

Observer Report
ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Monday, September 27, 2021

Start Time: 4:35

End Time: 5:35

In Attendance: Braithwaite (Chair), Neuwsma, Burns and Reid (Virtual for first 15 minutes)

Absent: Kelly

I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

II.

(M1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF August 9,/2021 and September 13, 2021

III. Public Comment

Two Speakers - First spoke about huge cost of sewer repair for houses on state roads, was looking for some relief – Second spoke about need for more robust citizen input for City Manager and Police Chief hiring

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Item IV Consent Calendar, are considered by the Committee to be routine and will be enacted in one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

FOR CONSENT AGENDA

FOR ACTION

(A1) Approval of BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card Activity

(A2) Approval of the City of Evanston Payroll and Bills and Credit Card Activity

(A4) Approval of a Contract with Thermosystems, Inc, /Dalkin Applied Americas, Inc for HVAC Improvement at the Evanston Water Utility Administrative Offices

(A5) Approval of Sole Source Contract Renewal with CDW for Cisco SmartNet Support Services

(A6) Purchase of an Ambulance for the Fire Department, Two Buses for Parks and Recreation Department, and Two Trucks and a forklift for the Public Works Agency

(A7) 2020 Single Audit Report

(A11) Resolution 84-R-21, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Chicago Outlining Responsibilities for Traffic Signals and Bus Shelters Along Howard Street

(A12) Resolution 91-R-21: Allocating \$850,000 in ARPA Funding to 2021 Equipment Replacements

FOR INTRODUCTION

(A14) Ordinance 87-O-21, Vacating East-West Alley South of 1815 Ridge Ave. to 1815 Ridge Avenue.

(A15) Ordinance 93-O-21, Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate the Sale of City Owned Real Property Located East of Central Park Ave, Between Grant Street and Payne Street.

(A16) Ordinance 96-O-21, Amending Title 4, Chapter 13 "Floodplain Regulations"

OFF CONSENT AGENDA But PASSED On After Discussion

(A9) Recommendations for the 2022 Sidewalk Improvement Program

Program changes recommended would provide sidewalk repair in areas that qualify for CDBG funds and in low-income areas where stakeholders may not be able to pay 50-50. If a resident wants their sidewalk done right away (now there is a huge backlog) they could pay the full 100% cost and have it done in the next fiscal year.

(A10) Resolution 90-R-21, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting to Conduct the City Manager Search for the City of Evanston

Reid thanked Neusma for leading the search for a search committee. Commented that this was the only firm who kept statics of diversity hiring. Neusma said this firm gets in depth stakeholder input which was a big plus but may not have a huge record of doing in depth outreach. No firm is perfect. This was the beast for our needs.

ITEMS HELD IN COMMITTEE

(A8) Request for Qualifications for Administrative Hearing Officers) RFQ 21-28

Hold request from Councilperson Braithwaite who would like more outreach. Since so many people before hearing officers are people of color, Braithwaite would like some diversity within hearing officers. All three recommended to council were white.

SHOULD NOT BE ON THIS AGENDA, ONLY ON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

(A13) Resolution 88-R-21 City of Evanston Commitments Concerning the Proposed Five-Fifths TIF District

Removed from Agenda Prior to Meeting

(A3) Approval of Evanston Cradle to Career Annual Payment

FOR ACTION

C1. Lakefront Parking Pilot Program Update and Request to Expand Program

Continue pilot and talk to Council Persons whose wards fall into this program to see how it is going

D1. Sewer Service Repair Cost

Discussion of whether the city should have a fund to help people who have very high sewer repair costs because they live on state owned roads. Stone beck did not recommend city help pay. Said no way to know how many people would need help as city's sewers are so old. Committee asked for more information and held it.