

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: Eight. Fiske absent.

Media present: Four. Evanston Now, Roundtable, Review, NU Daily

Meeting began: 8:40pm

Meeting ended: 10:20pm

Announcements. The Mayor announced that events were scheduled to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. A National Day of Racial Healing is scheduled for January 21. He presented members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority a proclamation recognizing their 100th birthday and their active civic service.

Public comment. 23 comments. 7 supported the resolution to prohibit nuclear weapons; 5 supported Kevin Brown and 1 supported the Youth Outreach program; 3 supported the zoning changes allowing more coach houses (Accessory Dwelling Units); 1 each for an against moratorium on condo deconversions; others supporting local business, encouraging owners to clear snow, Council responses to citizen comment, and citizen participation in search for new city manager.

Special Order of Business. (SP1) Discussion on Reparations Subcommittee. Mayor Hagerty asked aldermen to consider how to provide needed expertise for the reparations subcommittee to develop a plan. Rue Simmons suggested a need for expertise, in fund raising, or real estate. Others added other skills including legal knowledge. Discussion concurred on the value of adding Alderman Braithwaite to the committee, and noted that Deputy City Manager Kim Richardson is assisting. Desire was expressed to keep the committee nimble, so it was agreed that the committee would stay its current size, after the addition of Braithwaite, but would consult bankers, real estate experts, fund raisers, as needed. Professor Tillery, from Northwestern, has offered consultation on academic or other models. It was moved and seconded to add Peter Braithwaite to the committee; the motion passed.

Consent agenda. Council followed the new practice. Aldermen were asked to identify items to be removed from the consent agenda. 6 items were removed. The consent agenda was not read. It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

Remaining items. From **Administration and Public Works** it was moved and seconded to approve the payment of the BMO Harris Credit Card activity. The motion passed, 7-0, Suffredin abstaining. It was moved and seconded to approve a contract with GovHR to perform the executive search for a new City Manager. Most alderman participated in interviews. The motion passed, 6-2. Suffredin and Fleming voted no.

From **Planning and Development** it was moved and seconded to establish a three month moratorium on condo deconversions. The ordinance had proposed a six month moratorium, which had been reduced to three months in committee. Rainey said that the city had an obligation to assist residents who could be hurt by deconversions. Wilson argued that the city should consider how it might assist residents who felt threatened, but should not try to manage the private property market and should not approve a moratorium. The motion failed, 5 to 3. Rainey, Revelle and Rue Simmons voted no.

It was moved and seconded to grant a special use for a commercial indoor recreational facility, Born2win, at 2510 Greenbay Road, for Introduction. The motion passed, 7-0, Fleming abstaining.

It was moved and seconded to amend the Zoning Code to revise the definition and relevant regulations for coach houses (accessory dwelling units). The amendment will remove the height restrictions. The motion passed 7-0, Alderman Revelle abstaining.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn to executive session at 10:20pm.