

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Alders Present:** Braithwaite (chr.), Nieuwsma, Reid, Burns, Kelly

**Staff Present:** Stoneback, Biggs and Flax

**Meeting Began:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Ended:** 5:45 pm

### **Public Comment**

Sidewalks: (4) Compliment staff on the plan as it addresses the Climate Action Plan(2); need sidewalks throughout as to get to a park in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward family has to walk in the street for several blocks; need for seniors, disabled. Need to hire an additional worker for solid waste disposal. Opposed to parking at the lakefront (1). Beachfront needs more enforcement - life guard asked if he was an Evanston resident (he was not) but then told him to say he was if anyone else asked, dogs on the beach early in the morning, smoking and drinking.

### **Consent agenda approved for action**

\* Consent Agenda: (read mostly just the highlights)

**A 1** Approved bills, payroll and credit card purchases.

**A 2** Approve BMO Harris Amazon Credit card bill.

**A 3** Approve contract for a grit separator for \$39,900.

**A 4** Approve a contract for renovations at Fire Station 4 with Bodala/Central Rug and Carpet for \$104,975.

**A 5** Approve a contract to upgrade services for supervisory control and data acquisition for \$314,760.

**A 6** Approve a contract (7/1/21-12/31/24) for on-demand services for supervisory control and data acquisition.

**A 8** Approve the purchase of fuel from Warren Oil for one year not to exceed \$750,000.

**A 9** Approve the purchases of a new dump truck and a Ford truck for public works.

**A 10** Approve the extension of a Groot contract for commercial, business, institutional, and multi-family residential buildings.

### **Items off the Consent Agenda and approved for Action**

**A 7** Approve a one year renewal contract for citywide vending services. Kelly pulled it off to ask how long the city has used the vendor and was it put out for bid in a RFP. Staff was not available to answer those questions but would get the answers prior to Council meeting.

**A 11** Authorize an intergovernmental agreement with the Housing Authority of Cook County to request proposals for 504-14 South Blvd by 7/16/21. Flax explained that there must be at least 30% affordable units (HACC) and would prioritize bids with larger units for families. The bid could request the property be donated or purchased (with 20% tax credits). Everyone currently living in the buildings would be temporarily rehoused and then could return to the new construction. Nieuwsma commented that this meets the Climate Action Plan as the request includes space for a natural habitat. Kelly voted nay.

### **Item off the Consent Agenda and approved for Introduction and Action**

**A 12** Add a pilot parking program at various lakefront locations for cars without Evanston permits from 7/1/21-9/6/21. This would include purchase of parking stations (about \$80,000) and enforcement personnel for a total of \$106,000. The hourly charge would be \$3. After Kelly asked, the stations could be moved to other locations if the program doesn't work. Reid would like it subsidized and extend it to all Evanston residents. (?) Burns asked if someone could get a daily or seasonal rate.

### **Presentation and Discussion on Sidewalks**

Biggs' presentation included: by city code, maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner; the 50-50 program gets \$180,000 from GO bonds, \$70,000 from residents though the city pays all costs if parkway trees cause trouble and involves about 340 locations per year; planned developments are required to bring sidewalks up to code; about 17% or 19 miles of sidewalks need repair; fewer requests from wards 2 and 5 (some is covered by TIFs but there also could be private funding not available). Non-compliant with CARP: equity (cost, seniors, disabled, school children); there are gaps where no sidewalks exist but many would require tree removal, disruption to homeowners' yards; and gave 6 options for Council - staff is looking for direction. Because of timing Braithwaite limited members time to one minute: Braithwaite would like to prioritize making schools safe, Reid asked what the difference in costs were between repairs (now funding is at \$150,000 and should be at \$350,000) and gaps (funding should be \$300,000). Nieuwsma stated that from an equity lens sidewalk repair should be treated the same as street repair where city covers all costs.