

Observer Report

Council or Committee: Rules

Date: 3/2/20

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present: Fleming (chr.), Wildon, Rue-Sim ons, Suffredin, Revelle, Rainey, Braithwaite (6:45) and Haggerty.

Staff Present: Richardson, attorney.

Media Present: Evanston Now, Roundtable, Dailey.

No. Of Citizens in Attendance: about 8

Meeting Began. 6:08 pm

Meeting Ended: 7:10 pm

Public Comment: 1) all proposals for City Mgr. should be available to the public and start the meetings on time, 2) Harley Clark schedule is too rushed, need wide diversity in evaluation group, 3) city frequently doesn't follow its own rules, get more dialogue with the public, and 4) does city code allow for citizens to participate in setting the agenda?

For Action

Title 1, Chapter 8, "City Manager" was amended to require that 7 votes are needed to fire a city manager (previously was a majority).

For Discussion

- * Review Committee for Harley Clarke - after discussion it was determined that the city will stay with staff review of submitted proposals for appropriateness and there would need to be one or more special Council meetings.
- * Citizen Resolutions on Council agenda - Resolutions should be limited to ones that impact Evanston (not the state or federal governments). They could also be in support of groups the city belongs to, such as Mayors for Peace. All need to be vetted.
- * Council Meeting Schedule - Revert to two meetings a month; use the 3rd Monday as needed but it would be an added meeting, not on schedule; no meetings on the 5th Monday.
- * Change starting time of APW and PD - Stay as is since too many work and wouldn't be able to arrive by 5:30. Suffredin suggested to start the meetings promptly.
- * Elected officials access to city newsletter mailing list - Citizens sign up to get city newsletter and can opt to get ward newsletters as well. It was determined that the privacy of those people who sign up to get ward newsletters shall not be given to the aldermen. Staff (IT) will come up with a plan plus the city only has email addresses and not names. May come back to this after IT suggestions
- * Mayoral elections process - Trouble with filing dates as in the last election. Wilson suggested this be held until the results of the referendum are available.