



# City of Evanston

## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER  
JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Monday, September 20th, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

**Present:**

Councilmember Kelly	Councilmember Suffredin (virtually)
Councilmember Braithwaite	Councilmember Revelle
Councilmember Wynne	Councilmember Fleming
Councilmember Nieuwsma	(8)
Councilmember Burns	

**Absent:**

Councilmember Reid (1)

**Presiding:**

Mayor Daniel Biss

**Stephanie Mendoza  
City Clerk**

## Mayor's Public Announcements

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Mayor Biss Announcements and 1 Proclamation:

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- Rescue at the Lakefront
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## City Manager's Public Announcements

Acting City Manager Kelly Gandurski invited Deputy City Manager Kimberly Richardson to give a presentation on the Local Reparations Restorative Housing Program Eligibility Application.

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## City Clerk's Communications

City Clerk Mendoza acknowledged the receipt of public comment

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## Public Comment

Chris Oakley

[Watch](#)

Michael Wolf

[Watch](#)

Sue Loellbach

[Watch](#)

Betsy Wilson

[Watch](#)

Marcus Martinez

[Watch](#)

Maurice Classen

[Watch](#)

Genevieve Pappas

[Watch](#)

Mamadou Diakhate

[Watch](#)

Susan Cappello

[Watch](#)

Anne Sheahan

[Watch](#)

Thomas Doran	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Barbara Burke	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Elliot Zashin	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Trisha Connolly	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Doreen Price	<a href="#">Watch</a>
Priscilla Giles	<a href="#">Watch</a>

### Special Order of Business

**SP1. Resolution 89-R-21, Authorizing the Appointment of An Interim City Manager for the City of Evanston**

City Council adopted Resolution 89-R-21, authorizing the appointment of an Interim City Manager for the City of Evanston.

**Motion:** [Watch](#)  
Councilmember Fleming  
**Second:** Councilmember Wynne

**Motion to amend the termination clause to reflect the language listed in the City Code**

**Failed 2-6**

**Yes vote:** Kelly, Fleming.

**No vote:** Braithwaite, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle.

**Motion:** Councilmember Kelly  
**Second:** Councilmember Fleming

**For Action**

**Passed 7-1**

**Yes vote:** Braithwaite, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Fleming.

**No vote:** Kelly

**SP2. Continued Discussion of ARPA Funds and Potential for Allocation**

Staff recommends members of City Council continue to discuss the most-recently proposed allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, current recommendations for allocations and provide direction on processes and continued allocation of funding. American Rescue Plan Act, 170.99.1700.55251

**For Discussion**

**Presentation made by staff**

**SP3. Affordable Housing Activities and Progress in 2021**

This memorandum updates the City Council on the projects and activities that have been undertaken since the Affordable Housing Update on January 19, 2021, to address the City Council goal of expanding affordable housing options in Evanston, as well as actions taken to address needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff requests that it be accepted and placed on file.

**For Action: Accept and Place on File**

**Passed 7-0 to Accept and Place on File**

**Yes vote:** Kelly, Braithwaite, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Fleming

**No vote:** None

**Absent:** Suffredin

**SP4. 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Recommendation**

City Council approved the 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations totaling \$156,606: \$144,861 to two social services agencies (Connections for the Homeless and the YWCA Evanston/North Shore) that provide housing and services for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and \$11,745 to the City of Evanston for grant administration. Funding source is the City’s 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant entitlement allocation in the amount of \$156,606 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; account 250.21.2128.56001 with individual account numbers for external agencies funded and City administrative costs.

**For Action**

**Passed 7-0**

**Yes vote:** Kelly, Braithwaite, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Fleming

**No vote:** None

**Absent:** Suffredin

**Motion:** [Watch](#)

Councilmember  
Braithwaite

**Second:**

Councilmember  
Fleming

**Motion:** [Watch](#)

Councilmember  
Nieuwsma

**Second:**

Councilmember  
Revelle

**Motion:** [Watch](#)

Councilmember  
Fleming

**Second:**

Councilmember  
Wynne

**SP5. McGaw YMCA Men's Residence Renovation Plan Presentation**

The McGaw YMCA will present its plan to renovate the Men's Residence, a single room occupancy facility, on floors 3 - 5 of the McGaw YMCA building at 1000 Grove Street in Evanston. Discussion by, and feedback from Councilmembers is requested on this plan.

**Motion:** [Watch](#)  
Councilmember  
Nieuwsma  
**Second:**  
Councilmember  
Wynne

**For Discussion**

**Presentation made by staff**

**SP6. Metropolitan Tenants Organization/Lawyers Committee for Better Housing Landlord Tenant Assistance Program**

This memorandum provides information on the Landlord Tenant Services program for which the City contracts with the Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers Committee for Better Housing, and how inquiries from Evanston residents and landlords are handled via 311 in response to a referral from Councilmember Burns.

**Motion:** [Watch](#)  
Councilmember  
Braithwaite  
**Second:**  
Councilmember  
Wynne

**For Discussion**

**Presentation made by staff**

**Call of the Wards**

Ward 1: There will also be a Ward meeting at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center on October 5 beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the Housing Authority of Cook County will speak to residents about a proposed plant at the Walchirk Apartments. There will be an informal conversation taking place on Tuesday, September 22, beginning at 4 p.m. at The Graduate. [Watch](#)

Ward 2: Sent his condolences to the family of Patricia Efiom. Thanked staff and Canal Park neighbors for attending the Harbert Payne presentation. Shared information for both the visitation and memorial service of Pastor Zollie Webb. He addressed some of the comments made by some residents. [Watch](#)

Ward 3: No Report [Watch](#)

Ward 4: Expressed his condolences to the family of Hussin Abdul-Samad. Congratulated the first responders in a successful rescue at Clark Street Beach. There will be two meetings to address the issue of aggressive panhandling and antisocial behavior. The first meeting will be at Robert Crown on September 30 beginning at 7 p.m. The second meeting will take place at St. Marks Church on October 3 beginning at 4 p.m. There will also be a Ward meeting at the Robert Crown Center on October 5 beginning at 7 p.m. Office hours are on October 9 from 10 a.m - 12 p.m. at Reprise Coffee Roasters. Work on Main Street is almost complete and street cleaning is expected to resume soon. [Watch](#)

- Ward 5: Shared information on his proposed Here to Stay Committee. [Watch](#)
- Ward 6: No Ward [Watch](#)
- Ward 7: Virtual Ward meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. The meeting will provide an update to residents about the progress being made at the Harley Clarke Mansion, the coach house, and the tree preservation ordinance. [Watch](#)
- Ward 8: No Report [Watch](#)
- Ward 9: Virtual Ward meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. The Director for the Parks & Recreation Department will be there to discuss the proposal of implementing lights at James Park. In two weeks there will be a meeting to discuss the Oakton Street study. She addresses the comments made during public comment about the City issuing a public apology. [Watch](#)

### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Nieuwsma led City Council into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(a) to discuss an agenda item regarding litigation and the establishment of reserves for settlement. The agenda items are permitted subject to be considered in Executive Session and are an enumerated exception under the Open Meetings Act with the exception being 5 ILCS 120/2(a)(c)(11)(12). Councilmember Wynne seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and by a vote of 8-0 City Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.