

## **City Council Meeting**

Monday, April 15, 2019 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Morley presiding.

Attendance: 2 press; City Mgr. Grabowski; Atty. Storino; Asst. Clerk Cyprian; Treasurer Libovicz; ~2 City staff members; 12 Aldermen; Fire Chief Freeman; Police Chief Ruth; ~25 residents

LWV observer (from video): B. Lipton

NOTE: Related documents can be accessed online at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/coe/Board.nsf/Public> and a video recording of this meeting can be found at [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com)

**1. Executive Session 6:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussing:** Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and Pending and Probable Litigation, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

**2. Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Polomsky, Honquest absent

**3. Recognition** - 1st Place York High School Mock Trial Team – 9 students; 3 mentor-coaches

Mayor Morley explains that they took First Place in the State tournament of 40 teams that competed. Applause; photos; applause. After the presentation all but ~5 residents leave.

**4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public** None

### **5. Public Forum**

- Claude Pagacz reflects on the recent election and the poor turnout of citizens.

### **6. Announcements**

- Ald. Dunn announces a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward meeting this Wednesday. Ald. Leader and Dunn welcome all residents.

**7. Consent Agenda** All items below approved unanimously 12 – 0.

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on April 1, 2019

7.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on April 1, 2019

7.3 Accounts Payable 04112019 - Total \$ 4,339,984.32

7.4 Reappointment to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - Haddad (Mayor Morley)

7.5 Reappointment to the Commission on Youth - Zimmer (Mayor Morley)

7.6 Reappointments to the Economic Development Commission - McGinnis, Meyers, Ricordati, Shanklin (Mayor Morley)

- 7.7 Reappointments to the Public Art Commission - Evans, Miller, Sabatino (Mayor Morley)
- 7.8 Reappointments to the Senior Commission - Forbush, Haller, Maple, Morris, Wood (Mayor Morley)
- 7.9 Reappointments to the Veterans Memorial Commission - Pechanio and Shanklin (Mayor Morley)
- 7.10 Report - Central Business District - Streetscape Amenity Purchase (PWB)
- 7.11 Report - License Agreement - Zayo Group (PWB)
- 7.12 Report - IDOT Funding Agreement - Spring Avenue Resurfacing Project (PWB) (see item # 11.1)
- 7.13 Report - Professional Engineering Services for the ARCGIS Online Implementation and Integration into Lucity V2018 (PWB)
- 7.14 Report - 2019 Explore Elmhurst Community Grant Program (PAS)
- 7.15 Report - 2019 Payton Power Walk/Run (PAS) (see item # 8.2)
- 7.16 Report - Case Number 18 P 26/Amenity Deck Text Amendment (DPZ)
- 7.17 Report - Case Number 19 ZBA-01 Smith Variations (DPZ)
- 7.18 R-44-2019 - A Resolution Accepting the Proposal of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. for Professional Insurance Broker Services for the City of Elmhurst for the Period of May 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for General, Auto, Public Officials Liability Insurance Property Insurance and Cyber Liability Insurance and for the Period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 for Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance
- 7.19 R-46-2019 - A Resolution Regarding the Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes
- 7.20 R-47-2019 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Architectural Design and Phase II Engineering Services Agreement for the Elmhurst Metra Station By and Between the City of Elmhurst and CDM Smith, Inc.

## **8. Ordinances**

- 8.1 O-27-2019 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Property
  - Mgr. Grabowski notes the address is 113-121 Addison Ave. and the purchase price is \$2,250,000.
  - Ald. Deuter states that this purchase is of the Pizza Palace property and though this is an important acquisition the City should use its TIF powers and other tools before purchasing property, particularly without a plan for redeveloping it, as is the case here. She will vote against this ordinance, but if it is approved, she hopes that a plan for targeted redevelopment is adopted very soon.
  - Ald. Bram concurs with Ald. Deuter, and points out that the basis for the purchase price was not investigated thoroughly.

- Approved 10 – 2 (Bram, Deuter).

8.2 O-29-2019 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Payton Power Committee and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (see item # 7.15)

- Approved 12 – 0.

## **9. Committee Reports**

9.1 Report - York Street and Illinois Prairie Path (PAS) to approve return of grant funds (\$1.76 million) back to DMMC.

- Ald. Levin explains that this refers to 2014 funds to look at grade separation (over- or underpass) for the Prairie Path at York St. The committee decided unanimously that it wasn't worth the additional cost to the City that would be needed to proceed with either option; the committee will continue to look at alternatives. The funds cannot go to other City projects so they should be returned to the funding agency. Ald. Dunn agrees with Ald. Levin; there have been more recent actions taken to improve lines of sight.

- Ald. Bram is glad that a decision is finally being taken one way or the other. He reviews the history of this issue.

- Approved 12 – 0.

## **10. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials**

- Mayor Morley reports on the April 2 election; he thanks all of the candidates and congratulates the winners who will be sworn in May 6.

- Committee memberships will be reassigned in the next few weeks.

- Vehicle stickers should be in place by May 1.

- There was an inadvertent omission to today's agenda; the report will be brought up for discussion on May 6.

- Reminds residents to sign up for water smart program.

- City Manager Grabowski thanks staff and the College for its recycling event this past weekend.

- April 27 will be the start of the 'spring cleanup' of extra trash.

- He has had a number of calls about the electric aggregation program; he explains that 5 different letters went out depending on how residents' current usage was configured. All residents can opt into the MC-squared program, except those who were told they were definitely going to be switched. Ald. York notes that whatever electricity supplier, the cost of electricity remains the same.

- Ald. Mulliner notes that the Elmhurst Model Railroad Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past weekend. He encourages all residents to visit their clubhouse on First Ave.

## **11. Resolutions**

11.1 R-45-2019 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation By and Between the City of Elmhurst and the Illinois Department of Transportation in Connection with the Resurfacing of Spring Road from St. Charles Road to Valette Street in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (see item # 7.12)

- Ald. Bram supports this resolution but is concerned that Spring Rd. was just repaved ~10 years ago; he asks why the longevity of the road surface is so short? Most road surfaces are supposed to last 15-20 years.
- Ald. Kennedy explains that this item is on the agenda now in order to get it to IDOT in enough time to have the work done before next winter. City staff looked at the roadway and noted a significant need for repaving.
- Approved 12 – 0.

**12. Other Business** none

**13. Adjournment** 8:40 pm