

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: Eight, Braithwaite absent. Rue Simmons arrived late.

The City Clerk was not there, represented by the Deputy Clerk.

Media present: Evanston Now, Roundtable (not sure of others, I was home)

Meeting started : 8:25

Meeting ended: 9:15

Announcements: The Mayor commented on a newsletter recently circulated by an alderman that questioned the commitment of the City Manager to Evanston. The Mayor explained that he and the Council had thoroughly reviewed the work of the City Manager in the fall and found no problems. The City Manager met all expectations. He is a professional manager and has brought about many accomplishments over the past year. Alderman Suffredin apologized for his indelicate language and said he would not be seeking another evaluation of the City Manager. The Mayor then introduced spokesmen for Evanston Owns It, a group of pastors and community leaders that supports the City by presenting concerts and raising money. They are adding to past contributions with \$7000 for summer employment programs and \$1000 for the Officers and Gentlemen program sponsored by the Police Department.

Public comment. 5 comments. 1 praised Evanston; 1 criticized the City Manager and said Evanston is a mess; 1 asked for more social workers; 1 asked for a balanced budget and better communication from Council; 1 asked for close examination of proposed senior development on Howard Street.

Consent agenda. Alderman Rue Simmons started to present the consent agenda, but felt unwell and Aldermen Fleming took over. Minutes. From Administration and Public Works: Payroll. Bills. Credit Card without Amazon. Approval for contract for Environmental Monitoring Study for the Waste Transfer Station. Approval of Renewal Agreement for support plans for critical IT infrastructure. Approval of three year renewal for service and maintenance agreement for elevators at the Civic Center, the Service Center, the Maple Avenue parking garage and the Church Street parking garage. Approval of Agreement for service, hardware, software and service visits for the HVAC system at Police Headquarters. Approval of parking incentive program for ParkEvanston Mobile App Wallet Incentive. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement for the south Standpipe Pump Station Motor Control Center to extend contract time to April 9, 2019. Approval of funding of \$33,925 for the Demolition of the Abandoned Building at 2020 Green Bay Road. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police for the Evanston Police Sergeants through December 31, 2022. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFSCME Labor Council covering 354 City employees through December 31, 2022. Approval of Resolution authorizing the City

Manager to sign an agreement with IDOT for improvements to Evanston streets using Motor Fuel Tax funds. Approval of increasing Class D liquor licenses from 52 to 53 for Stacked and Folded, 824 Noyes Street (Introduction).

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Revelle introduced Approval of proposed subdivision of property at 2102 Darrow. Approval of Granting Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Spice, at 1905 Church Street (Introduction, Suspension of the Rules and Action). Approval of Granting Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Philz Coffee, at 1030 Davis Street (Introduction, Suspension of Rules, Action). Approval of Special Use Permit for a Planned Development at 1714-1720 Chicago Avenue (Introduction).

From **Rules Committee**, Alderman Wilson presented Resolution amending City Council Rule 6 to state that ceding time during Public Comment is not permitted.

The consent agenda passed 8-0.

Alderman Fleming presented Approval of Amazon credit card bills. Passed 7 to 0, Alderman Suffredin abstained.

From **Planning and Development**, Alderman Revelle presented Granting Special Use for a Ground Floor Medical Office at 524 Main Street and major relief for no additional parking spaces. Suffredin asked for an explanation of plans for pick up and drop off provided by City staff. Fleming asked that Northshore University Health System work with County Care to better serve Evanston residents. The motion passed 8 to 0.

Call of the wards. Alderman Fiske asked that Lawrence Hemingway provide a report on possible use of the Dog Beach this summer. She also asked for a review of conditions by which non-Evanston organizations could hold events in Evanston parks. Rainey made several comments in response to earlier citizen comment.

Mayor Hagerty announced his Town Hall Meeting on February 20 at the Ecology Center at 7:00.

Alderman Wilson moved Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 9:15.