

**Observer Report
City Council
Monday, November 25, 2019**

Start Time: 7:45 PM

End Time: 10:47 PM

In Attendance: Fiske, Wilson, Rainey, Revelle, Suffredin, Rue Simmons Wynne, and Braithwaite. Fleming was a little late.

Media: Evanston NOW plus three or four others.

Staff: All Department Heads

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEARING:

Downtown Evanston SSA #4 Re Establishment, Central Street Designation #7 and #8.

Public Comment:

Four speakers: 3 speakers representing many business owners in favor of SSA in their SSA area.. First speaker was angry, upset and against SSA on Central Street. Thought it was un-American, property taxes and this additional tax is causing his family great financial problems. Interrupted others when they spoke. Presentation said it adds about \$500 to an owner who has 1800 square feet, is passed to store owner if owner is not the same, is used for decorations, marketing, beautification or area. Owners ask for this to alleviate each owner having to do their own.

City Council Meeting

Public Comment: 26 Speakers (see e-mail)

Special Order of Business

**SP1: Application for Appeal to the City Council of Preservation
Commission Decision Denying Certificate of Appropriateness for 1040
Hinman Avenue to Install Panels on the Roof**

Reversed 9-0

Petitioner was allowed to present his case. IT was very strong showing slides of other homes in the historic district that were not landmark homes that had been approved. Argues that this decision flew in the face of the Climate Action Committee (CARP). Alderman discussed the conflict between the two and Fiske stated CARP had to permeate all committees like Equity focus was doing.

SP2 Resolutuion 126-R-19 Establishing a City of Evanston Funding Source Devoted to Local Reparations Passed 8-1 Suffredin voted no.

Alderman stated this was a HISTORIC VOTE and I agree. At League of Cities Conference no other city was doing this, just talking about issue. One speaker in public comment said that this was done without recriminations or divisiveness of community. How true.

M1: Approval of Minutes from Special City Council Meeting 10/26/2019 and City Council Meeting of 11/11,2019.

SP3: Ordinance 99-o-19 Adding Section 20 to Establish the “Adult Use of Cannabis Retailer’s Occupation Tax and amended to add money to go to Reparations Fund. Pulled from consent agenda but after discussion passed. 8-1 Suffredin voted no.

SP4: Ordinance 136-o-19, 2019 City Evanston Tax Levy Pulled from consent agenda but later passed 7-2 with Fleming and Suffredin voted no.

SP5: Ordinance 137-O-19 General Assistance 2019 Tax Levy Passed 9-0

SP6: Ordinance 138-O-19, Evanston Library Fund Tax levy. Pulled from Consent Agenda but after discussion passed 6-3 Rainey, Fleming and Suffredin voted no.

SP7, 8: Ordinance 139-O-19 and 140-O-19 Reestablished Special SSA #9 and SSA #6. Passed 9-0

SP9: Ordinance 147-O-19 Administrative Tow Penalty Passed 9-0

SP10: Approval of Fiscal Year Budget Pulled from consent agenda but after discussion passed 7-2. Fleming and Suffredin voted no.

SP11: Add Fire Department Emergency Incident Cost Recovery Fees Passed 9-0

SP12: Amending Amusement tax from 4% to 5%. Passed 9-0

SP13: Amending Various Chapters of the Title 10 Motor Vehicles and traffic Regarding Parking Violations Passed 9-0

Consent Agenda for A&PW

For Action: Contract Extension for Third Party Administration of General Liability and Worker's Compensation Claims, Contract with Hacienda Landscaping for Harbert Park Renovations (removed from consent agenda but then passed 8-0; Wynne stepped out for

a minute and did not vote), Contract award for Terra Engineering for McCulloch Park Renovations Project, Contract award with Motorola Solutions for Police Radio and 911 Phone System Upgrade, Contract with Kandu Construction for Fire Station #1 for BUnk Room renovations, Contract with SP+ Municipal Services for Management and Operation of 3 self-park Facilities, Contract Renewal with Amita Behavioral Health for Mental Health Services, Sole Source Purchase of Laptop Vending Machine for Robert Crown Community Center Library Branch, Change order #1 for Sewer Rehabilitation Contract B, Resolution Agreement for City wide Rodent Control with Rose Pest Solutions, Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Sign a Local Agency Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation for Howard Street Resurfacing Project and Agreement with City of Chicago, Establishment of SSA #7, Termination of SSA#4 and re-establishment of SSA#9, Tax Levy for Proposed East Central Street SSA#7, Establishing SSA#8, Tax Levy for Proposed West Central Street SSA#8, Amending Sections of Title 10 chapter 11 Parking Meter Zones (NO METERED PARKING ON SUNDAY'S), Lease Agreement with Enterprise Rent a Car for space in Maple Street Garage, Class D Liquor License for Neighborhood Grill (removed from consent agenda but later passed 9-0), Approval of First Amendment to Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for Howard and Ridge, Designating First Amended Howard and Ridge Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation and Redevelopment Act, Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Amended Howard and Ridge Redevelopment Area, Amending City Code Section of City Waterworks System "Charges, Rates, Fees, and Penalties, Amending City Code Section to Decrease Sewer User Rates, Amending Various Sections pertaining to Parking on Simpson Street, Amending Portions of the City Code Following the Enactment of Illinois Cannabis Regulation, Amending Chapter 10 of City Code of Ethics (pulled from consent agenda to revise two sections then passed 9-0) Amending City Code Municipal Solid Waste Hauling License (pulled from consent agenda but later passed 9-0), and finally Amending City code classification and License Fees to Add Class R-1 to the Liquor Code (pulled from consent agenda to add additional criteria including days, hours, containers, what kind of alcohol etc. Passed for Introduction, will come back to A&PW for Action with revisions).

Consent Agenda

For Introduction:

P1: Ordinance for Major Zoning Relief to locate required parking more than 1000 feet for Multi-Family Residence at 1570 Oak Ave.

P2: Ordinance Amending the Municipal Use Exemption in Section 6-7-4.

Call of the Wards:

Fleming announced holiday party

Fiske Announced meeting at Library and said it would be lots of fun.

Braithwaite announced ward meeting

Wynne announced office hours

Wilson made a reference to P&D about solar panels and CARP and Preservation Committee – Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving

Rue-Simmons made reference to CC to discuss Reclaim's suggestion of using real estate transfer tax for affordable housing or 50% of tax.

Suffredin: Nothing

Revelle referenced a resolution on nuclear weapons at next available meeting

Rainey suggested people google Levy Restaurants who will provide the alcohol and food for Welsh Ryan to see their huge experience and scope already. Said absolutely no to using transfer tax as Affordable housing already has 3 million and general fund can't keep on being cannibalized.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 to Executive Session