

**Observer:** Betty Hayford

**Aldermen present:** all

**Meeting began:** 6:20 pm

**Meeting ended:** 8:50 pm

It was moved, seconded and approved to suspend the rules and conduct the meeting virtually.

**Announcements.** Mayor Hagerty announced that the search for City Manager was advancing. 70 applications had been received. City Council reviewed the applications in Executive Session and selected four applicants to interview. The public will have an opportunity to meet them. He provided an update on Covid, stating that the situation was quite positive, and Northwestern was doing extensive testing with low positive rates. ETHS students had developed a creative contest to encourage mask wearing. The City Clerk provided on-going information about voting procedures.

**Public comment.** 17 comments. Strong support for re-zoning blocks on Orrington to prevent predatory landlords; some opposition; support for ADUs and affordable housing; 1 opposition to amusement tax; 1 for and 1 against accepting appeal to Preservation Commission denial on 2404 Ridge; 1 appreciation for naming Black Lives Matter Way.

**Special Order of Business. (SP1) Appeal of Preservation Commission Denial at 2404 Ridge.** Alderman Braithwaite moved to hear the appeal. No one seconded. The motion failed and appeal was denied.

**Consent agenda.** The Mayor asked aldermen to remove items they wished to discuss from the Consent Agenda. Following the removals, Alderman Rue Simmons moved the approval of the Consent Agenda, including three sets of minutes. The consent agenda passed 9-0.

Alderman Rue Simmons explained that (A5), Creating a Provisional Moratorium on Tenant Evictions was removed by A & PW for more consideration. She introduced (A8), Designating Harbart Park as Harbart Payne Park. Alderman Braithwaite asks to hold the item until October 12 in order to discuss the change with the family.

(A10) Designating Dodge Avenue Between Church and Lake with the Honorary Name sign "Black Lives Matter Way. Alderman Braithwaite expressed his appreciation for this important step. Alderman Rue Simmons agreed that this step provides important support for anti-racism, and expressed thanks to Coach Ellis and the basketball team for their work. The motion passed 9-0.

(A11) Amending the Amusement Tax to include online streaming services, for Introduction. Alderman Suffredin said he would abstain because he has a client who could be affected. Alderman Fleming said she opposed any new taxes at this time. The motion passed, 7-1, Fleming opposed, Suffredin abstaining.

(A15) Amending the City Code Providing for an Infrastructure Maintenance Fee. Kuma Jensen explained that the measure related to electrical service and will provide savings to the City. The motion passed, 8-1, Fleming voting no. (A16) Allowing the Imposition of a Franchise Service Administrative Fee. Jensen explained this is related to the previous item, and will provide a small saving to small consumers of electricity and large customers will pay slightly more. Fleming expressed doubts about the measure and voted no. The measure passed 8-1.

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Wynne presented (P1), Renewal of contract for Landlord-Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization for landlord-tenant services. Sarah Flax explained that this measure will provide services through December 31, 2021, and the Organization has extensive experience. Fleming asked for assurance that the contract has value. The motion passed 9-0.

(P2) Approving the Subdivision of 2404 Ridge Avenue was tabled until November 9.

(P4) Granting a map amendment at 1910-1946 Orrington and 714-716 Foster Street to rezone from R4 to R1 Single family district. Alderman Fiske moved to amend by removing the Foster Street property. The amendment passed 9-0. Alderman Fiske said the problem was not caused by students but by absentee landlords. Rue Simmons said the problem should not be addressed with zoning, but with inspection and property standards. The motion failed 4-5. Revelle,, Rainy, Fiske, and Wynne voted for.

(P5) Revising the Zoning Ordinance to create Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Revelle excused herself from voting because of participation on the EDC. The motion passed 7-0, Revelle abstaining, Fiske absent.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:50.