

Observer Report via TV

Committee: City Council

Observer: Jessica Feldman

Date: April 15, 2019

Meeting began: 6:10pm

Meeting Ended: 9:25pm

Council Members Present: All except Braithwaite (returning from NY hopes to make it but late. Arrived at 9pm.)

Staff Present: Seen: Kim Richardson; Johanna Leonard; Laurence Hemmingway; Police Chief Cook; Ike Ogbo; Hilary Beata; several others whose names not caught.

Media Present: Seen: EvanstonNow; NU

Mayor's Announcements: Read Proclamation honoring 125th Anniversary of founding of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church— about 8 members present including former alderman Holmes.

City Manager's Announcements: None

City Clerk's Communications: announced last day for mail in votes for Ridgeville Park District. Dan Coyne won run-off with Rob Rady.

Citizen Comment: 19 speakers signed up (one left prior to speaking). A few spoke on behalf of not selling Foster School bldg— Rose Johnson stood out because she has split her comments to the time allotted— began at the previous meeting said “continuing at this meeting ending “to be continued” I assume at the next meeting. One objected to Robert Crown timing and cost.

Topics raised by all other speakers: Harley Clark— don't sell; retain for public use; suggest a Citizen Review Board be included in RFP process; disrespect for residents; objections to “minimization” of role for citizens in making decisions; want more opportunity for Citizen Participation in decision making; objection to proposed changes in time for Public Comment; —only changing the order of the topics in their comments.

For Action

(I) Special Orders of Business

For Action

(SP1) Request for Proposal 19-29, Sale or Long-Term Lease of Harley Clarke Mansion and Coach House, 2603 Sheridan Road

The Request for Proposal will commence May 16, 2019, and will be open for nine- months with a deadline for proposal submissions by 2:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020. Extended energetic discussion about contents and focus of the RFP particularly re sale and/or long-term lease; including non-profit or government entities; length of time to submit proposals; accepting offer from Landmarks Illinois for assessment; agreement with Ald. Fleming's suggestion for including a Matrix for comparison purposes; extension of time for submission for proposals; requirement for inclusion of extensive public use component; significant agreement to include a citizens in RFP reviews.

After several motions and amendments moved and failed Alderman Revelle's motion accepting the original language plus addition of more tour dates, significant public use, and no sale option. Approved 5-3 with Aldermen Fleming, Fiske, and Rainey voting no. Ald. Fiske concerned if RFP doesn't include both lease or sale results will be the same as before –one response.

(SP2) Resolution 39-R-19, Temporary Traffic Signal at Central Street & Bryant Avenue During Central Street Bridge Construction. 8-

(SP3) City Council Goals

Discussed implementation of 2019-2020 City Council goals, specifically the following topics: "Enhance Community Development and Job Creation Citywide" and "Ensure Equity in All Operations." Kimberly Richardson "Ensure Equity in All Operations, emphasizing it is a process. In addition, Hilary Beata gave a presentation on the Open Data Report. The report detailed City's newly formed Data Governance team, how the Open Data Report is aligning data development with the City's goals and industry standards, and provided a "What Works Cities" Assessment. More information will be presented at the April 29th City Council mtg.

(SP4) Resolution 40-R-19, Amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," By Providing Guidelines for Public Comment at Standing Committees of the City Council

Adoption of Resolution 40-R-19, amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," by providing guidelines for Public Comment at Standing Committees of the City Council. P.&D will allow 45 minutes for public comment, and all other standing committees will allow 20 minutes for public comment. Approved 8-0.

(SP5) Resolution 41-R-19, Amending City Council Rule 9.6, "Committees" to Amend the Start Time for the Planning & Development Committee

Rules Committee and staff recommend City Council adoption of Resolution 41- R-19, amending City Council Rule 9.6, "Committees," to amend the start time for the P & D Committee from 7:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Approved 8-0.

(SP6) Resolution 43-R-19, Amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," By Providing Guidelines of Decorum During City Council and Standing Committee Meetings

City Manager recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 43-R-19, amending City Council Rule 6, "Citizen Participation," providing guidelines of decorum during City Council, standing committee and Ward meetings. It is important to consider these recommended revisions immediately, but the City Manager requests further discussion of additional, extensive revisions of the City Rules pertaining to decorum. Alderman Fleming strongly suggested need to educate public to management expectations. **Approved 8-0** with the understanding that more detailed rules will be presented for consideration at the June Rules Committee meeting. Alderman Braithwaite arrived; Alderman Rue Simmons left.

(II) After Call of the Wards Council moved into Executive Session.