



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS
City Council

Monday, November 11, 2024

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800
5:30 pm

Absent: None

Motions resulting from City Council - November 11, 2024

Item	Item Description	Motion	Disposition
SP1	<u>Ordinance 77-O-24 Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget of the City of Evanston</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 77-O-24 approving the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget of the City of Evanston in the amount of \$395,638,418 (including inter-fund transfers).	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>

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SP2	<u>Ordinance 78-O-24: City of Evanston 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 78-O-24, Levying taxes in the City of Evanston for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025, and Ending December 31, 2025. Ordinance 78-O-24 will levy the annual property tax for General Operations, the Human Services Fund, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), Police and Fire Pension Funds, and the Solid Waste Fund totaling \$34,912,720 as extended (including a 2.50% loss factor). This represents an increase of 0.4% over the 2023 levy of \$34,783,403 as extended.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1 Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP3	<u>Ordinance 79-O-24: General Assistance 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 79-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for General Assistance in the amount of \$769,231 as extended (including a 2.50% loss factor). This represents a decrease of 28.9% over the 2023 levy.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1 Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP4	<u>Ordinance 80-O-24: Library Fund 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 80-O-24, the property tax levy for Evanston Public Library. The Library Board is expected to formally vote on November 20 to increase the gross levy to \$8,845,484 as extended. Per ordinance 80-O-24, the annual property tax for the Evanston Public Library in the amount of \$8,845,484 will be extended for the tax year 2024 (including a 2.50% loss factor). This represents a 4.50% increase over the 2023 levy as extended.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1 Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>

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SP5	<u>Ordinance 81-O-24: Special Service Area (SSA) #6 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 81-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #6 in the amount of \$226,667 as extended (including a loss factor of 2.50%). This represents a decrease of 0.51% over the 2023 Levy as extended.	<p align="center">Approved For Introduction</p> <p align="center">8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP6	<u>Ordinance 82-O-24: Special Service Area (SSA) #7 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 82-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #7 in the amount of \$145,641 as extended (including a loss factor of 2.50%). This represents a decrease of 0.5% over the 2023 Levy as extended	<p align="center">Approved For Introduction</p> <p align="center">8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP7	<u>Ordinance 83-O-24: Special Service Area (SSA) #8 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 83-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #8 in the amount of \$61,744 as extended (including a loss factor of 2.50%). This represents a decrease of 0.5% over the 2023 Levy as extended.	<p align="center">Approved For Introduction</p> <p align="center">8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>

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SP8	<u>Ordinance 84-O-24: Special Service Area (SSA) #9 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 84-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #9 in the amount of \$658,610 as extended (including a loss factor of 2.50%). This represents an increase of 7.8% over the 2023 Levy as extended.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP9	<u>Ordinance 85-O-24: Special Service Area (SSA) #10 2024 Tax Levy</u>	Staff recommended the introduction of Ordinance 85-O-24, which levies the annual property tax for Special Service Area #10 in the amount of \$95,000 as extended (including a loss factor of 2.50%). No levy was extended for the tax year 2023.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Wynne, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Nay: Kelly</p>
SP10	<u>Ordinance 93-O-24, Amending City Code 7-12-17 "Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties"</u>	Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 93-O-24, Amending City Code 7-12-17, "Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties." The proposed ordinance would increase water charges by 23.3%, with the exception of the affordable water rate.	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>9-0</p> <p>Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Kelly</p>

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SP11	<u>Staff recommended City Council adoption of Ordinance 94-O-24, Amending City Code 7-13-3, Decreasing the Sewer User Rates</u>	Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 94-O-24, which would decrease the sewer user rate by 13.5%, from \$3.08 to \$2.66 per billing unit (100 cubic feet of water consumed).	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>9-0</p> <p>Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Reid, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Kelly</p>
M1	<u>Approval of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 28, 2024.</u>		Approved on Consent Agenda for Action
A1	<u>Approval of the City of Evanston Payroll and Bills List</u>	Staff recommended that the City Council approve the City of Evanston Payroll for the period of October 7, 2024, through October 20, 2024, for \$3,614,857.07 and the Bills List for November 12, 2024, for \$4,351,280.37.	Approved on Consent Agenda for Action

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A2	<u>Approval of a Contract with Air Comfort LLC (Bid #24-34) for the West Filter Plant Dehumidification System</u>	<p>Staff recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Air Comfort LLC (2550 Braga Drive, Broadview, IL 60155) to provide desiccant dehumidification system installation services for the West Filter Plant in the not-to-exceed amount of \$247,786.00 from November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Funding is provided by the Water Depreciation, Improvement & Extension Business Unit (Account 510.40.7330.65515-723007), which has a FY 2024 budget request of \$300,000.00 for this project, all of which is remaining.</p>	Approved on Consent Agenda for Action
A3	<u>Approval of Contracts with Alexander Chemical Corporation, Polydyne Incorporated, USALCO LLC, and Carus Corporation for FY 2025 Water Treatment Chemicals (Bid 24-36)</u>	<p>Staff recommended City Council authorize the City Manager to execute agreements with Alexander Chemical Corporation (7593 S. First Road, LaPorte, IN 46350) in the amount of \$387,160.00, Polydyne Incorporated (One Chemical Plant Road, Riceboro, GA 31323) in the amount of \$42,000.00, USALCO LLC (2601 Cannery Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21226) in the amount of \$215,885.88, and Carus Corporation (315 Fifth Street, Peru IL 61354) in the amount of \$274,400.00, for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, for the purchase of water treatment chemicals (Bid 24-36), for a total amount of \$919,445.88.</p> <p>Funding will be provided by the Water Production Bureau Filtration Business Unit (Accounts 510.40.4220.65015 & 510.40.4220.65030), which has a total FY 2025 budget request of \$1,227,000.00.</p>	Approved on Consent Agenda for Action

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A4	<p><u>Approval of the Sole-Source Purchase of the EnviroSight RovverX Lateral Launch System from Standard Equipment Company</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a sole-source agreement with Standard Equipment Company (625 S. Illinois Route 83, Elmhurst, IL 60126) for the purchase of the EnviroSight RovverX Lateral Launch System in the amount of \$133,910. <i>A sole-source purchase requires a two-thirds vote of the City Council.</i></p> <p>Funding is provided by the Water Fund (Account 510.40.4200.65515), which has an approved FY 2024 budget of \$54,004,000 and a YTD balance of 48,220,113.67.</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>

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A5	<p><u>Approval of a Sole Source Purchase of Two (2) AutoVu SharpZ3 License Plate Recognition Systems (LPR) for Parking Division Operations</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Minuteman Security & Life Safety (8200 W. 185th St., Tinley Park, IL 60487) in the amount of \$63,600.00 to upgrade two (2) existing mobile LPR units with a new AutoVu SharpZ3 LPR unit. <i>A sole-source purchase requires a two-thirds vote of the City Council.</i></p> <p>The funding for this purchase will be equally split between the General Fund, Parking Enforcement & Tickets Division, Service Agreements/Contracts (Account 100.19.1941.62509) and the Fleet Services Fund, Fleet Maintenance, Materials to Maintain Autos (Account 600.19.7710.65060). Each account has an FY 2024 budget of \$4354,000.00 and \$1,700,000.00, respectively.</p>	<p>Approved For Action</p> <p>8-1</p> <p>Ayes: Kelly, Harris,, Burns, Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Suffredin, Kelly Nay: Reid</p>
A6	<p><u>Resolution 76-R-24, Twelve Month Lease Agreements for Studio Spaces at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 76-R-24, authorizing the City Manager to enter into twenty-four (24) lease agreements for twelve (12) month lease terms for studio space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.</p> <p>Revenues are deposited into the Noyes Cultural Arts Business Unit 100.30.3710.53565</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>

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A7	<p><u>Resolution 77-R-24, Nine Month Lease Agreement for Studio Space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center with Evanston Children’s Choir</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended City Council approval of Resolution 77-R-24 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for a nine (9)-month lease term for studio space at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center with Evanston Children’s Choir.</p> <p>Revenues are deposited into the Noyes Cultural Arts Business Unit 100.30.3710.53565</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>
A8	<p><u>Ordinance 91-O-24 Amending City Code Section 10-11-18 "Residents Parking Only Districts"</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended that the City Council approve amending Title 10, Chapter 11, Section 18 Schedule XVII (F)(1)&(2) “Residents Parking Only Districts” to correct the schedules in order to eliminate a conflict in the city code and to reflect Councilmember Revelle’s referral.</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>

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<p>PD1</p>	<p><u>Ordinance 95-O-24, Special Use for a Planned Development for a Mixed-Use Building at 1621-1631 Chicago Avenue in the D4 Downtown Transition District</u></p>	<p>The Land Use Commission recommended the adoption of Ordinance 95-O-24, a Special Use for a Planned Development, to allow a 12-story mixed-use building with 110 dwelling units (including eight inclusionary units) and 10,832 sq. ft. of basement/ground-floor commercial space along with 48 garage parking spaces at 1621-1631 Chicago Avenue in the D4 Downtown Transition District. The request meets the Standards for Approval for Special Uses and Planned Developments.</p>	<p>Approved For Introduction</p> <p>8-0-1</p> <p>Ayes: Kelly, Harris, Reid, Burns Nieuwsma, Revelle, Geracaris, Wynne Abstain:Suffredin</p>
<p>PD2</p>	<p><u>Ordinance 92-O-24, Special Use for a Planned Development for a 230 Dwelling Unit Building with 48 Open Parking Spaces at 910-938 Custer Avenue in the MXE Mixed-Use Employment District</u></p>	<p>The Land Use Commission recommended the adoption of Ordinance 92-O-24, a Special Use for a Planned Development for a 230 dwelling-unit, five-story building with 48 open parking spaces and 23 inclusionary dwelling units at 910-938 Custer Avenue in the MXE Mixed-Use Employment District. The proposed development increases the available housing stock and inclusionary housing units while utilizing a transit-oriented location adjacent to public transit. The request meets the Standards for Approval for Special Uses and Planned Developments</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Introduction</p>

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HS1	<u>Ordinance 70-O-24, Amending Title 5, Chapter 3 Landlord and Tenant Regulations and Title 9, Chapter 4 of the City Code Dogs, Cats, Animals and Fowl</u>	The Animal Welfare Board recommended that the City Council approve Ordinance 70-O-24, Title 5, Chapter 3, Landlord and Tenant Regulations, and Title 9, Chapter 4, Dogs, Cats, Animals, and Fowl, which would create a section in the municipal code to end breed and size restrictions for residential properties.	<p style="text-align: center;">Approved For Introduction 5-4</p> <p>Ayes: Burns, Harris, Reid, Geracaris, Biss Nay: Suffredin, Revelle, Wynne, Nieuwsma, Absent: Kelly</p>
HS2	<u>Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City</u>	The Animal Welfare Board and the Human Services Committee recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance 17-O-24, Amending the City Code to Restrict the Use of Horse-Drawn Carriages in the City.	<p style="text-align: center;">Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>
ED1	<u>Approval of Financial Assistance for an Amount not to Exceed \$217,015.00 for Evanston Made to Assist in the Cost of Renovating a Property Located at 1800 Dempster Street</u>	<p>The Economic Development Committee recommended approval of TIF funding not exceeding \$217,015.00.</p> <p>West Evanston TIF G/L 335.99.5870.6551. The balance is \$1,557,546.00, according to the August 2024 monthly financial reports</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>

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ED2	<p><u>Approval of Final Design and Implementation Budget for City Center Plaza</u></p>	<p>The Economic Development Committee recommended approval of final design concepts for the City Center Plaza, with an estimated implementation budget not exceeding \$400,000.</p> <p>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) G/L# 170.99.9924.62490. Funds will be allocated from the \$3 million approved for the Evanston Thrives economic development initiatives.</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>
ED3	<p><u>Approval of Four Evanston Thrives Business District Gateway Mural Proposals for a total amount not to exceed \$99,000</u></p>	<p>The Economic Development Committee recommended City Council approval of a contract with Art Encounter to oversee the installation of three murals for an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and a contract with Damon Lamar Reed for the Church & Dodge mural in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.</p> <p>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) G/L# 170.99.9924.62490. Funds will be allocated from the \$3 million approved for the Evanston Thrives economic development initiatives.</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>

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PB1	<p><u>Approval of \$50,000 ARPA Funding Allocation from Participatory Budgeting Process to Provide Community Training in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)</u></p>	<p>Staff recommended the City Council approve the \$50,000 funding allocation using the American Rescue Plan Act funds to implement a plan to provide Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Evanston community members, which received the top number of votes from the ARPA Participatory Budgeting Process in 2023.</p> <p>Funding is requested through the American Rescue Plan Act, Account, 170.99.1700.55251</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>
AP1	<p><u>Approval of Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees for November 11th, 2024</u></p>	<p>The Mayor recommended City Council approval of the appointment of Anusha Kumar and Gul Agha to the Environment Board for their first Term and the appointment of Tawana Johnson to the MWDEBE Committee for a first Term.</p>	<p>Approved on Consent Agenda for Action</p>