

City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2018
City Hall, 209 N. York St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.
Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Attendance: 2 press, ~8 residents; City Mgr. Grabowski;
Atty. Storino, Clerk Spencer, Treasurer Libovicz;
~2 City staff members; 10 Aldermen

LWV observer by video: B. Lipton

PLEASE NOTE: Related documents can be accessed online at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/il/coe/Board.nsf/Public>
and video recording of this meeting can be found at www.Youtube.com

1. Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 77
- Roll Call – Ald. Tolluto, Kennedy, Honquest, and York absent

2. Receipt of Written Communications from the Public none

3. Public Forum

- Claude Pagacz objects to setting up the new downtown TIF District and including public facilities such as Wilder Park and the YMCA in it. All that seems to have been accomplished by the previous downtown TIF is moving a few restaurants in and out. There are still many empty storefronts and decaying buildings downtown.
- Tamara Brenner is also concerned about the accelerated adoption of the new downtown TIF, without proper consideration of its effects, while the prior TIF has not yet expired. Government-subsidized capital projects seem to be locked in no matter what. The law mandates public meetings but there is no guarantee that Council members will listen to the community's concerns.

4. Announcements

- Ald. Polomsky notes that on Wed. January 31 Elmhurst Cool Cities and Citizens Utility Board will jointly sponsor a meeting on understanding utility bills and getting rebates.
- Ald. Bram announces a ribbon-cutting for Senior Artis at Brush Hill this Thursday.

5. Consent Agenda All items approved unanimously except **5.5, 5.10 (see **below)

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on December 18, 2017

5.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on December 18, 2017

5.3 Accounts Payable December 28, 2017 - Total \$ 6,774,761.31

5.4 O-01-2018 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Purchase of Reservoir Water Meters

** 5.5 O-02-2018 - An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Right-of-Way Adjacent to 845 N. Larch Avenue

- Ald. Mulliner explains that he wants to move this item to the January 16 Council meeting because this is a vacation of property that requires 75% of Council members' approval to pass it; there are not enough members here due to the four absent aldermen tonight.
- Postponement approved 10 – 0.

5.6 MCO-01-2018 - An Ordinance Amending Section 44.120, Entitled "No Parking Zones Enumerated," of Division 3, Entitled "Parking Restrictions," of Article VII, Entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Chapter 44, Entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Elmhurst Municipal Code (Parking Restrictions on the East and West Sides of Lawndale Avenue Between Park Avenue and Marion Street)

5.7 MCO-02-2018 - An Ordinance to Amend Section 36.11, Entitled "Limitation on Number of Licenses," of Chapter 36, Entitled "Liquor," of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

5.8 ZO-01-2018 - An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit to the Property Commonly Known as 595 N. York Street, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

5.9 R-01-2018 - A Resolution Amending and Approving the Anti-Harassment Policy for the City of Elmhurst

** 5.10 R-02-2018 - A Resolution Proposing a Redevelopment Plan and Project for, and the Designation of, the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area and the Adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing Therefor, Convening a Joint Review Board and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection Therewith

- Ald. Mulliner explains that this is the ordinance that allows the Council to begin the process to adopt the new downtown TIF.
- Ald. Bram explains that he pulled this item because of his concerns about the adoption of the new TIF that coincide with the concerns expressed by residents tonight. In addition, he points out that the zoning restrictions on density and lack of parking have now been resolved. Even so, most of the current downtown businesses did not come in

based on TIF incentives. Why not wait on the new TIF until there is time to really evaluate whether it will really be useful, and whether it's really needed? Ald. Bram cannot support this until the many questions are resolved.

- Ald. Polomsky asks for details on what the timeline for deciding on this TIF and the process that will be followed. Mayor Morley explains that this resolution starts the process; there will be hearings and the process will go through March.
- Approved 9 – 1 (Bram).

5.11 R-03-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 2017 Tobroco Little Giant Wheel Loader for the City of Elmhurst

5.12 R-04-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle for the City of Elmhurst Police Department and Authorizing the Disposal of One 2010 Toyota Sienna

6. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley announces garbage and Christmas tree pickup schedule. He urges neighbors to be vigilant during this cold snap about possibly compromised neighbors. His annual 'State of the City' address next week.
- City Manager Grabowski states that the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 15 due to the MLK holiday on Monday.

7. Other Business none

8. Adjournment 8:05 pm