

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS LORRAINE H. MORTON CIVIC CENTER JAMES C. LYTLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS Monday, November 13, 2023

Present: Councilmember Kelly Councilmember Suffredin

Councilmember Harris Councilmember Revelle
Councilmember Wynne Councilmember Reid
Councilmember Nieuwsma Councilmember Geracaris

Councilmember Burns (virtual) (9)

Absent: None

Presiding: Mayor Daniel Biss

Staff Present:

Paul Zalmezak, Economic Development Manager Katie Bowden, Economic Development Coordinator Lara Biggs, City Engineer Hitesh Desai, Chief Financial Officer Clayton Black, Budget Manager Paul Polep, Fire Chief

(II) MAYOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Daniel Biss

Restorative Justice Week - November 19 - 25, 2023

(III) CITY MANAGER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Luke Stowe

(IV) COMMUNICATIONS: CITY CLERK

Clerk Stephanie Mendoza

(V) PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	Agenda Item / Topic	Name	Agenda Item / Topic
Mike Vasilko	Budget	Neil Gambow	SP3, SP4, SP5
Joe Hill	SP3, SP4, SP5	Meredith DeCarlo	SP3, SP4, SP5
Peter Kelly	Budget	Lawrence H Jones	SP3, SP4, SP5
Susan Kelly	SP3, SP4, SP5	Mary Rosinski	SP3, SP4, SP5
Brian Carey	SP3, SP4, SP5	Linda Damashek	SP3, SP4, SP5
Kelly Marcelle	SP3, SP4, SP5	John Kennedy	Budget
Ken Proskie	SP3, SP4, SP5	Renata Seidel	SP3, SP4, SP5
David DeCarlo	SP3, SP4, SP5	Andy Berman	SP3, SP4, SP5
Jeff Smith	SP3, SP4, SP5	Sergio Hernandez	SP3, SP4, SP5
Peggy Baxter	SP3, SP4, SP5	Meg Welch	Budget
Carl Bova	SP3, SP4, SP5	Delores Holmes	SP3, SP4, SP5
Yvi Russell	SP3, SP4, SP5	Timothy Guimond	SP3, SP4, SP5
Robert Sokal	SP3, SP4, SP5	Christine Froula	SP3, SP4, SP5
Fiona McCarthy	SP3, SP4, SP5	Jim Signorelli	SP3, SP4, SP5
Sheila Sullivan	SP3, SP4, SP5	Betty Ester	Budget
Anthony Kaufman	SP3, SP4, SP5		

(VI) PUBLIC HEARING

PH1. A Public Hearing for Howard Street Proposed Special Service Area #10 was held

The City Council held a public hearing for the designation of the proposed Special Service Area for Howard Street (SSA) #10.

For Discussion Discussed

PUBLIC COMMENT

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(VII) SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

SP1. Ordinance 110-O-23, Amending City Code Section 3-2-17-1 Increasing the Tax Rate for Certain Amusement Events in the City was adopted as amended

Mayor Biss recommended the adoption of Ordinance 110-O-23, Amending City Code Section 3-2-17-1, and Increasing the Tax Rate for Certain Amusement Events in the City.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Councilmember Nieuwsma moved to amend this ordinance (B) A tax of seven percent (7%) on the admission fee or charge is imposed upon every amusement patron for the privilege of admission to any amusement in the City with a capacity over of one thousand five hundred one (1,501) up to 5,000 audience members. (C) A tax of nine percent (9%) on the admission fee or charge is imposed upon every amusement patron for the privilege of admission to any amusement in the City with a capacity over of five thousand one (5,001) or more audience members.

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Reid

Motion Passed 8 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid

Nayes: Geracaris

For Action

Approved for Adoption as Amended 8 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None Absent: Geracaris

SP2. Ordinance 109-O-23, Amending City Code Section 3-2-14-3 Increasing the Liquor Tax for Certain Amusement and Athletic Events in the City was adopted

Mayor Biss recommended the introduction of Ordinance 109-O-23, Amending City Code Section 3-2-14-3 to Increase the Liquor Tax Rate for Certain Amusement and Athletic Events in the City.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Harris

For Action

Approved for Adoption 8 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid

Nayes: None Absent: Geracaris

SP3. Ordinance 107-O-23, Amending Section 6-15-7-2 of the City Code "Permitted Uses" in the U2 University Athletic Facilities District was tabled until November 20, 2023

Land Use Commission recommended denial of ordinance 107-O-23 Amending Section 6-15-7-2 of the City Code "Permitted Uses" in the U2 University Athletic Facilities District.

Councilmember Nieuwsma moved to table this ordinance until November 20, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Motion Passed 6 - 2

Ayes: Kelly, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Harris, Reid Absent: Geracaris

For Action

Tabled Until November 20, 2023

SP4. Ordinance 108-O-23, Granting a Special Use for a Planned Development for a Stadium on Property Located at 1501 Central Street in the U2 University Athletic Facilities District was tabled until November 20, 2023

Land Use Commission recommended approval with conditions of ordinance 108-O-23 granting a Special Use for a Planned Development For a Stadium on Property Located at 1501 Central Street in the U2 University Athletic Facilities District.

Councilmember Nieuwsma moved to table this ordinance until November 20, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Motion Passed 6 - 2

Ayes: Kelly, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Harris, Reid Absent: Geracaris

For Action

Tabled Until November 20, 2023

SP5. Resolution 87-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern University was tabled until November 20, 2023

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 87-R-23 authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of Understanding with Northwestern University.

Councilmember Nieuwsma moved to table this ordinance until November 20, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Motion Passed 6 - 2

Ayes: Kelly, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Harris, Reid Absent: Geracaris

For Action

Tabled Until November 20, 2023

SP6. An Update on Proposed 2024 CIP was discussed

Staff presented a final Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with revised priorities for discussion.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

For Discussion Discussed

SP7. Ordinance 82-O-23 2024 Budget Ordinance was approved for introduction as amended

Staff recommended the adoption of Ordinance 82-O-23, approving the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget of the City of Evanston in the amount of \$449,008,728.

Motion: Councilmember Revelle **Second:** Councilmember Reid

Councilmember Kelly moved to remove the City Council Administrator and Worxbee positions from the budget

Motion: Councilmember Kelly **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Councilmember Reid moved to reduce the aggregate expenditure on the Worxbee contract and the City Council Administrator by \$70,000

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Geracaris

Motion Passed 8 - 1

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: Suffredin

Councilmeber Reid moved to create a Special Order of Business on the November 27, 2023 City Council agenda to increase the Motor Fuel Tax by 3ϕ per gallon

Motion: Councilmember Reid

Second: None

Motion failed for a lack of a second

SP7. Ordinance 82-O-23 2024 Budget Ordinance was approved for introduction as amended

Councilmeber Reid moved to create a Special Order of Business on the November 27, 2023 City Council agenda to create an assessment for Fire services specifically for non-property tax paying entities who use Fire services more than 200 times per year

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Kelly

Councilmember Kelly withdrew second

Councilmeber Reid moved to create a Special Order of Business on the November 27, 2023 City Council agenda to discuss an assessment for Fire service fees

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Motion Passed 6 - 2 - 1

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid

Nayes: Kelly, Nieuwsma

Abstain: Geracaris

Councilmeber Reid moved to create a Special Order of Business on the November 27, 2023 City Council agenda to discuss increasing residential parking fee, creating of food delivery tax, creating a fleet tax, increasing long-term care facility licensing fee, increasing motor fuel tax by 1¢

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Revelle

Motion Passed 7 - 2

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: Kelly, Suffredin

SP7. Ordinance 82-O-23 2024 Budget Ordinance was approved for introduction as amended

Councilmember Reid moved to amend the budget consistent with changes made to the CIP

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Harris

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction as Amended 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

SP8. Ordinance 83-O-23: City of Evanston 2023 Tax Levy was approved for approved for introduction

Staff requested the introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 83-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for General Operations, the Human Services Fund, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Police and Fire Pension Funds, and the Solid Waste Fund totaling \$38,644,641 as extended (including 3% loss factor). This represents an increase of 11.9% over the 2022 levy of \$34,525,671 as extended.

Councilmeber Reid moved to table this ordinance until November 27, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Reid

Second: None

Motion failed for a lack of a second

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP9. Ordinance 84-O-23: General Assistance 2023 Tax Levy was approved for introduction

Staff requested the introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 84-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for General Assistance in the amount of \$1,082,474 as extended (including a 3% loss factor). This represents a decrease of 19.2% over the 2022 levy.

Councilmeber Reid moved to table this ordinance until November 27, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Reid

Second: None

Motion failed for a lack of a second

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP10. <u>Ordinance 85-O-23: Evanston Library Fund 2023 Tax Levy was approved for introduction</u>

Staff requested the introduction of Tax Levy Ordinance 85-O-23 for the Evanston Public Library. The Library Board is expected to formally vote on November 15 to increase the levy to \$8,467,695 as extended. Per ordinance 85-O-23, the annual property tax for the Evanston Public Library in the amount of \$8,467,695 will be extended for the tax year 2023 (including a 3% loss factor). This represents a 9.00% increase over the 2022 levy as extended.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP11. Ordinance 86-O-23: Special Service Area #6 Tax Levy was approved for introduction

Staff requested the adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 86-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #6 in the amount of \$221,000 (\$227,835 as extended, including a loss factor of 3%). This represents no increase over the 2022 Levy as extended.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP12. <u>Ordinance 86-O-23: Special Service Area #6 Tax Levy was approved for introduction</u>

Staff requested the adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 86-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #6 in the amount of \$221,000 (\$227,835 as extended, including a loss factor of 3%). This represents no increase over the 2022 Levy as extended.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Aves: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP13. Ordinance 88-O-23:Special Service #8 Levy was approved for introduction

Staff requested the adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 88-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #8 in the amount of \$60,200 (\$62,062 as extended, including a loss factor of 3%). This represents no increase over the 2022 Levy of \$60,200 (\$62,062 as extended).

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

SP14. Ordinance 89-O-23: Special Service Area #9 Levy was approved for introduction

Staff requested the adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 89-O-23, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #9 in the amount of \$592,665 (\$610,995 as extended, including a loss factor of 3%). This represents no increase over the 2022 Levy as extended.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Introduction

Approved for Introduction 5 - 4

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle

Nayes: Kelly, Burns, Reid, Geracaris

CONSENT AGENDA

Items A7, A8, A11, and HS1 were removed from the Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Harris

For Action

Items Approved 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

(VIII) CONSENT AGENDA - CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

M1. The Minutes of the Special City Council meeting of October 7, 2023, Regular City Council meeting of October 9, 2023, Special City Council meeting of October 16, 2023, and Regular City Council meeting of October 23, 2023 were approved

Staff recommended the approval of the Minutes of the Special City Council meeting of October 7, 2023, the Regular City Council meeting of October 9, 2023, the special City Council meeting of October 16, 2023, and the Regular City Council meeting of October 23, 2023.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A1. The City of Evanston Payroll and Bills List was approved

Staff recommended City Council approval of the City of Evanston Payroll for the period of October 9, 2023, through October 22, 2023, in the amount of \$3,430,311.78. Bills List for November 14, 2023, in the amount of \$5,522,383.96.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A2. 2023-2024 Snow Tow Program Independent Contractors was approved

Staff recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute contract(s) for Snow Towing Services in an amount not to exceed the 2024 proposed budget of \$80,000. (Various towing companies – see attached list.)

Funding for snow towing contractors is provided by the Snow and Ice Control General Fund Account #100.40.4550.62451. The estimated total for the 2023-2024 snow seasons is in an amount not to exceed the 2024 proposed budget of \$80,000. For FY 2023, \$73,520 is still available for any snow emergencies and events.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A3. Resolution 81-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Nine-Month Renewal Lease Agreement for Studio Space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center with Evanston Children's Choir was approved

Staff recommended approval of Resolution 81-R-23 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a nine-month renewal lease term with Evanston Children's Choir.

Revenues are deposited into the Noyes Cultural Arts Business Unit 100.30.3710.53565

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A4. Resolution 82-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Twelve Month Lease Agreements for Studio Spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center was approved

Staff recommended City Council approval of Resolution 82-R-23 authorizing the City Manager to enter into twenty-three (23) renewal agreements for twelve (12) month lease terms for studio space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

Revenues are deposited into the Noyes Cultural Arts Business Unit 100.30.3710.53565.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A5. Resolution 83-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Skokie Park District for Shared Use of Certain Grounds was approved

Staff recommended the adoption of Resolution 83-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Skokie Park District for Shared Use of Certain Grounds.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A6. Resolution 84-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Skokie Park District for a Reciprocal Fee Agreement for Resident and Non-Resident Access to Certain Grounds and Facilities was approved

Staff recommended the adoption of Resolution 84-R-23, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Skokie Park District for a Reciprocal Fee Agreement for Resident and Non-Resident Access to Certain Grounds and Facilities.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

A7. Ordinance 104-O-23, Amending Title 9, Chapter 10 "Regulating the Installation and Use of Alarm Systems" was approved for introduction and adopted

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 104-O-23, amending Section 9-10 "Regulating the Installation and Use of Alarm Systems," to change the renewal to occur annually on the date of registration. Councilmember Harris recommends suspending the City Council rules for introduction and action at the November 13, 2023, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Wynne moved to suspend the rules for introduction and action

Motion: Councilmember Wynne **Second:** Councilmember Harris

Motion Passed 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Harris

For Introduction and Action

Approved for Introduction as Adoption 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

A8. Ordinance 112-O-23, Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program was approved for introduction and adopted

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 112-O-23, authorizing the City to borrow funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP). This loan will fund the Water Plant Electrical System Reliability Project. City Manager Stowe recommends suspending the City Council rules for introduction and action at the November 13, 2023, City Council meeting.

This ordinance authorizes the City to borrow up to \$18,900,000.00 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP). The debt service will be paid from the Water Fund. Our wholesale water customers will fund most, if not all, of the debt service once the project is completed.

Councilmember Wynne moved to suspend the rules for introduction and action

Motion: Councilmember Wynne **Second:** Councilmember Harris

Motion Passed 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Naves: None

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Harris

For Introduction and Action

Approved for Introduction as Adoption 9 - 0

Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None

A9. Ordinance 94-O-23, Authorizing the Sale of Aging Surplus Fleet Vehicles and Equipment Owned by the City of Evanston was adopted

Staff recommended the City Council adopt Ordinance 94-O-23, directing the City Manager to offer the sale of vehicles and equipment owned by the City through public auction through GovDeals, an online auction system utilized by government agencies, or any other subsequent America's Online Auction. These vehicles may be considered surplus as a result of new vehicle replacements being placed into service or vehicles that had to be taken out of service for safety reasons with the intention of eventual replacement. Equipment being auctioned are components that are past their useful life and that the City does not need or utilize anymore.

For Action

Adopted on Consent Agenda

A10. Ordinance 102-O-23, "Amending the City Code to Add Subsection 3- 4-6(Z-6) Providing for a Series of One-Day Liquor Licenses" was adopted

The Liquor Control Review Board recommended the adoption of Ordinance 102-O-23, amending the City Code to add subsection 3-4-6(Z-6), providing for a series of one-day liquor licenses.

For Action

Adopted on Consent Agenda

A11. Ordinance 103-O-23, Amending Title 9, Chapter 2, Section 3 "Fees Changed" to Increase Ambulance Fees was adopted

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 103-O-23, Amending Section 9-2-3 "Fees Changed." The Ordinance would increase the ambulance fees from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for all types of transport and increase the mileage fee from \$10 to \$15.

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

For Action

Adopted 8 - 0

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Burns, Suffredin, Revelle, Reid, Geracaris

Nayes: None Absent: Kelly

A12. Ordinance 105-O-23, Amending City Code Section 8-4-11 to Revise Sanitation Service Charges was approved for introduction

Staff recommended City Council adoption of Ordinance 105-O-23, Amending City Code Section 8-4-11 to Revise Sanitation Service Charges.

For Introduction

Approved on Consent Agenda for Introduction

(X) CONSENT AGENDA - HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HS1. Ordinance 77-O-23, Amending Title 3 of the Evanston City Code to Add Chapter 35, "Minimum Wage" was tabled until December 11, 2023

Staff recommended the City Council hold Ordinance 77-O-23 until the December 11, 2023, City Council meeting. Councilmembers have indicated that they intend to recommend additional amendments so staff recommends holding this item to a meeting where the agenda will allow for the time needed to address the topic appropriately.

Motion: Councilmember Reid **Second:** Councilmember Harris

Councilmember Nieuwsma moved to table this ordinance until December 11, 2023

Motion: Councilmember Nieuwsma **Second:** Councilmember Wynne

Motion Passed 6 - 2

Ayes: Harris, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Suffredin, Revelle, Geracaris

Nayes: Burns, Reid

Absent: Kelly

For Introduction

Tabled Until December 11, 2023

(XI) APPOINTMENTS

AP1. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees were approved

The Mayor recommended City Council approval of the appointment of Parielle Davis to the Equity and Empowerment Commission.

For Action

Approved on Consent Agenda

(XII) CALL OF THE WARDS

Ward 1: Absent

Ward 2: No Report

Ward 3: No Report

Ward 4: No Report

Ward 5: Ryan Field concerns

Ward 6: No Report

Ward 7: Ryan Field concerns

(XII) CALL OF THE WARDS

Ward 8: HS1

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Ward 9: No Report

(XIV) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Biss called a voice vote to adjourn the City Council meeting, and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.