

**Observer Report**  
**ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, January 23, 2023**

**Start Time: 5:10**

**End Time: 7:10**

**In Attendance: Kelly - Chair, Harris, Nieuwsma, Reid and Burns**

**I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

**II. Public Comment**

There were approximately 13 speakers. Several speakers spoke asking Council to approve the Jens Jensen Lease for the Gardens (A9). Several spoke against the sole source contract to provide the Ryan Field Economic Impact Study (A8). Vasilko and 3 others spoke about concerns of cost of animal shelter and overspending in the budget.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Item IV - 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 ITEMS SEE [LINK](#)**

Items Removed (A1, A5, A8, A9, A11)

**A1 Evanston Payroll, Bills, Credit Card Activity**

Taken off by Nieuwsma because he recused himself on this item.

**A5 Approval of Contract for Rehabilitation of Evanston Municipal Storage Facility**

*Laura Biggs explained that this item and the temporary animal shelter (to be housed in this facility) are actually costing the city less money than if they built a new storage facility.*

**A7 Approval of contract to Wreckon Specs, LLC for Property Demolition Services**

*After a long discussion about wanting to dismantle some of the buildings instead of demolition, staff explained the significant difference in cost due to having to pay prevailing wage for deconstruction which takes much longer. Eventually tabled 3-2 to see if barn could be removed from contract and deconstructed instead. Hoping for answer by City Council Meeting.*

**A8 Approval of Sole Source Contract with Hunden Strategic Partners to Provide Ryan Field Economic Impact Study**

*Council Member Reville spoke to this issue. She emphasized this was an independent study (not in conjunction with NWU) and asked for this item to be tabled so that additional items could be in the contract. These included revenue from fees, permits,*

*concerts and impact on business district revenue as well as impact on neighbors, jobs and traffic. Tabled 5-0 to next meeting.*

**A9 Approval of proposed lease language for Jens Jensen Gardens**

*There was a long back and forth between Council Members about whether to grant this lease now. Nieuwsma was against separating from Harley Clarke RFP. Others were for separation. General Council explained that they were not out of the lease with The Book House yet and needed to wait until that separation. Committee took a 5-7 minute break so Reid could put proposal in writing to allow city to work with Jens Jensen on a lease after the separation and come back to committee 2/23. Approved 4-1 (Nieuwsma voting no)*

**A11 Approval of Change Order to the Agreement for the Water Treatment Plant**

**First Floor Window Hardening Design**

*Removed by Harris who wanted an explanation of change order.*

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

For Action

**Items A12-A16 were moved and passed in one motion. (see Link for specifics)**

**Discussion Items held for next meeting.**