

## Observer Report Form

**Council or Committee:** Rules

**Date:** 4/1/19

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present/Absent:** Present: Braithwaite (chr), Fleming, Rainey, Revelle, Suffredin, Wilson, Wynne, Fiske.

**Staff Present:** Bobkiewicz, Masoncup, Francello

**Media Present:** Evanston Now, Roundtable.

**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** about 10

**Meeting Began.** 6:02 pm

**Meeting Ended:** 7:30 pm

**Public Comment:** Six made comments. 1) Rainey made racist comments at a Ridgville Park Trustee meeting saying something to the effect that “if those people (implying people of color or low income) want a portapotty in their backyard, that’s their business.” Rainey asked if she could respond and was allowed to do so, saying that the comments were not racist but she was addressing the fact that Ridgeville doesn’t raise money to install permanent facilities. 2) Claire Kelly stated that when an email from a constituent is forwarded, the originator of the email should be copied. (Braithwaite replied a FOIA could be requested.) 3) Citizen comment should not be limited. 4) Betty Esther: should not eliminate A&PW; if more time is needed for Council, those meetings should be held on a different day. 5) Keep public comment; need to see impact of Robert Crown on budget; have debate on CC items prior to meeting so meeting will end on time. 6) CC should meet weekly; reduce the instances of waving rules and having introduction and approval on same night; keep public comment to keep CC more inclusive.

### **Agenda:**

A&PW and start of CC meetings All favorable comments on retaining A&PW, and motion passed. Wilson moved P&D should start at 6:45 (thus A&PW must end before that) and CC immediately after that is concluded. Encouraged eliminating breaks between meetings.

Public Comment at Standing Committees After discussion, Wynne moved that all committees have 20 minutes for public comment and each person is limited to two minutes, except P&D which could have additional comments prior to a proposal (could be a project, zoning change, etc.). (Mellencup stated that staff tries to limit items that might have public comment to one per meeting.)

Ethics Subcommittee report Will meet again on 4/22 at 4:30 and should be finished after that meeting.

Equity and Empowerment report Asked for an extension.

Process for hiring a City Manager Will basically follow Bobkewitz’s recommendation. Suffredin recommended that a public meeting be held within 15 days of announcement but others thought they were not qualified to moderate such a meeting and would prefer relying on the search firm.

Other business Clerk Reid recommended that an Open Meetings Officer be appointed.

Mellencup stated she did not see that as a requirement. (Looked like he was ready to take on the role.)