

Elmhurst City Council meeting

February 21, 2017, 7:30 pm

Attendance: Mayor Morley, Atty. Storino, Clerk Spencer, Police Chief Ruth, Fire chief Freeman, ~50 members of the public; 3 press; ~10 first-responders; 13 Aldermen.

LWV observer from videotape: B. Lipton

1. Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing: Appointment, Employment, Compensations, and Performance of Specific Employees of the Public Body Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Worker's Compensation Settlement Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12)

2. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance - Sandburg & Churchville Girl Scout Troops

Roll Call – Wagner, Sabatino absent. Ald. Wagner came in late.

3. Swearing In

Police Department Promotions - Sergeant Steven Wright to the rank of Police Commander; Officer Guy Schweik to the rank of Police Sergeant

4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public None

5. Public Forum

- Bob Bacon as a member of Elmhurst cool Cities coalition (ECCC) thanks the City for providing liason and commitment to work with the ECCC on sustainability. Met w/ Dir of Public Works last week. Mentions 2 upcoming events – presentation on pesticide-free lawn care at the library on 2/23; and the One Earth Film Festival on Sunday March 5. ECCC invites residents and City officials to come.
- Sarah Massey, resident of Elmhurst; her child goes to Kids Drop In daycare, and favors its move to downtown: it would facilitate parents access to train station and cut down on traffic in the morning and evening rush hours.
- John Quigley, head of Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, discussing the daycare move to downtown. There were questions about whether its move to downtown would affect safety, traffic and access of emergency vehicles, but he has seen no evidence of excess concerns over and above any other type of business, such as dry cleaners, restaurants, etc. No traffic study or other objective evidence has confirmed that there would be a problem. There are already concerns about children and vehicles, what with IC, Hawthorne, the York Theater, The Library, the YMCA, etc. Additionally, this is a great complementary business to an unused corner of downtown and a huge convenience for parents who are visiting downtown businesses. This is a good project. Mr. Quigley quotes former Mayor Marcucci who said "lights on are better than lights off".
- Cory Winger who grew up here in Elmhurst, is also in favor of Kids Drop In daycare moving to downtown. He is a long-term parent and user of the center. There is no problem with parking; the DCFS regulates these facilities very carefully. Safety for one business is safety for another.
- Alison Jensen moved to Elmhurst 2 years ago, would find Kids Drop In daycare a valuable asset to the downtown area. It would show support for young families and encourage more to move here. It makes no sense to discourage a thriving local business and force it to leave the City.
- Rima Vitamontes read the minority report and feels the Kids Drop In daycare owner has addressed all the concerns. If safety is an issue here, other places in town should be more closely scrutinized as well such as her street behind York HS.
- Gilbert Fisher recites instances from history when rulers raised taxes and people rebelled. He feels there are only 2 government officials who are aware of the importance of this: Gov. Rauner and Donald Trump.
- Michelle Nosik director of Kids Drop In daycare enumerated her responsibilities and the very strict state requirements that she is mandated to follow including those for safety.
- Laura Allen thanks the 2 aldermen who issued the majority report supportive of the daycare center move to downtown. The minority report does not specify any concerns in detail, and thus the parents and daycare owner are left wondering what else needs to be done. Urges a vote in favor of the daycare move.
- Cassandra Mladenoff thanks the aldermen for their due diligence. She is an Elmhurst grad who returned to town as a single mother with three kids; she is owner of the daycare. She is proud of patronizing local businesses. She mentioned the strict licensing requirements and the enhancement of Elmhurst quality of life that would come with having a drop-in center in downtown.
- Joyce Sloan of Oak Brook has represented the Kids Drop In since its inception 8 years ago. It was immediately successful. She went back through the committee meetings and revisions of business plans that have led up to tonight's vote. She urges a favorable vote for the daycare center move to downtown.

- Claude Pagasz thanks the woman who showed up at the last meeting and complained about the building contractor being favored by City building code enforcement officers. Contractors don't care about the residents and the City doesn't enforce the ordinances.
- Lance Edesco thanks the aldermen and mayor for their service. He grew up in Elmhurst, and points out several past controversies where City officials tried to thwart small business people. Now once again a local female business owner was having trouble with getting City approval for a positive contributing business move.
- Anthony Cooper has lived in Elmhurst since age 13 and also supports the daycare center move to downtown. Points out that the Elmhurst motto "unlike anything" would be made more true by allowing this.

6. Announcements none

7. Consent Agenda All items below approved unanimously 13 – 0 except **7.30 (Kennedy); 7.24 (Bram)

- 7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on February 6, 2017
- 7.2 Accounts Payable - February 16, 2017 - Total \$ 1,199,991.89
- 7.3 Reappointment to the Veterans Memorial Commission (Gass) (Mayor Morley)
- 7.4 Report - 2017 Fire Hydrant Materials Purchase (PWB)
- 7.5 Report - Elmhurst Police Station Rain Garden - Construction Bids (PWB)
- 7.6 Report - SW Infrastructure - FEQ Modeling - Professional Engineering Services (PWB)
- 7.7 Report - Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for 2017 Field Investigations and Collection System Rehabilitation Programs (PWB)
- 7.8 Report - 138-142 N. Addison - Underground Conduit Installation (PWB)
- 7.9 Report - Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Water System Evaluation (PWB)
- 7.10 Report - Two (2) Ford F550 4x4 Dump Trucks with Tailgate Spreaders and Snow Plow Package (PWB)
- 7.11 Report - Ford F250 and F350 4x4 Pick-up Trucks with Snow Plow Package and Lift-Gate (PWB)
- 7.12 Report - Elmhurst Running Club 4 on the 4th - 2017 Run (PAS)
- 7.13 Report - Authorize Reimbursement of Expenses from Debt Obligation (FCAAS)
- 7.14 Report - DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference 2017 Legislative Action Program (FCAAS)
- 7.15 Report - Case Number 17 ZBA 02 / Loftus Variation - 540 W. Lamont Road (DPZ)
- 7.16 Report - Case Number 17 ZBA-01 / Elmhurst BMW Variation - 500 W. Lake Street (DPZ)
- 7.17 Report - Case Number 17 P-01/City of Elmhurst Subdivision - Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision of 130 West Butterfield (DPZ)
- 7.18 Report - Case Number 16 P-14/Lapetina Map Amendment or Text Amendment (DPZ)
- 7.19 O-09-2017 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of Elmhurst
- 7.20 O-10-2017 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Approving and Authorizing Utility Relocation at 100 North Addison Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.21 O-11-2017 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Redevelopment Agreement by and between Fit Form Realty, LLC and the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.22 O-12-2017 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Approving and Authorizing Utility Relocation at 138-142 North Addison Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.23 O-13-2017 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois
- **7.24 MCO-09-2017 - An Ordinance to Amend Section 16.11 Entitled "Service Charges" of Chapter 16 Entitled "Garbage and Rubbish" of the Municipal Code of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (Service Charges for Refuse Collection)
 - Ald. Bram pulled this because he objects to changing the philosophy of the refuse collection operation: people who discard more rubbish are effectively getting a discounted rate. He also supports bringing back the smaller 32 gallon garbage toter which would be a service to senior citizens. He objects to devoting a full 1.1 FTE position to answering refuse collection questions. Ald. Wagner points out that this was already discussed 2 weeks ago.
 - Approved 12 -1 (Bram)
- 7.25 R-16-2017 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, LTD. in Connection with the North Elevated Water Tower Rehabilitation Project
- 7.26 R-17-2017 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2017 Rescue Squad/Pumper for the City of Elmhurst's Fire Department and Authorizing the Trade-in of One Existing 1994 E-One Squad

- 7.27 R-18-2017 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Industrial Trailer Mounted Drum Style Log and Debris Chipper with a Chipsafe Operator Safety Shield and to Authorize Trade-in of One 2006 Morbark Chipper
- 7.28 R-19-2017 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2017 Trackless T7 Articulating Snow Sweeper and to Authorize Trade-in of One 2000 Trackless MTSMT Articulating Snow Sweeper
- 7.29 R-20-2017 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Design Engineering Services Agreement with Robinson Engineering, Ltd. in Connection with the Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Sampling Station Project
- **7.30 R-21-2017 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Design Engineering Services Agreement with Intelligent Design & Construction Solutions LLC in Connection with the North Industrial Lift Station Generator and General Improvements Project
- Ald. Kennedy would like this brought back to committee for additional modifications, according to a request by City staff. Mayor Morley points out that this cannot be brought back to committee but can be removed from the agenda tonight.

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1 Majority Report - Case Number 16 P-13/Mladenoff Day Care Conditional Use 187-195 North York (DPZ)
- 8.2 Minority Report - Case Number 16 P-13/Mladenoff Day Care Conditional Use 187-195 North York (DPZ)
- See above Public Forum statements. Ald. Levin wants to pull this back to committee but would like to explain why: This has been discussed multiple times in committee but he was never shown emails from the Police and Fire Depts. that addressed concerns for safety. Therefore both reports will not be discussed today.

9. Ordinances

- 9.1 O-14-2017 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Redevelopment Agreement By and Between Brewpoint LLC and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois
- Ald. Levin explains this is the ordinance to put in force the plans for the retail coffee roasting business on N. York St. that was discussed at many prior meetings.
- Approved 11 - 2 (Bram, Honquist)

10. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley
 - St. Patrick's Day parade March 4.
- City Manager Grabowski is absent so his O'Hare Airport Expansion report will be given next time.
 - Strategic plan for Elmhurst economy is working its way through committees and should be ready in 4-6 weeks.
- Asst. Mgr. Kobb says the trolley will be operating before and after the parade on its normal route.
- The Elmhurst Emergency Services review is ongoing; Fire Chief Freeman reports in Mgr. Grabowski's absence. This review will continue for next 2-3 meetings of the PAS committee, but Ald. Healy felt it was important to share the current status with the Council. Chief Freeman's slide presentation is available on the city website (see below for URL)
 - Ald Wagner asks about the process when 911 calls come in. Ald. Levin asks whether the question of supplying ALS equipment on the fire rigs has been addressed. Chief Freeman responds not yet. Ald. Dunn asks how the short response times have been maintained since the # of calls has increased. The proximity of the hospital right here in town has been a big factor. Ald. Bram also asks about response time; asks if there could be information on how Elmhurst compares to other local communities. Ald. Healy states that this exact information was requested by the PAS committee at its last meeting. Police will report at the next Council meeting. Mayor Morley summarizes; encourages people who are interested to attend the next few PAS committee meetings. Ald. Wagner asks about the cost of an ambulance – it is about \$150,000 - \$175,000 annually.

11. Other Business

- Ald. Talluto refers to Report 7.9; she thanks the Public Works team and the Finance committee for proactive planning to keep increases in water and sewer rates very low in the future.

12. Adjournment 9:45 pm

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