

**Observer Report**  
**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**Start Time: 4:30**

**End Time: 5:55**

**In Attendance: Rainey, Fleming, Suffredin (Chair), and Braithwaite, Rue Simmons**

- I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM and Suspension of Rules Allowing for a Quorum**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 11, 2021**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Vasilko spoke about concern of current spending; Tina Payton spoke about boarded up homes in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward at Emerson and Jackson being a blight but money going to commercial buildings in downtown; Carlis Sutton spoke on same subject; SEE A12 Storefront Maintenance and Window Covering

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Item III (3), Consent Calendar, are considered by the Committee to be routine and will be enacted in one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

**FOR CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION**

**(A1) Approval of Payroll, Bills List**

**(A5)** Approval of FY2021 Estimated Annual User Charge with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for Disposal of Sludge

**(A7)** Resolution 7-R-21, Authorizing Construction on Illinois State Highways for the Years 2021 and 2022

**(A8)** Resolution 9-R-21, Authorizing the City Manager to Grant Twenty Five Year Sidewalk Easement at 2116 Green Bay Road

**(A9)** Resolution 12-R-21, Authorizing the City Manager to Grant an Easement for Underground Utility Installment at McCullough Park

**(A11)** Resolution 13-R-21, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement with Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for Harbert Park

**OFF CONSENT AGENDA DISCUSSED AND PASSED**

**FOR ACTION**

**(A2)** Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Debris Hauling Contract with G and L Contractors  
***HUGE DISCUSSION Fleming and Braithwaite concerned there is no MWBE requirement; no requirement because contract is let by consortium and we are one of few cities with this***

**concern. Aldermen want us to rethink this. Want contract letting schedule ahead of time so they can consider own bidding process.**

**(A3)** Approval of Sole Source Contract Renewal with CDW for Cisco SmartNet Support Services

**(A4)** Approval of Granual Materials Purchase Contract with G&L Contractors  
**SAME ISSUE AS ABOVE; Send issue to economic development to look at as well.**

**(A6)** Two Year Security Contract with Phoenix Security  
**Another long discussion. Suffredin wanted information on this because he is concerned about homeless in garages not getting help but only being asked to leave. After Kim R. tried to answer this question, head of parking spoke and explained exactly how this was being handled. No change in policy; private security works with counselors and with Connections. Passed 4-1 with Suffredin voting no.**

**(A10)** Resolution 11-R-21 to test for Lead and Copper Sampling in all Nine Wards  
**Rue Simmons pulled this to thank the environmental justice committee as well as a reporter for the Daily Northwestern for their work and research into this subject. Also wanted community to know that water is safe to drink and she told people to use it and not buy bottled water.**

#### **FOR INTRODUCTION**

**(A12)** Ordinance 8-O-21, Amending Chapter 10, Section 4, Chapter 13 to add "Storefront Maintenance and Winter Covering during Vacancy or Renovation"  
**Pulled by Rue Simmons. Stated they must do something about residential vacant boarded up buildings that have been that way for months in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. She doesn't believe regulations are being followed. Understands ordinance is for commercial, but we should care just as much about residential property and community.**

#### **Items for Discussion:**

**D1.** Good Neighbor Fund Allocation and Fire Services provided to Northwestern University  
**Excellent report with a lot of information about past donations to fund as well as how much money city spends on fire services for NWU. Fleming, Rainey, Suffredin want \$ for these services not money from fund. View report at:**

**<https://cityofevanston.civicweb.net/document/48374/Good%20Neighbor%20Fund%20Allocation%20and%20Fire%20Services.pdf?handle=C03B8CA48AC94D83BFF8B953E87868AA>**