

Observer Report

Committee: City Council

Date: March 11, 2019

Observer: Jessica Feldman (by TV)

Meeting began: 8:11pm

Meeting Ended: Went into Executive Session at 11:11pm.

Committee Members: All present (Robin Rue Simmons by phone from National League of Cities meeting in DC(?))

Staff Present: Johanna Leonard, Erika Storlie, Kimberly Richardson (all I could see)

Media Present: Ev Now; Evanston RoundTable, NU Daily, Ev Review or Patch(?)

Mayors Announcements:

Mayor's Announcements: Colon Cancer Awareness Month: presented recognition certificate to a colon cancer survivor who encouraged everyone to have colonoscopies as early as possible. Mayor Hagerty also read a proclamation announcing Women in Public Office Day March 19, noting number of women in State legislature and six on City Council.

City Clerk announced early voting for school boards and Oakton College begins Monday March 18. Announced this year there will be an interactive experience (sample outside—which I did not see).

Before Citizens Comments: Mayor spoke from the citizen podium proposing a process for resolving the Harley Clark mansion situation. Made clear that regardless of whatever plan is used the beachfront would remain open to the public. He briefly reviewed the four options: do nothing; rezone for single family and sell; pick a proposal now; or turn over for State park; saying all have been rejected; there is no community consensus (shouldn't strictly interpret the referendum; don't assume that every voter was agreeing with every condition in the referendum; and insufficient time taken to assess property for last RFP; there has been distrust and incivility. What does the community want: building preserved; no commercial use public access; adhere to Lakefront Master plan; no private use or investment (but he said there probably won't be investment unless property owned; no taxpayer funding. Mayor Hagerty proposed a new very broadly marketable RFP package that would take 18 months with a 3rd party host ultimately several panels including community members; business members, City panel etc. appointed by the Mayor for reviewing the bids.

Citizen Comment: Mayor initially announced 30 sign ups so time allotted 90 seconds minute per; Mayor corrected after 1st comment saying technical difficulty had been fixed and there were, in fact, only 15 signups so the time allotted per speaker was changed to 2 minutes.

The citizen comments were divided among supporting or opposing Mayor Hagerty's proposal re Harley Clark in SP1--18 months too long; and A11 Service Agreement with YWCA Evanston/North Shore costing \$75,000 to supplement current victim services with training for law enforcement, 24 hr. crisis intervention and set aside 2 beds for victim of Domestic violence; and A20: \$90,000 to cover the costs of a Career Partnership Manager which will facilitate a partnership between the Youth Job Center; the Mayor's Employer Advisory Council, ETHS and other community partners who are dedicated to supporting youth and young adults. Several objected to an 18-month timeline for RFP process; one encouraged staff communicate with existing group.; NAACP rep said NAACP supports Harley Clark mansion be maintained as a community center open to all for public use. One citizen who is running for re-election to Ridgeville Park District encouraged everyone to vote and referenced upcoming forums (including the LWVE's).

(SP1) Harley Clark Mansion

Alderman Wilson started the discussion saying while he appreciates the Mayor's suggestions – 18 months is too long. City should maintain ownership; prior committee suggestions ok. Should not be 501c3s. RFP process should be 6 months or so. RFP evaluation should be by groups including staff and community with attention to accessibility and equity. There may be lots of ideas and collaboration is best.

Alderman Fiske agrees with visioning. "Visioning is wonderful but need funding. Need to know the numbers! Problem is City didn't get out in front of the issue. City needs to set standards (no public requirement hampers any plans)." Need private funds but City needs to understand can't raise funds til get control of the house. Takes real money to be State Park. Need City assessment to make building(s?) compliant. Does want to put any public money into it. Hagerty agreed doesn't want to see a dollar of taxpayer money into the mansion. He said he thinks most financially viable solution is a private commercial solution but recognizes that many people don't want that. Says 18 months gives ample time so can open doors to accomplish everything that is necessary to address issues.

Alderman Fleming said has been asking for cost but hasn't gotten information. "Appreciates invitation from Harley Clark "Parasol Room" group to attend meetings but don't accept." 18 months is too long. To Wilson: eliminating Not for Profits cuts off opportunities.

Alderman Suffredin suggests nine months would be sufficient. "Set a date and go with what we get." Said should invite all offers in one RFP. Says one mistake was having looked at one option at a time.

Alderman Wynne agreed with suggestion from Alderman Suffredin and make it very broad or maybe narrow parameters slightly.

Alderman Fiske disagreed with putting limits on the RFP. Agreed with Alderman Rainey that whoever comes in has the resources to run the building in a financially responsible way.

City Manager Bobkiewicz said Staff would come back at the April 15th meeting with draft of RFP.

Consent Agenda

M1 Minutes of Feb. 25, 2019 meeting.

Administration & Public Works

A1 Payroll; A2 Bills list Feb. 4 through Feb 17, 2019

A2 Bills list March 12, 2019

A4 Contract w/ Chicagoland Paving for Lovelace Park Tennis Court Rehab

A5 Contract w/ Landscape Concepts Management, Inc. for Green Bay Rd. Landscape Maintenance.

A7 Contract with Vlsu-Sewer of IL LLC for the 2019 CIPP Sewer Rehab Contract A Project

A8 Sole Source Purchase of Hot Mix Asphalt from Builders Asphalt.

A9 Sole Source Contract for Purchase of Concrete and Flowable Fill w/Ozinga Ready Mix, Inc.

A10 Purchase /Lease of City Vehicles

A12 Sole Source Agreement w/Robolink, LLC for Youth Classes & camps.

A13 2019 Non-Park Special Events

A14, A15 Resolution 22-R-19 Nine Month Leases for Studio 109 1nd B12 at Noyes Cultural Arts Center

A16 Resolution 17-R-19, One yr. Lease Agreement for Office Space at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

A17 Resolution 24-R-19, One Year Lease Agreement for Apartment located 1223 Simpson St.

A18 Resolution 19-R-19 Lon Agreement with Police Chief, Demitrious Cook

A19 Ordinance 19-0-19, Sale of Surplus Property Fleet Vehicles

A21 Ordinance 6-O-19, Sale of City Owned Property Located at 1729 Dodge Ave to ETHS District 202

Planning & Development

P1 Ordinance 21-)19 Granting a Special Use to Expand a Craft Alcohol Production Facility, Sketchbook Brewing Co. at 821-823 Chicago Ave.

P2 Ordinance, Special Use Permit for a Planned Development at 910-938 Custer Ave and Amending Zoning Map.

Human Services

O1 Resolution 15-R-19, Designating the portion of Church St between Hartrey Ave. and Grey Ave. with the Honorary Street Sign, "Tina Lifford Way"

Economic Development Committee

O3 Applications for Evanston Great Merchants Grant Program

Consent Agenda approved

Off Consent Agenda:

A3: Amazon Credit card billing. Approved

A6: Contract with Cleanslate Chicago for mowing services. Alderman Braithwaite wants to address barriers to local business bidding on mowing services. Ms. Storlie says Cleanslate has been hiring ex-offenders. Approved.

A11: Service provider agreement with YWCA Evanston/North Shore: Alderman Rainey concerned that it won't supplement current City victim serves but be a move to replace them. Alderman Fleming said she was voting against proposal. Braithwaite praised the proposal and said he would vote for it. Approved 7-2 with Aldermen Rainey and Fleming voting no.

A20: Grant agreement with Youth Job Center position to be shared w/ETHS and other community partners who are dedicated to supporting youth and young adults 18-25.

Approved 5-4. Aldermen Fiske, Rue Simmons, Suffredin, and Fleming voted no.

A22 Amended to add Bike Lanes Approved 9-0.

O2 Music Studio lease at Gibbs Morrison

Approved 8-0 Alderman Rue Simmons abstains.