

City Council Meeting

Monday, June 3, 2019 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Morley presiding.

Attendance: 2 press; City Mgr. Grabowski; Atty. Storino; Clerk Spencer; ~5 City staff members; 10 Aldermen; Fire Chief Freeman; Police Chief Ruth; ~10 child and ~40 adult residents

LWV observer: 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

Agenda revised 05/31/2019 as follows: Removal of O-39-2019: Ordinance

Vacating the Walter Street Right-Of-Way from Prospect Ave to Myrtle Ave

- 1. Executive Session** - Conf. Room - 7:00 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)
- 2. Call to Order** Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Park, Deuter, Leader, Dunn absent
- 3. Presentations** 2019 Ruth Strand Poster Contest Winners. Presentation by David Ober, Director of the Elmhurst History Museum. Second grade students created posters of their favorite thing about Elmhurst. All posters are displayed in the Library. Names of winners and runners-up are announced; posters are displayed; applause. Pictures; handshakes; more applause. After the presentation all but 15 adult residents leave.
- 4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public**
- 5. Public Forum**
 - Tom Marro requests that a stop light be placed at the corner of York Rd. and Diversey. He describes numerous incidences of near-miss and completed accidents.
 - Marilynn Sansone agrees with Mr. Marro. She describes observing many dangerous events and feels for those who try to cross York as pedestrians.
 - Don Gelsomino moved to Elmhurst a year ago, he is a teacher and football coach at York HS. He also describes the hazardous traffic situation at York and Diversey, especially when students try to cross the road.
 - Joe Martucci has lived in North Elmhurst for 58 years. The intersection at York & Diversey is known as “suicide corner”. The situation has gotten worse as more people have moved to the north side of the City and commercial development has increased.

- Joanne Sopporto, a resident for 53 years, echoes the above concerns. She herself has had her car totalled at that corner. This is an important issue.
- Pete DiCianni, County Board member & former Elmhurst mayor, also calls for placing a stoplight at this busy intersection. He presents several reasons with details. He requests that the required traffic study take place AFTER school re-starts in August. He presents a petition signed by over 400 residents requesting the stoplight.
- Becky Lipton, LWV member, notes that next week is the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th amendment.
- Claude Pagasz is concerned that the City is not following its own building codes. The recent waiver allowing an 8 story building on Addison Ave. and the ceding of a block of Walter St. to Elmhurst College are both evidence of this. The City purchased the strip of property on Addison and now no tax dollars are forthcoming at all. Neighbors complain that users of the Fitness Center on Addison are taking up all the on-street parking, while the new parking deck sits empty.
- Tamica Stechschulte is a resident of North Elmhurst who is concerned about the safety of her 3 children. The intersection at York & Diversey is extremely dangerous; she describes an accident suffered by her friend at that intersection one year ago.
- In the interest of brevity, Pete Diciani asks for a show of hands of northside neighbors who support placing a traffic signal at York & Diversey but who have not yet formally addressed Council; 7 residents raise their hands.

6. Announcements

- Ald. York sends Happy Birthday greetings to his neighbor, Helen Gorman, who is turning 105 years old. Applause. He notes that the Elmhurst Cycling Classic will be held on Friday July 26 and ~150 volunteers are needed. He encourages all to sign up.

7. Consent Agenda All items below approved unanimously except 7.24 (Bram); see **

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on May 20, 2019

7.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on May 20, 2019

7.3 Accounts Payable - May 30, 2019 - Total \$ 960,328.98

7.4 Report - Stormwater Ordinance Revision Adoption (PWB)

7.5 Report - One (1) 2019 Sauber 1580 TBA Tilt Bed Trailer (PWB)

7.6 Report - Phase 1 TS&L Additional Services - Metra Station Project (PWB)

7.7 Report - Rental - Combination Sewer Vac Truck (PWB)

7.8 Report - Professional Engineering Agreement for Design and Bidding of McKinley Storm Pumping Station Upgrades (PWB)

- 7.9 Report - Intergovernmental Agreement - St. Charles Road Bridge (PWB) (see item #11.1)
- 7.10 Report - Professional Engineering Agreement for Design and Bidding of Utley Storm Pumping Station Upgrades (PWB)
- 7.11 Report - Amendment to Timed Parking Zones Adjacent to Elementary Schools (PAS)
- 7.12 Report - Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Car Show and Oktoberfest (PAS)
- 7.13 Report - Request for Extension - Case 16 P 11 Conditional Use and Variations 123 E. St. Charles (DPZ)
- 7.14 Report - Case Number 19 ZBA-03 Miller Variations (DPZ)
- 7.15 Report - Case Number 19 P 07/First Congregational Church Conditional Use Permit and Variations (DPZ)
- 7.16 Report - Case Number 19 ZBA-04 Immaculate Conception Variations (DPZ) (see item #10.1)
- 7.17 O-36-2019 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Immaculate Conception Parish and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois
- 7.18 O-37-2019 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to the Lease Agreement By and Between T-Mobile Central, LLC and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois
- 7.19 O-38-2019 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Wausau Made, Inc. for Fifty-Four (54) Concrete Planters for the Central Business District
- 7.20 R-69-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the 2019 Concrete Pavement Patching Project for the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.21 R-70-2019 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Payment of Annual Dues and Project Fees Pursuant to an Agreement By and Between the DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group and the City of Elmhurst
- 7.22 R-71-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the City of Elmhurst's Use
- 7.23 R-72-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award and Contract for the 2019 Pavement Striping Program
- **7.24 R-74-2019 - A Resolution to Set the Rate for Sewerage Treatment from Illinois American Water Company
- Ald. Bram cannot support this as it will result in excessive increases in water rates for residents.
 - Approved 9 – 1 (Bram)
- 7.25 R-75-2019 - A Resolution Authorizing the City of Elmhurst to Adjust the Wheeling Rate Charge to Illinois American Water Company Pursuant to Section

5 C of the "Water Transmission and Delivery Agreement Among the City of Elmhurst, Citizens Utilities Company of Illinois Now Known as Illinois American Water Company and the DuPage Water Commission" Dated August 15, 1994

8. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley reports on last Monday's Memorial Day parade – he thanks everybody who was involved. The Farmers Market is now open; the Trolley is running until the fall.
- The Mayor states he has been urging D205 Board to work with the City on stormwater issues; he sent two letters (see City website) and offered to meet with them in public. D205 has not been responsive; he urges everyone to contact their D205 Board members and ask them to work with the City. D205 posted an item on their website referring to misleading statements, rancor and posturing by the City; his reason for asking for a public meeting is to avoid any more 'he said-she said' arguments. The Mayor will continue to report to residents on the progress (or lack of it) in discussions with D205. He notes the abnormally high rainfall experienced last week in Elmhurst, when the new stormwater abatement facilities functioned well.

The Quarry will function automatically as a stormwater reservoir. Some streets will still flood at times, but 'tree street' homes were protected.

- City Manager Grabowski thanks residents for their patience as City crews deal with flooded areas after the big storm last week. The Illinois Tollway is hosting an open house to explain their summertime roadway repairs on June 11.
 - Ald. Mulliner comments on the positive impact of the new stormwater reservoirs as well. He also asks the D205 Board to consider that land areas controlled by the School Board belong to the public at large and should be used to serve public needs.
 - Ald. Bram announces that the Emroy Ave. bridge project over I-290 began today.
 - Ald. Polomsky comments on the contention between D205 and the City; she feels that the issues need to be hashed out in public. Ald. Kennedy, York and Honquest also comment; they review the history of negotiations with the School Board.
- 9. Ordinance ZO-20-2019** - An Ordinance Granting Variations from the Setback and Fence Requirements at the Property Commonly Known as 130-34 W. Arthur & 217 S. Cottage Hill, Elmhurst, Illinois (see item #7.16)
- 10. Resolution R-73-2019** - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst, Illinois and

the Village of Villa Park in Connection with the St. Charles Road Bridge
Rehabilitation Project (see item # 7.9)

11. Other Business none.

12. Adjournment 8:50 pm