

Observer: Jessica Feldman

Meeting began: 8:05pm

Meeting Ended: 9:15pm

Aldermen Present/Absent: Absent: Aldermen Rue Simmons and Cecily Fleming who are attending meeting of League of Cities in Washington, DC.

Staff Present: Morient Hernandez, Fellow taking Action Minutes of meetings; Ericka Storlie.

Media Present: Evanston RoundTable and Evanston Review: unidentified photographer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call– Begin with Alderman Revelle

Mayor Public Announcements– Friday State of City speech on City website.

City Manager Public Announcements– Farewell to Corporation Counsel, W. Grant Farrar

Communications: City Clerk –Early voting 9-7 M-F; 9-4 Sat; 10-4 Sun 1500 voted.

Public Comment 5 speakers – 1 spoke on behalf of homeless opposing the panhandling ordinance; 1 said a 10 year contract is too long; City needs to rethink sale of City asset Library parking lot; 1 supported A3.1 Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program and opposed \$1 increase in senior/disabled taxicab fare; President of Evanston Lake House and Gardens spoke in support of agreement for lease of Harley Clarke Mansion. 1 spoke about “disparity of how lake front property owners are treated as opposed to everyone else.”

Special Orders of Business

For Introduction

(SP1) Ordinance 42-O-18, Lease of City-Owned Property Located at 2603 Sheridan Rd. to Evanston Lake House and Gardens

The lease is for 40 years and ELHG will be required to raise \$2 million in funding over three years and then make code-related improvements to the mansion, opening the property for public use by May 2023. A two-thirds majority of City Council is required to adopt Ordinance 42-O-18.

This item drew prolonged discussion: (Aldermen Fiske and Wilson) serious misgiving about project uncertainty about ability to meet funding benchmark currently have only \$1K of the \$2M goal; should have fundraising earlier in process; (Ericka Storlie) City would maintain for first couple of years. (Alderman Rainey) group needs to have insurance from moment lease is signed before the first contractor sets foot into the bldg; will they have full occupancy while fixing up; (Alderman Suffredin) what happens if project stall out what if benchmark funding is not achieved; will group have access to site before funding goal is met. Introduction only so aldermen voted 7-0 with item to be on April 9 agenda.

Consent Agenda and Report of Standing Committees: Administration & Public Works– Alderman Rainey

Planning & Development– Alderman Wynne

Economic Development– Alderman Rainey

CONSENT AGENDA

(M1) Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 26, 2018.

For Action

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting was cancelled for lack of quorum: Aldermen Rue Simmons and Fleming in DC at League of Cities. CC voted on each item of this part of Consent Agenda.

For Action

(A1) Payroll – February 5, 2018 through February 18, 2018 **\$3,309,410.71**

Vote 7-0

(A2.1) Bills List – March 13, 2018 **\$2,946,656.87**

Credit Card Activity (not including Amazon purchases)

Period Ending January 31, 2018

Bank of America

\$154,726.19

BMO

~~\$3,642.38~~

\$3629.40

Vote 7-0

(A2.2) Amazon Credit Card Activity –ending January 31, 2018 **~~\$12,469.91~~**

Vote 6-0 Alderman Suffredin recused **\$12,482.89**

(A3.1) Pilot Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program

Pilot Landlord Rehabilitation Assistance Program to support improvements and repairs for rental units that are committed to be rented to households earning 60% of AMI.

(A3.2) Sidewalk Café Application for Pono Ono Poke at 1630 Chicago Avenue

The sidewalk café will consist of three tables with four seats each for a seating capacity of 12. The café will operate 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily.

(A3.3) Sole Source Purchase of Cisco Systems Network Switches

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to purchase Cisco Systems Network Switches from Sentinel Technologies, Inc. (2550 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515). The cost of the hardware, software, and support/maintenance is \$304,029 and will be paid over three years. The three-year payment plan is facilitated by Cisco Systems Capital Corporation (De Lage Landen Public Finance, LLC).

(A3.4) 2018 Special Events Calendar

This year’s calendar includes four new events: a marshmallow drop at James Park, the Evanston Green Ball at the Ladd Arboretum, a two date concert series at Canal Shores and a two date block party on Dempster, between Chicago and Hinman.

(A3.5) One-Year Contract Extension with J.A. Johnson Paving Company for Pavement Patching

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year contract extension for pavement patching with J.A. Johnson Paving Company (1025 E. Addison Ct., Arlington Heights, IL) in the amount of \$600,000.

(A3.6) One-Year Single Source Contract for Purchase of Concrete from Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete Inc.

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year single source contract for the purchase of concrete and flowable fill with Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete Inc. (2222 South Lumber Street, Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$42,500.

(A3.7) One-Year Single Source Contract for Purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt from Builders Asphalt

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year single source contract for the purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt with Builders Asphalt (4413 Roosevelt Rd. Suite 108, Hillside, IL 60162) in the amount of \$43,300

(A3.8) Contract with Landscape Concepts Management, Inc. for the 2018 Green Bay Road Landscape Maintenance

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the 2018 Green Bay Road Landscape Maintenance contract to the low bidder, Landscape Concepts Management, Inc., (31745 Alleghany Rd., Grayslake, IL, 60030) in the amount of \$27,744.00.

(A3.9) Contract Renewal for Mowing Services with Cleanslate Chicago, LLC

Staff recommends City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a renewal contract award for the 2018 Mowing Services to the low bidder, Cleanslate Chicago, LLC (1540 South Ashland, Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$28,875.00.

(A3.10) Fourth Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017

Staff recommends City Council accept and place the Fourth Quarter Financial Report for FY 2017 on file.
Accept and Place on File

(A4) Resolution 16-R-18, Increasing the Total Fiscal Year 2017 Budget by \$1,100,000 to a New Total of \$324,842,986

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution 16-R-18, amending the 2017 Budget by \$1,110,000 to a new total of \$324,842,986.

(A5) Resolution 11-R-18, Motor Fuel Tax Funds Use for Roadway Resurfacing Project

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolution 11-R-18 authorizing the City Manager to sign an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for Improvements to Various Evanston Streets. This will allow the use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 for street resurfacing. Funding will be provided from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (Fund 200), which has a total Budget of \$1,508,678, FY 2018 budget allocation of \$1,200,000.

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Resolutions 12-R-18, 14-R-18 & 15-R-18 authorizing the City Manager to sign a "Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways" in order to transfer funds previously allocated from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund to the General Fund for the General Maintenance of Streets. Resolution 12-R-18 refers to the transfer of \$833,000 in 2016; Resolution 14-R-18 refers to the transfer of \$957,990 in 2017; and Resolution 15-R-18 refers to the transfer of \$957,990 in 2018.

(A6) Resolution 12-R-18, 2016 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets

(A7) Resolution 14-R-18, 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets

(A8) Resolution 15-R-18, 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Funds Transfer for General Maintenance of Streets For Introduction

(A9) Ordinance 27-O-18, Lease of Room Space at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center to the League of Women Voters

The lease will be from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2021 for first floor space (Room 1030) at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center. The monthly rent will be \$240 with a 1% increase each year.

(A10) Ordinance 18-O-18, Amending City Code Section 1-17-1, Adding Subsection "Contractor Debarment, Suspension and Prohibited Contracts"

This Ordinance codifies a procedure to debar or suspend contractors for just cause. Debarred or suspended contractors may not bid, propose, be awarded to.

~~**(A11) Ordinance 38-O-18 Amending City Code Section 3-17-9 Regarding Senior Citizen/Persons with Disabilities Taxicab Program**~~

~~City staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 38-O-18 which amends Title 3, Chapter 17-9 regarding Senior Citizen/Persons with Disabilities Taxicab Program. Amendment includes: an increase in the participant share from four dollars (\$4.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) and changing the boundaries of the program to within the corporate boundaries of Evanston. **Staff recommends suspension of the Rules for Introduction and Action at the March 12, 2018 City Council meeting. For Introduction and Action** Alderman Rainey sent back to Committee~~

(A12) & Ordinance 36-O-18, Decreasing the Number of Class C-1 Liquor Licenses from one to zero &

(A13) Increasing the Number of Class C Liquor Licenses from 25 to 26 and permit issuance of Class C for La Macchina Café at 1620 Orrington Ave

A-14 –A-15 Off Consent Agenda and Sent Back to Committee approved 7-0

~~**(A14) Ordinance 33-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class F-2 Liquor License**~~
Local Liquor Commissioner and staff recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 33-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class F-2 Liquor License for a retail liquor dealer/gourmet food and amenity store.

~~**(A15) Ordinance 31-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class X Liquor License**~~
Local Liquor Commissioner recommends City Council to adopt Ordinance 31-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class X Liquor License. Ordinance 31-O-18 was prepared to allow arts and crafts studios the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption.

(A16) Ordinance 34-O-18, Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program.

This ordinance authorizes the City to borrow up to \$25,000,000 for the construction of the Clearwell 9 Replacement Project. The debt service will be paid from the Water Fund.

(A17) Ordinance 11-O-18, Amending City Code Title 1, Chapter 11 to Update Operational Functions with the Finance Division

City staff recommends City Council adoption of Ordinance 11-O-18 which amends Title 1, Chapter 8 of the City Code to reflect current City operations with respect to the Finance Division.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For Introduction

(P1) Ordinance 39-O-18, Granting Major Zoning Relief for a new 2-story, 134,200 square foot Community Center at 1801 Main St., the New Robert Crown Community Center

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 39-O-18 granting major zoning relief to construct a 2-story, 134,200 sq. ft. community center (with ice rinks, gymnasium, public library, preschool, multi- purpose rooms) and exterior site work including new parking lot, athletic fields and landscaping in the OS Open Space District.

~~**(P2) Ordinance 40-O-18, Amending the City Code, “Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards: General Provisions” Relating to Front Porches**~~

The Plan Commission and staff recommend approval of Ordinance 40-O-18 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the required front yard setback for porches in order to allow front porches with a usable depth without the need for zoning relief. Held in Committee

(P3) Ordinance 12-O-18: Amending City Code Title 4, Chapter 13, “Floodplain Regulations”

Staff recommends City Council approval of Ordinance 12-O-18, amending portions of Title 4, Chapter 13 of the Evanston City Code, “Floodplain Regulations.” Staff is proposing amendments that would strengthen regulations addressing permit review and construction concerns on lakefront restoration projects. This item drew discussion with Ald. Revelle being the most supportive.

Final vote

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For Action

(O1) Applications for the Evanston Great Merchants Grant Program

Staff and the Economic Development Committee seek City Council approval to provide financial assistance through the Great Merchants Grant Program, totaling \$56,290.50, to seven Evanston business district areas and associations:

Central Street Business Association– \$10,000.00;

West End Business Association– \$10,000.00;
Howard Street Business Association– \$10,000.00;
West Village Business Association– \$6,241.90;
Dr. Hill Arts Business Association– \$10,000.00;
Central Evanston Business Association– \$9,823.60; and
Black Business Consortium of Evanston North Shore– \$225.00 (reimbursement).
Staff recommends utilizing funding from the Economic Development Business District Improvement Program.

(O2) Applications for the Entrepreneurship Support Program

Staff and Economic Development Committee support approval of financial assistance through the Entrepreneurship Support Program totaling \$6,779 for the following Evanston businesses:
Pop Pour Sip– \$2,484;
Fresh Prints– \$1,795; and
Agortles Dessert Shop– \$2,500.

(O3) Storefront Modernization Program Application for 1101 Howard Street

Staff and Economic Development Committee support approval of financial assistance through the Storefront Modernization Program for façade renovation of 1101 Howard Street in an amount not to exceed \$14,000 for installation of new windows, entry door, and glass. Funding will be from Economic Development Business District Improvement Fund. The approved Fiscal Year 2018 Budget allocated a total of \$250,000 for this account to fund both the Storefront Modernization and Great Merchant Grant programs.

(O4) 13-R-18, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Economic Development Grant Agreement with BLUE1647

Authorizes the City Manager to execute an Economic Development grant agreement with Blue 1647 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to help facilitate job creation opportunities for primarily low- and moderate-income Evanston residents in information technology fields of work. For FY2018, The City Council approved a budget of \$100,000. No funding approved from this account to date.

Call of the Wards– Alderman Suffredin referred to Rules to consider committee meetings; “do we need so many meetings and so many committees.”

Executive Session– Alderman Wilson stated since the only item is Minutes there is no need for an Executive session so the meeting was adjourned.