

Monday, June 4, 2018
Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council

City Hall
209 N. York St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Council Chambers

7:30 p.m.

LWV Observer: Mary Clare Sullivan

Steven M. Morley, Mayor – Absent; Alderman Mulliner presided

Attendance: 3 Press; ~25 residents; City Mgr. Grabowski; Atty. Storino, Clerk Spencer; ~3 City staff members; 12 Aldermen; Fire Chief Freeman, Police Chief Ruth

1. Executive Session - 7:00 pm for the Purpose of Discussing:
Pending/Probable Litigation Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)

2. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call -12 aldermen present, 2 absent (Honquest, and Park)

3. Presentations

3.1 2018 Ruth Strand Poster Contest Winners

Dave Oberg, Executive Director of the Elmhurst History Museum, addressed the Council and thanked the organizers of the contest and the 350 Elmhurst student participants. Ellen Braun of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation noted the photos of the posters in a PowerPoint presentation. Many of the winners and honorable mentions were present and a group photo was taken. Each of the winners then shook hands with the Council members and received a round of applause. After the presentation approx. 5 residents remained.

Following are the top winners of the 2018 Ruth Strand Poster Contest:

1st Place – Daniella Miulli, Hawthorne School

2nd Place – Gabby Cantrell, Immaculate Conception

3rd Place – Gavin Stotts, Field School (tie)

3rd Place – Lucy Beal, Hawthorne (tie)

Honorable Mentions & Schools: Aviana Heckenbach, Fischer; Clare O'Shaughnessy, Visitation; Hanna George, Lincoln; John Teevens, Emerson; Julia Cizek, Jackson; Katie Knable, Immaculate Conception; Olivia Auvil, Edison; Renata Torres, Field; Samantha Drolett, Jefferson; and Sophie Hummel, Hawthorne.

4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public

Daniel Kusiak submitted an analysis of Yorkfield property values.

5. Public Forum

- Daniel Kusiak addressed the Council stating that he and his wife are Yorkfield residents that have three ongoing concerns regarding the Elmhurst Hospital campus.

Traffic – Homeowners were originally told that 18 to 20 large truck deliveries would occur daily. Currently there are over 50 deliveries each day. It was originally estimated that 21 ambulances would access the emergency room each day. Currently there are over 100 each day. This directly increases the traffic flow and noise in the neighborhood.

Noise – The high-pressure natural gas valve in the hospital generator creates a great deal of high-pitched noise. It was originally represented that the back-up generators would run approximately 2 hours each month. In reality they run 2 to 3 times per week.

Property Values – It was represented that property values would remain the same or even increase over time. However, a current assessment indicates that property values have decreased an average of 10%.

- Edgar Pal thanked the Council members for resolving 4 cases that had been open for a considerable amount of time by the Public Access Bureau. He also praised the approx. 20 members of City staff who have already gone through training on “Open Meeting Acts”.

6. Announcements - None

7. Consent Agenda – All items approved 12-0, except **below

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on May 21, 2018

7.2 Accounts Payable May 31, 2018 - Total \$ 615,528.18

- 7.3 Reappointments to the Economic Development Commission - Coppola and Anglewicz (Mayor Morley)
- 7.4 Referral - Aircraft Noise Group Affiliations - Alderman Dunn and Alderman Brennan (City Manager Grabowski)
- 7.5 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 1 - Construction Engineering (PWB)
- 7.6 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 1 - Construction Bids (PWB) (see item #10.1)
- 7.7 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 1 - Easement and Land Contract (PWB)
- 7.8 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 2 - Construction Engineering (PWB)
- 7.9 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 2 - Construction Bids (PWB) (see item #11.1)
- 7.10 Report - IDOT Funding Agreement (Revised) - York Street Resurfacing Project (PWB) (see item # 11.2)
- 7.11 Report - 6th Annual Elmhurst Cycling Classic Bicycle Race (PAS)
- 7.12 Report - Request for 3rd Extension - 16 P-11/Redeemer Church Conditional Use and Associated Variations 123 East St. Charles (DPZ)
- 7.13 Report - Case Number 17 P-06/Edward Elmhurst and City of Elmhurst Subdivision-Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision (DPZ)
- 7.14 Report - Request for Extension - Case Number 17 ZBA-06/MacKenzie Variation - 130 W. Church Street (DPZ)
- 7.15 O-41-2018 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the City of Elmhurst
- 7.16 ZO-08-2018 - An Ordinance Granting Sign Variations to the Property Commonly Known as 140 North Addison, Elmhurst, Illinois (FFC - P.I.N.s 06-02-220-010/-026)
- **7.17 ZO-09-2018 - An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit and to Approve and Authorize Variations for the Construction and Operation of a Cell Tower on Property Commonly Known as 910 North Addison Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois (P.I.Ns 03-26-403-009/-010/-011)
Ald. Bram requested that this item be discussed because he does not believe that public property should be sold for private use. He does not agree with the sale, the price, or anything else regarding this transaction.
- Approved 11-1 (Bram)
- 7.18 R-61-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the Fire Hydrant Sandblasting and Painting Project

- 7.19 R-62-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Construction of the Hahn Street North Archway Sign
- 7.20 R-63-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for Street Light and Traffic Signal Pole Painting, Project No. 18-19 for the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.21 R-65-2018 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Funding Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst, Illinois and the Commuter Rail Division of the Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra") for the Union Pacific Railroad Co. Project

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Report - Debt Management Policy (FCAAS)

Ald. York, Sabatino, Park, Brennan move to adopt the policy as proposed.

Ald. York explained that the policy keeps the 5% debt limit in place. It includes details to show where the city incurs its \$104 million and refers to a chart that clearly breaks down the categories.

Ald. Levin inquires if the new policy differs from the old in any way.

Ald. York states that the policy formalizes the process but does not change the way the city finances its debt. It is just a tool to use now and will become more important in the future.

Ald. Talluto thanks the Finance Committee for their efforts and states that this new policy will guide and ensure future City Councils will maintain a healthy financial status for the city.

Ald. Bram thanks the Finance Committee for creating the report. He also refers to line item 4 relating to General Obligation Bonds, \$4.4 million and asks for clarification.

Ald. York responds that this amount represents what is yet to be paid on outstanding bonds for the remainder of the year. All existing debt is represented in the current budget.

Ald. York then states that it is the goal of the Committee to maintain or improve the city's positive bond rating.

-Approved unanimously 12-0

9. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

9.1 Mayor Morley-absent

Ald. Dunn reported on the ONCC meeting held on June 1st:

- A Boeing representative gave an analysis on reducing aircraft noise.

- The Fly Quiet Committee will meet on June 19th and again in July and August.

- A consultant was selected to review EIS modeling

Ald. Bram also reported on the ONCC meeting. He stated that the Council should request an answer from the committee regarding the specific runway location, as the aircraft noise will directly affect Elmhurst.

Ald. York responded that the Council staff would obtain an answer.

Ald. York then congratulated all involved in organizing the Memorial Day parade

9.2 City Manager Grabowski

- Grabowski addressed the unusual amount of rain that occurred during the month of May. During the most recent storm, he explained that 2 ½ inches fell in two hours and that all systems worked as designed/expected. He acknowledged the public works crews that manned the treatment plant and cleared the streets of debris. Two road closures occurred, the Route 83 underpass and Palmer Drive. Grabowski said the city will look into those road closures. He also thanked the first responders for their diligence during the storms.
- Grabowski reported that the Royal York Board property swap conversation continues in a timely manner.
- Grabowski reported that police roll calls have started for the summer months and that residents are encouraged to participate.

Ald. York thanked city employees for their good flood response and asked residents to help clean inlets on the street in front of their homes. He also complimented the police for a successful roll call in the 7th ward.

10. Ordinances

10.1 O-40-2018 - An Ordinance Rejecting All Bids for the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 1 and Awarding the Project to Swallow Construction Corporation (see item #7.6)

Ald. Kennedy stated that this was an atypical situation because all bids were rejected, therefore the Council selected Swallow for the project.

Approved 12-0

11. Resolutions

11.1 R-64-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement By and Between Earthwerks Land Improvements & Development Corporation and the City of Elmhurst and Authorizing the Issuance of a

Notice of Award for the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project Phase 2 (see item # 7.9)

Ald. Kennedy commented that the area near Jackson School is on schedule to be completed by year-end.

Resolution approved 12-0

11.2 R-66-2018 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Agreement By and Between the City of Elmhurst and the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding the Resurfacing of York Street from First Street to North Avenue in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (see item # 7.10)

Ald. Kennedy stated that the suspension of rules is a necessary formality when accepting state funding for a project.

Resolution approved 12-0

12. Other Business- None

13. Adjournment- 8:20