

Observer. Betty Hayford

Council members present. All, including Fleming for last meeting.

Meeting started. 7:30

Meeting ended. 9:20

Announcements. Mayor Biss announced North Shore Village Network Day and outlined the contributions of North Shore Village Network to the community. He also recognized the value of the contributions to Council and to Evanston from Council Member Fleming as she attended her final meeting, and presented her with a plaque.

The City Manager introduced Edgar Cano, Director of Snow Removal Division, who described the excellent and hard work service of his team and announced the receipt of an award for excellence in snow and ice control.

Public comment. 3 comments. 2 supported funds for ASPIRE work force development program in medical fields, and the opportunities for students not going to college right after ETHS. 1 expressed concern about emphasis of City Manager search firm that seemed to rely too heavily on metrics which might not allow appropriate flexibility.

Special orders of business. (SP1) Amending City Council Rules to Require Members of City Boards, Commissions, Committees to be Vaccinated or Test Negative in Advance of any In-person meetings.

Reid moved to amend it to change 24 hour period to 7 days. Cummings pointed out that Council requirement was 24 hours and ordinances should be consistent. The Mayor suggested the amendment was out of order. A muddled discussion followed about Council meetings and less frequent BCC meetings. Reid pointed out that some council members attended multiple meetings. Health Director Ogbo pointed out that the proposed amendment was not in alignment with previous Council discussions. The amendment failed 3-6, with Kelly, Reid and one other member voting in favor.

Reid proposed another amendment, to establish an end-point for the requirement, such as linking it to the Governor's mandate. Ogbo explained that the City requirement was not dependent on the Governor's mandate. The City requirements do not have end points and will be ended when conditions warrant. After the Mayor's question about whether he proposed an amendment, Reid said he did not propose an amendment.

The motion to approve SP1 without amendments passed, 9-0.

(SP2) to approve an engagement letter with Stanton Chase to conduct a search for City Manager. The motion passed 9-0 with no discussion.

Consent agenda. Items were removed from the consent agenda: A2, A14, A15, ED1. Item P1 was not forwarded by the Committee. The consent agenda passed 9-0.

A2. Approval of BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card Activity. The motion passed 8-0 with Suffredin abstaining.

A14 and A15 were both related to liquor licenses. At the Mayor's suggestion, Braithwaite moved to suspend the rules to allow Introduction and Action on both items. Reid objected and said that A14 was a

policy change and had not gone to Referrals Committee. Revelle said this matter relates to the American Legion restaurant/bar, and it is not a policy change, but was a reversion to the previous policy . It has been reviewed by the Liquor Commission. The Mayor called for a vote to suspend the rules. Reid voted no and the motion failed. Revelle said this is a time sensitive matter because the current license needs to be renewed. The Mayor asked Reid what his objection is and Reid responded that he has the right to vote no. He believes this is a policy change and needs to go to Referrals Committee. Nieuwsma moved to introduce A14 to change the requirements of Class S Liquor license holders, for Introduction. The motion passed 9-0.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules for A15, to increase the number of Class I Liquor License holders from 2 to 3 for Dollop General Store and Café at 1508 Sherman Avenue. The motion to suspend the rules passed 9-0. The motion to approve the motion for Introduction and Action passed 9-0.

ED1. Approval of Economic Development Committee's recommendation that City Council approve \$200,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the proposed ASPIRE-Evanston Community Healthcare Workforce Development Program. The funding would match an investment proposed by Northshore University Health System.

Fleming said she was confused by the overall plan for ARPA funds and the city needs a more comprehensive plan for workforce development. The City Manager said staff is working on a comprehensive plan for workforce development. Suffredin said he would vote no tonight and wait for a comprehensive plan. Reid said the spending of ARPA funds was not systematic. Nieuwsma agreed that he would prefer a clearer plan but this is a good project and it is time to move forward. Revelle pointed out that the Economic Development Committee had reviewed this and other proposals, and was strongly in support of this program. Braithwaite provided a passionate summary of the extensive review by the Economic Development Committee and urged moving forward. Wynne argued that Council had agreed on basic "buckets" for ARPA funds including economic development and workforce development. It is important for Council to support this project and there is no benefit from further debate. City Manager Gandurski explained that city staff is working to draw up a more comprehensive plan but Council has agreed on the various "buckets." The City has not yet been able to hire an ARPA manager and is working to recruit a number of key staff members.

The motion to approve funds for ASPIRE passed 5-4. Kelly, Burns, Suffredin, Fleming voted no.

Call of the wards. Various meetings were announced.

At 9:20, Council adjourned to Executive Session.