

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: All

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

Deputy Clerk Gomez filled in for Clerk Reid

Meeting began: 8:10

Meeting ended: 10:50

Announcements. The Mayor announced recognition of D & D Finer Foods on its 40th anniversary; National Community Planning Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month; 50th Anniversary of Meals at Home; and Fire Prevention Week.

The City Manager introduced Lawrence Hemingway who reported on the successful Summer Programs, including recognition of the successful Theater on Ice teams. Deputy Clerk Gomez read a statement on the importance of the Hispanic community in Evanston.

Public comment. 28 speakers. 8 supported affordable housing (from Reclaim Evanston); 5 supported arts spending; 5 supported Harley Clarke; 3 supported Foster School; 2 expressed concern about the budget; 1 supported West Side library; 1 expressed concern about pension payments; 1 supported Robert Crown and the fundraising effort; 1 spoke in Spanish asking support for Latinx community; 1 expressed concern about a report of harassment by city staff.

Special Order of Business (SP1) Request to access Harley Clarke Mansion prior to Preservation Commission Hearing. Alderman Revelle requested that the Preservation Commission be allowed to enter and evaluate the Harley Clarke mansion prior to their meeting on October 23 to consider the appropriateness of its demolition. Alderman Fiske said that a decision has been made with an MOU to negotiate demolition and access has not been allowed before. Wilson said because this is city owned property transparency is important and access should be allowed. The motion to allow access to the Preservation Commission only was approved 9 – 0.

Alderman Revelle then moved to allow Landmarks Illinois to enter and inspect Harley Clarke. Alderman Fiske said this is not an Evanston group and their entrance would be inappropriate. The motion failed 5-4, with Fiske, Rainey, Fleming, Rue Simmons and Suffredin voting no.

Consent agenda. Alderman Rue Simmons introduced the consent agenda from Administration and Public Works. Minutes; Payroll; Bills. The motion to approve passed 9 – 0. Rue Simmons introduced Amazon credit card bills. The motion to approve passed 8 – 0, Alderman Suffredin abstaining.

Acceptance and filing of Fiscal Year 2017 Single Audit Report; Acceptance and filing January 1, 2018 Actuarial Report for Police and Fire Pension Funds; Approval of Three-Year Agreement to provide collection services; Approval of contract for landscape architectural and engineering services related to the Garden Park Renovation Project; Approval of the contract for 2018 CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation Contract B; Approval of contract to purchase and plant 199 trees and purchase and delivery of 85 trees to be planted by Forestry Division; Approval of one year

Extension for Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services; Approval of sidewalk café permit for Beer on Central, 1930 Central Street; Approval of five year lease for 80 Pay Stations to replace aging parking meters throughout the city; Approval to ratify past practice for Eligibility of on-street residential parking permits and to direct City Manage to codify the city code to reflect the same; Approval of Special Event Permit Application from the Last Call Tavern Group to host a University of Michigan alumni event on September 29, 2018; Approval of professional services contract with Connelly's Academy for the City Martial Arts program at Levy Center; Approval of professional services agreement with Chicago Fencing Club for the City Fencing Program at Chandler-Newberger Center; Approval of agreement with the Youth Job Center to provide not less than 20 disconnected and unemployed youth with a career pathway plan and supportive services; Approval of agreement with the James B. Moran Center to provide legal services for not less than 15 young Evanston residents; Approval of grant awards to fund and operate a senior meal program at the Levy Senior Center and Fleetwood Jourdain Community Center; Authorizing grant awards to fund and operate the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; Approval of lease renewal with U S Postal Service for parking in City Parking Garage; Approval of Easement Agreement for a three foot fence at 2222 Simpson Street along McCormick Blvd; Approval of Ordinance Dissolving the Washington National Tax Increment Financing District effective December 31, 2018 (Introduction); Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the CTA for the modernization of the CTA Purple Line in Evanston with a focus on the Davis Street Station with a local match contribution from the Washington National TIF (Introduction).

From **Planning and Development** Alderman Wilson introduced Approval of Vacation Rental License for 1614 Main Street, Unit A; Approval of Vacation Rental License for 1033 Cleveland Street, Unit 1; Approval of amending Title 5, Chapter 7 of the "Inclusionary Housing" ordinance (Introduction); Approval of amending the Zoning Ordinance to modify parking requirements for dormitories and fraternity and sorority houses to reduce the total required parking spaces on Northwestern's campus from 4,096 spaces to 3,493 spaces; Approval of amending Zoning Ordinance to allow Brew Pubs as a Special Use in the MXE Mixed Use Employment District; Approval of a special use permit for a Banquet Hall and Brew Pub with Zoning variations for Double Clutch Brewing Company at 2119-2125 Ashland Avenue; Approval of Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant Kilwins Chocolates, 1724 Sherman Avenue.

From **Economic Development** Alderman Braithwaite introduced approval of funding through the Howard-Ridge TIF for holiday lights from November to April for Howard Street.

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 9 – 0.

From **Administration and Public Works**. Alderman Rue Simmons presented Approval of Increased Allocation for Supplemental Plan Review and Building Inspection Service Contract due to a prolonged vacancy in City staff. The motion passed 7 – 2, with Suffredin and Fleming voting no. She then presented proposed modifications to City Code related to Snow Routes and Snow Emergency Regulations. Alderman Fleming asked city staff to work to clarify and communicate changes to city residents. The motion passed 9 – 0.

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Wilson explained that a motion to consider a vacation license for 1918 Jackson Avenue was held in committee. He then presented approval of zoning variations at 348 Custer Avenue. Alderman Rainey protested the requirement that the basement apartment be affordable. Wilson moved to amend to strike the section requiring an

affordable unit. The motion to amend was approved by voice vote. Rainey asked for suspension of the rules allowing introduction and action. The motion to introduce and act was approved 9 – 0. Wilson presented an ordinance to authorize zoning variations at 2415 Wade Street for introduction. The motion passed 8 – 0 with Rue Simmons abstaining. Wilson presented the granting of Landmark Status to the building and lot at 2010 Dewey Avenue, the Foster School building. Rue Simmons moved to suspend the rules for introduction and action, but Wilson objected because the owner was not present to address the issue. The suspension of rules failed. The motion to introduce passed 9 – 0.

Call of wards. Alderman Revelle described a meeting she and the Mayor had with a representative of MWRD expressing strong disapproval to a motion before MWRD to approve an easement across the 10th hole of the golf course at Isabella Woods that would damage the environment and wet lands area.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.