

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present: Burns (Chair, Braithwaite, Kelly, Nieuwsma, Reid*, and Suffredin* (*electronically))

Staff Present: Stoneback, Nyden, Biggs, Luke (could have been the person sitting next to Burns), and Attorneys Ozuruigo and Cummings.

Meeting Began: 4:36pm

Meeting Ended: 6:20pm

Consent agenda approved for Action

A 1 Approval of BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card activity for period ending 8/26/21.

A 2 Approval of the Payroll, Bills List ad Credit Card Activity.

A 4 Approval of contracts with Alexander Chemical Corp., Carus Corp., and Univar Solutions for FY 22 water treatment chemicals.

A 5 Approval of service agreement for upgrades to five elevators at the Maple Ave. Garage with Otis Elevator Co.

A 6 Approval of Building automation service renewal agreement for HVAC systems for 2022-2024 with Schneider Electric.

A 9 Approval of contract with Equipment Management Co. for purchase of two sets of extrication equipment (i.e., rescue equipment).

A 10 Approval of change order No. 2 to the contract with Central Rug and Carpet Co. for Fire Station 4.

A 11 Approval of contract with Water Resources Inc. for FY 2021 and 2022 water meter purchases.

A 12 Approval of a contract with Bolder Contractors for the 30" transmission Main construction.

A 13 Approval of a contract with Alfred Benesch & Co. for construction engineering services associated with the 30" transmission Main Rehabilitation project.

A 14 Approval of contract with Benchmark Construction Co. - for large diameter sewer rehabilitation - Greenleaf St.

A 15 Approval of amendment No.1 to the contract with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc. for parking garage structural assessment.

A 16 Resolution 114-R-21, authorizing the Mayor to sign a local public agency agreement with the IL Dept. of Transportation for federal participation for the Green Bay Road Corridor improvement project phase II engineering.

A 17 Resolution 115-R-21, authorizing the City Manager to sign a local public Agency engineering services agreement with Kimley-Horn for the Green Bay Road corridor improvement project phase II engineering.

A 18 approval of increases in P.O. 2021-336 for \$25,000 for tennis program at Chandler-Newberger Community Center.

A 19 Resolution 121-R-21 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a 9 month renewal lease for Studio Space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center with Evanston Children's Choir.

A 20 Resolution 119-R-21 authorizing the City Manager to enter into 12 month lease for various studio spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

A 21 Resolution 122-R-21 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the grant agreement (4-16-21) between Cook County Dept. of Animal and Rabies control, Evanston Animal Shelter assoc. and the City.

A 22 (shown as A 10?) Approval of Building service renewal for HVAC systems at 16 city buildings for 2022-2024 with Schneider Electric.

Items off the Consent Agenda and approved for Action

A 3 Approval of parking garage rate amendments. Proposal is to eliminate 1st hour free (revenue increase of \$366,000 in a pandemic year and possibly as high as \$800,00 in a non-pandemic year) and make 1st hour cost \$1 or allow 1st half hour to be free, but if stay 1 hour, the rate would be \$1 for the 1st hour, and charge for Sunday parking and have several electric charging spots as well as a Tesla super charger (cost is \$300,000 and 2 thousand watts (?) - now in the works. Staff: good for the environment (would discourage driving), buildings are old and in need of repairs which this would help fund, churches/stores could validate parking (but then they pay a fee for each ticket). Kelly objected as the downtown needs help to recover, Wilmette is free and there is a quality of life to consider. Braithwaite stated we shouldn't compare Evanston to Wilmette. Reid noted that in less-frequented commercial areas outside of the downtown it is proposed to lower rates to make them more attractive, which would be good for his ward. Burns urged the item be moved along to Council and by the time it would be voted on staff could provide answers to some of the questions. The item was approved with Kelly and Nieuwsma voting nay.

A 7 Approval of elevator service agreement renewal with Otis Elevator Co. for the Civic Center, Service Center, Maple and Church parking garages for 2022-2024. Braithwaite asked that since we are exploring other spaces for the Civic Center, could we get out of the share of the Civic Center portion. Staff thought that would be possible and also added that even if it was determined to move, it might not happen in 3 years. Motion passed.

A 8 Approval of amendment #1 to the contract with Holabird and Root for architectural and engineering services for the Evanston Animal Improvements. Questions included why money is needed for: meetings with zoning when it is a replacement (it is in a unique zoning area that requires every new building to be reviewed and additionally after the brouhaha when the City opted to use a "municipal exemption" staff decided not to use that but go the normal route), for soil testing (not particularly because it is close to Trash Mtn. but was previously industrial), and costs increase during the pandemic. Kelly questioned the overall price of \$7 million, wanted to know what other cities costs are, thought it was high while we have humans that need services, and that the trend is to train people to foster strays rather than to house strays and that \$7 million is a lot of our ARPA funds when we don't have an overall plan. Motion passed with Kelly voting nay.

Items for Consideration Passed for Introduction to Council

A 22 Ordinance 121-O-21 amending the city code section 10-4-1 "Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places" and 10-4-2 "Obstructing Traffic". Staff thanked Mr. Hubbard for his comments and has given him his personal phone number so he can call and staff can get to problem quicker, especially when staff is just issuing tickets for expired meters or over time limit, when there is a more serious violation. Hubbard also pointed out that the proposed ordinance does not include a fine for parking in a bike lane. The fine for parking in in a crosswalk, etc would increase from \$55 to \$75 and might increase the revenue by \$59,000. Nieuwsma thought the increase was high. After some Robert's Rules with the help of Cummings, the ordinance was moved to Council where it could be held until some of the issues could be resolved.

A 23 Ordinance 122-O-21 amending various sections of City Code 10-11-12 "parking meter zones". Changes rates in under-utilized areas from \$2 per hour to \$.50 per hour and increases time limit to 12 hours (see discussion from A 3). Passed.