11) "Parking in Predominately Residential Areas" to amend the permit renewal date and increase the residential parking permit from \$15.00 to \$30.00.

**For Action. Passes 8-1 (Suffredin)**

**(27) Ordinance 142-O-18, Amending Title 10, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 11, Traffic Schedules, Section 17, Schedule XVII: Parking Violation Penalties**

The Transportation & Parking Committee and staff recommend City Council adoption of Ordinance 142-O-18, amending City Code Section 10-11-17, Schedule XVII, Parking Violation Penalties increasing the fine for a street sweeping violation by thirty five dollars (\$35) to seventy five dollars (\$75) with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) additional penalty if paid after the expiration of twenty-one (21) days following issuance of a final determination of liability. A policy change regarding towing procedures will accompany this change to reduce the financial hardship and inconvenience that vehicle owners currently endure as part of sweeping operations. Staff also

recommends increasing the fine for an expired parking meter by five dollars (\$5) to twenty-five dollars (\$25) effective January 1, 2019 as part of the FY2019 budget proposal.

**For Action. Passes 5-4 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fiske, Braithwaite)**

**(28) Ordinance 145-O-18, Amending Various Sections of Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 12 “Parking Meter Zones”**

Staff recommends City Council adopt Ordinance 145-O-18, amending various sections of Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 12 “Parking Meter Zones” adding Sunday enforcement from one o’clock (1:00) p.m. to nine o’clock (9:00) p.m., increasing the rate of all two (2) hour meters from one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour, all long term meters from twenty-five cents (\$.25) per hour to fifty cents (\$.50) per hour and all twenty (20) minute meters from twenty-five cents (\$.25) to fifty cents (\$.50) beginning March 1, 2019 with an automatic increase to two dollars (\$2.00) per hour and fifty cents (\$.50) per fifteen (15) minutes on January 1, 2020. The cost of replacement stickers and reprogramming the parking meters will be paid for through the Parking Fund.

**For Action. Passes 5-4 (Simmons, Suffredin, Reville, Fiske)**

**(29) Ordinance 143-O-18, Amending “Schedule of License Fees” of City Code Section 10-8-3(A) – “Wheel Tax”**

City staff requests City Council adoption of Ordinance 143-O-18 amending Section 10-8-3(A), “Schedule of License Fees”, increasing the annual license fees by \$10.00.

**For Action. Passes 6-3 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming)**

**(30) Ordinance 148-O-18, Amending Section 3-25-2 “Imposition of Tax” to Increase the Real Estate Transfer Tax for Transactions with a Sale Price over \$1,500,000**

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 148-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-25-2, “Imposition of Tax” to increase the Real Estate Transfer Tax for sales with a price over \$1,500,000.01. For sale prices: up to \$1.5 million the tax is \$5.00 for every \$1,000 of value; from \$1,500,000.01 to \$5 million the tax is \$7.00 for every \$1,000 of value; and prices at \$5,000,000.01 or more the tax is \$9.00 for every \$1,000 of value.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(31) Ordinance 136-O-18, Expediting Planning & Zoning Review and Building Permits**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 136-O-18, amending Ordinance 125-O-17 regarding the City of Evanston Permit Fee Schedule. The proposal will create an application and fee schedules for expediting permit and plan review services.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(32) Ordinance 135-O-18, Amending Section 3-2-4 “Hotel-Motel and Vacation Rental Tax” to Add Bed and Breakfast Establishments**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 135-O-18, amending Section 3-2-4 “Hotel-Motel and Vacation Rental Tax” to add Bed and Breakfast Establishments.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(33) Ordinance 137-O-18, Amending Title 5, Chapter 9, Licensing of Vacation Rentals**

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 137-O-18, amending Ordinance 50-O-13 to improve compliance with vacation rental licensing requirements. Staff proposes to increase vacation rental licensing fees to align with cost of administering the program.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(34) Ordinance 141-O-18, Amending Rental Registration of Rental Residential Buildings to Include Inspection Requirements and Add Accessory Dwelling Units**

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 141-O-18 Amending Rental Registration of Rental Residential Buildings to include inspection requirements and the addition of accessory dwelling units. This amends the rental registration process to include a fee of \$200 for the initial inspection and registration of existing dwelling units, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs)/coach houses, and a fine from \$75 to \$375 for renting an unregistered unit following the “amnesty period.” These changes, including the fee structure, were approved unanimously by City Council on October 29, 2018.

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(35) Ordinance 133-O-18, Amending Section 3-2-19, “Transportation Network Company Tax”**

City staff requests City Council adoption of Ordinance 133-O-18, Amending Section 3-2-19 of the Evanston City Code, “Transportation Network Company Tax.” The Ordinance adds the definition of shared rides, solo rides, and wheelchair accessible rides and increases the fee assessed for a solo ride from twenty cents (\$.20) to forty-five cents (\$.45) per solo ride in a transportation network vehicle. Wheelchair accessible rides are exempt from the fee and the fee assessed for a shared ride remains at twenty cents per ride (\$.20).

**For Action. Passes 9-0.**

**(36) Resolution 101-R-18, Approving the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget of the City of Evanston**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 101-R-18 adopting the FY 2019 Budget of the City of Evanston, in the amount of \$319,155,950. (As amended, total expenditure number changed to \$319,165,450. New general fund number is \$114,185,373.)

**For Action. Passes 6-3 (Simmons, Suffredin, Fleming)**

**(VII) Call of the Wards**

(Aldermen shall be called upon by the Mayor to announce or provide information about any Ward or City matter which an Alderman desires to bring before the Council.) {Council Rule 2.1(10)}

- Alderman Revelle reported on the MWRD vote on the easement request for Canal Shores, but assured the community that Evanston and Wilmette will continue to press for a better solution.

**(IX) Adjournment**

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED THROUGH NOVEMBER 2018**

Upcoming Aldermanic Committee Meetings	6:30 PM	M/W/EBE Committee - CANCELED
11/21/2018		
11/26/2018	6:00 PM	Administration & Public

11/28/2018

6:00 PM

Works, Planning &  
Development and City  
Council  
Transportation & Parking  
Committee

11/28/2018

7:30 PM

Economic Development  
Committee - CANCELED