

Observer: Betty Hayford

Aldermen present: All. Kimberly Richardson sat in for the City Manager

Media present: Evanston Now, Roundtable, Review, NU Daily

Meeting began: 9:15 pm

Meeting ended: 11:45 pm

Announcements. The Mayor thanked the Fourth of July Association for a wonderful day of events. Deputy City Manager Kimberly Richardson explained changes to the Citizen Police Complaint Process, including a new location away from the Police Station at the Civic Center.

The City Clerk announced a meeting next Wednesday, July 17, in Room 4900 at the Civic Center to discuss changes in the Ethics Ordinance, as well as a proposed lobbying ordinance and whistle blower protection.

Public comment. 29 comments. 14 spoke against a liquor license for Welsh Ryan Auditorium. 3 spoke against proposed usage agreements and cost of Robert Crown Center. 2 expressed concern or support for Council listening to public comment. Other comments expressed support for improved taxi service, access to Tallmadge light poles, inclusionary housing, attention to contamination in James Park, Climate Action Plan, and views of Chamber of Commerce in Council considerations.

Consent agenda. Alderman Braithwaite introduced the consent agenda from **Administration and Public Works**. Minutes. Payroll. Bills. 2018 Annual Financial Report to accept and place on file. Memo for Dissolution of Washington Nation TIF to accept and place on file. Approval of sole source purchase of West Filter Plant Backwash Rate Controller. Approval of ten year contract for purchase of Tallmadge Street Light Poles. Approval of contract for HVAC Mechanical Engineering Services at the Police/Fire Headquarters, Fire Station # 3, and Levy Senior Center. Approval of contract for Engineering Design Services for Emergency Generators at the Police/Fire Headquarters, and Fire Stations #1 and #2. Approval of payment for the purchase of upgraded mobile communications equipment and the emergency scene accountability system. Approval of the 5 year renewal of service and maintenance agreement for the 6 elevators at the Sherman Plaza Parking Garage. Approval of fuel purchases agreement for all city vehicles. Approval for purchase of one replacement street sweeper vehicle. Approval of amended three year agreement for software license and services for mobile parking arrangements. Approval of change order to the construction contract for the Clearwell 9 Replacement Project. Staff Update on Dog Beach to be accepted and filed. Update on Sheridan Square Parking to be accepted and filed. Adoption of Procedures Determining Benefits for former Firefighter/Paramedics or Police Officers injured or killed in the line of duty. Authorize City Manager to transfer Motor Fuel Tax Funds for salt purchase, electricity payment and general maintenance of streets. Approval of use of emergency contract procedures for Civic Center Boiler System repairs. Approval to accept a grant of \$75,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority to address maintenance issues at registered vacant properties. Approval to amend City Code to change the amount of time from 24 to 48 hours that a vehicle is immobilized before it is towed (Introduction and Action). Approval to amend City Code Parking regulations to properly reflect all parking payment methods (Introduction and Action). Approval of amending City Code to add a 15 minute passenger loading zone at 602 Davis Street (Introduction and Action). Approval of amending City Code to change parking regulations on Greenwood Avenue and Sherman Court (Introduction and Action). Approval of amending City Code regarding the scope of authority of hearing officers (Introduction and Action). Approval of amending portions of the Permit Fee

Schedule related to cancellation fees for building permit cancellations. Approval of amending City Code to assess a cancellation fee related to occupation of public way permits.

Alderman Rue Simmons introduced the consent agenda from **Planning and Development**. Approval of granting major zoning relief to construct a second story addition at 1124 Florence Avenue (Introduction and Action). Approval of amending parts of the Zoning Code to conform with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to revise density and parking bonuses.

Appointment of Terry Soto to the Library Board.

The consent agenda was moved and seconded and passes 9-0.

Alderman Braithwaite presented from **Administration and Public Works** a report on street cleaning and snow removal signs. Alderman Fiske said the issue was a concern to citizens and the city should install mid-block signs. Aldermen Braithwaite and Wilson expressed reservations about the cost and clutter of signs in every block and suggested staff develop priority for placement of signs. It was agreed to send the issue back to Administration and Public Works for setting priorities. The report will be filed.

Braithwaite presented a Memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern University for operation of the Lincoln Street Beach. The memorandum committed Northwestern to providing life guard and admissions services and the City will test the water and smooth the beach weekly as it does on other beaches. Extensive discussion and questions about the memorandum took place. Alderman Wilson and others questioned the 10 year length of the agreement. Fiske and others complained that the agreement did not address the question of ownership. IDNR currently is reviewing the question of ownership and will announce a determination perhaps within a few months. Revelle pointed out several problems including length of agreement, NU option to close beach without notice, definition of hours only during life guard duty without availability during evenings or winter months like other beaches. Mayor Hagerty pointed out that without an agreement there is no guaranteed accessibility for Evanston residents. Wilson moved to amend agreement to last two years instead of ten. The motion failed 3-6 (Revelle, Rainey, Fleming, Fiske, Braithwaite voted no.) Revelle proposed to hold the measure and asked city staff to redraft for a shorter period and to accommodate some of the questions. Counsel Masoncup said she could draft revisions and the measure will be returned to committee.

Alderman Braithwaite then presented an ordinance to restrict parking on the 1600 block of Lincoln to two hours from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm for a 6 month trial period. (Introduction) Revelle said this was an effort to improve traffic conditions and would need to be carefully monitored to evaluate impact. Fiske and Fleming expressed doubt that this measure would improve traffic conditions. The motion passed 5-4, with Rainey, Fleming, Fiske and Suffredin voting no.

Braithwaite presented a move to amend the City Code for Liquor License Fees to allow for alcoholic beverage sales at Welsh-Ryan arena. Revelle said the change is premature because Northwestern will propose other changes for Welsh- Ryan. She moved to table. The motion to table passed 6-3; Fiske, Wilson, Rue Simmons voted no.

From **Planning and Development** Rue Simmons presented a zoning variation to establish a curb cut and driveway on a newly subdivided property at 2650 Sheridan Road. After some discussion and some confusion about the intent of the motion, the variation was approved 9-0.

From **Rules Committee**, Alderman Revelle presented a resolution to affirm that only individuals attending Council meetings could participate in public comment and no electronic participation will be

allowed. There was general concurrence, but Alderman Fleming pointed out that people prevented from attending the meeting because of a physical disability should be able to send written comment that would be read aloud at the meeting. Alderman supported this change and legal staff will redraft for consideration at the next meeting.

Revelle presented another ordinance addressing display of signs in Council Chambers. She pointed out that there were wording problems and it should be held for revision.

At 11:45 pm the meeting adjourned to Executive Session.