



**EXECUTIVE SESSION
May 28, 2019**

**CITY OF EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
ALDERMANIC LIBRARY
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL**

Present: Alderman Fiske
Alderman Braithwaite Alderman Revelle
Alderman Wynne Alderman Rainey
Alderman Wilson Alderman Fleming
Alderman Rue Simmons

Absent: Alderman Suffredin

Others Present: Devon Reid, Clerk Reid, Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager; Erika Storlie, Assistant City Manager; Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager; Joe Perkoski, Attorney and Czarina Powell, Attorney with Robbins Schwartz

Presiding: Mayor Stephen H. Hagerty

A motion was made by Mayor Hagerty, second by Alderman Wilson, to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:31 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Clerk Devon Reid left the meeting. Deputy City Manager Richardson continued to record the session.

1. Personnel

Mr. Joe Perkoski and Ms. Czarina Powell of Robbins Schwartz provided an update to City Council regarding the healthy work environment complaints against Clerk Reid by city staff. The investigation findings sustained the complaints filed by Deputy Clerk Gomez and Corporate Counsel Mansoncup.

Mr. Perkoski stated that a further inquiry is needed in regards to recordings captured by Clerk Reid of closed session meetings after he was excused, and his sharing of closed session documents and other confidential information with a third party without authorization by City Council, as this goes beyond the healthy work environment complaints. Any findings that point to misconduct should be turned over to the State's Attorney's Office further investigation as it outside the authority of the City Council.

The City Council agreed to allow Mr. Perkoski to proceed with an inquiry into the release of confidential information and closed session recordings, and Deputy Clerk will continue to work outside the Clerk's office and report to the Deputy City Manager, no further action will be taken until the investigation concludes.

The meeting ended at 11:39 P.M.

Submitted by,
Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager