

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: Eight. Alderman Fleming absent.

Meeting began: 6:30

Meeting ended: 8:30

Alderman Wilson moved to suspend the Rules and hold a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Announcements. Mayor Hagerty announced this was Columbus Day and also Indigenous People Day. This is Mental Health Awareness Week and World Polio Day. He praised the work of Rotary International, headquartered in Evanston, to eradicate polio. He provided an update on the City Manager search and described a public forum introducing the three final candidates on Wednesday evening, and candidate interviews with panels of citizens on Thursday morning. On Thursday afternoon, Council heard reports from the panels, discussed the candidates, and recommended a candidate for contract negotiations to GovHR. Council will vote to approve a contract on October 19. The Mayor expressed appreciation for three excellent candidates.

The City Clerk outlined voting procedures.

Public comment. 15 comments. 1 spoke in support of renaming Harbert Park as Harbert_Payne Park; 1 asked Evanston to request state aid for landlords; Kevin Brown announced a racial discrimination investigation of the City and his intention to sue the City. Many vitriolic complaints about City Manager search and the inadequate public participation; several asked for Alderman to publicly explain their votes. Delores Holmes described her participation on a citizen panel and said the search was open and fair. She urged citizens to let aldermen do their jobs.

Special orders of Business. (SP1) Approval of Evanston CARES Act to include the second allocation of CBDG-CV funding of \$506,127. This is the City's second allocation. The motion for approval passed 8-0.

(SP2) 2020 Budget Update. Ericka Storlie introduced a budget update. There as ben little change since the last one. The shortfall in revenue is constant; expenditures have been cut, but additional cuts are needed. Property tax revenue has been received from the County, which is a relief.

Consent agenda. Several items were removed from the Consent Agenda by Alderman. The Consent Agenda as modified was moved and seconded. It was approved 8-0.

CM3, the minutes for the September 29 meeting were removed by Alderman Revelle who noted an item that had been removed from the Consent Agenda in Committee. She moved to amend, and the motion was approved 8-0. The minutes as amended were moved and passed 8-0.

(A2), Approval of the BMO Harris Amazon Credit Card was moved and seconded. It passed 7-0, Alderman Suffredin abstaining.

(A4), Extending the date of the Declared State of Emergency to November 9, 2020, was moved and seconded and approved 8-0.

(A7), Authorizing the City Manager to amend the agreement to purchase 2222 Oakton to extend time to conclude agreement. This was voted down in Committee and did not come before Council.

(A9) to amend to amend the City Code to allow vehicle parking on a parkway. Suffredin moved to amend to prohibit parking in a parkway when the vehicle is within 25 feet of an intersection. Fiske said she opposed the measure because she believes the practice would be dangerous. Other aldermen said there were few parkways in their wards which were wide enough for a vehicle to park. Others expressed support and said this would be particularly useful on street sweeping or snow removal days. The amendment passed 8-0. The motion as amended passed 7-1, Fiske voting no.

(A12) Amending the Amusement Tax to tax online streaming services. The tax went into effect on October 1, and this clarifies how it will apply. The motion passed 6-1, Suffredin abstained and Fiske voted no.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25, with no Executive Session.