

Elmhurst City Council Meeting

209 N. York St.

Elmhurst, IL 60126

June 20, 2016

Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Present: 13 Aldermen; elected & appointed officials;

~20 citizens; 5 first responders

2 Press

LWV Observer: B. Lipton

1. Executive Session - Conference Room #2 - 6:30 p.m.

2. Call to Order – 7:55 pm

Moment of silence in memory of the victims of the tragedy in Orlando

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Ald. Kennedy absent

3. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public none

4. Public Forum

- a. Dan Drzwicki – Elmhurst resident and firefighter for 23 years; president of union local. The issue for him is the deficiencies in the Fire Department. Unfilled positions are causing overwork for firefighter (esp. junior firefighters) and inadequate services for residents. Requests ALS equipment for rigs. Strongly urges administration to reconsider privatizing firefighting and EMS services – this is totally inappropriate.
- b. Mr. Patash – Complains generally about giveaways to developers, to be paid by higher taxes on residents. Specifically complains that City is paying for sprinklers in the Hahn St. development though it was the omission of the architects.
- c. Ms. Wolf – At her first Council meeting in 4-5 months, but nothing has changed. Why is Fire Dept. still asking to be fully staffed while there are all kinds of expenditures for less important items? Her tax bill went up. Specific complaints regarding the Thornton gas station and the lack of progress on stormwater solutions. Requests that the City Council make an effort to avoid the kind of deadlock they have in Springfield.

5. Announcements

6. Consent Agenda – all approved unanimously except item 6.17 O-47-2016, which was removed at the request of Ald. Bram. See *** below

6.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on June 6, 2016

6.2 Accounts Payable - June 6, 2016 - Total \$ 1,742,405.62

6.3 Referral - City of Elmhurst to join the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) – Aldermen Dunn and Polomsky (City Manager Grabowski)

6.4 Referral - Commercial Property Lighting Requirements - Aldermen Bram and Polomsky (City Manager Grabowski)

6.5 Reappointment to the Veterans Memorial Commission - Pechanio (Mayor Morley)

6.6 Appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Board - Hallberg (Mayor Morley)

6.7 Report - 2016 Concrete Pavement Patching Program (PWB)

6.8 Report - 2016 Inlet Cleaning Program (PWB)

6.9 Report - Installation of Four (4) High Speed Garage Doors (PWB)

6.10 Report - One (1) Ford F450 4X2 Platform Sign Truck with Sign Post Puller (PWB)

6.11 Report - Ford F350 4X4 Pick-Up Truck with Snow Plow Package (PWB)

6.12 Report - Ford F250 4X4 Pick-Up Truck with Snow Plow Package (PWB)

6.13 Report - Liquor License Request: Red Arrow Tap Room (PAS)

6.14 Report - Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest (PAS)

6.15 Report - Elmhurst Commission on Youth Speaking Engagement Contract (PAS)

6.16 Report - Prevailing Wage Ordinance (see item 8.1)

***6.17 O-47-2016 - An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Elmhurst to Adopt the Downtown Plan

6.18 O-48-2016 - An Ordinance to Release and Vacate the Public Utility Easement Reserved to the City of Elmhurst Through the Vacated Alley at the Property Commonly Known as 100 North Addison Avenue, in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

6.19 O-49-2016 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Mary Queen of Heaven Parish and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

6.20 O-50-2016 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of a Fixed Automated License Plate Reader System for the Police Department's Use Within the City of Elmhurst

6.21 R-54-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Rock Salt for Use Within the City of Elmhurst

- 6.22 R-57-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of An Agreement Between Carl Warren & Company and the City of Elmhurst for the Third Party Administration of Liability Claims
- 6.23 R-61-2016 - A Resolution Proposing a Redevelopment Plan and Project for, and the Designation of, the Church Road/Lake Street Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area and the Adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing Therefore, Convening a Joint Review Board and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection Therewith
- 6.24 R-63-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Four Replacement Vehicles for the City's Police Department and Authorizing the Disposal of Four Existing Vehicles, Being PD3, PD5, PD8 and PD19
- 6.25 R-64-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Highway Authority Agreement and Supplemental Highway Authority Agreement By and Between True North Energy, LLC and the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- 6.26 R-65-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the Employers's Claim Service, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Administration of Illinois Workers' Compensation Claims
- ***Discussion of pulled item 6.17 O-47-2016 - An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Elmhurst to Adopt the Downtown Plan: Ald Bram explains his opposition to the New Downtown Plan based on the inclusion of too many specific code revisions instead of a simple visionary plan. Approved 12-1.

7. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

7.1 Mayor Morley

- a. Apologized for late start based on long Executive session.
- b. Neighborhood police roll calls have begun and will go on through the summer.
- c. Elmhurst trolley has begun running.
- d. Elmhurst Express website is up and running.

7.2 City Manager Grabowski

- a. Summarized findings of the 2016 Citizen Survey Review. His powerpoints are posted on the City website in their entirety. Major findings include:
 - Response rate was 41%, lower than previously. Plans to work with Elmhurst College students to improve response rates.
 - High ratings for neighborhood quality
 - Street maintenance and condition ratings went up a lot following greater City expenditures on streets.
 - Best things about living in Elmhurst unchanged for past 5 surveys: Convenience; neighborhood quality; Schools
 - Least attractive things about living in Elmhurst: Taxes; Stormwater management; Cost of Living; Airport noise
 - Three biggest problems facing Elmhurst in upcoming years: Taxes; cost of living; stormwater management.
 - These findings will be reflected in the budget planning process going forward.
 - Questions about the survey from Ald. Bram
- b. Presented 2017-budget schedule and 5-year capital improvement plan.
- c. Temporary closure of Addison/Cottage Hill for RR tracks repair.
- d. Reported on meeting with IDNR regarding the Golden Meadow stormwater retention pond; further approval required for National Park Service due to the funding of the parkland.
- e. Watermain breaks occurred last Friday due to closure of south watertower so they could inspect its interior. Thus North tower (Berens Park) was over stressed; there were approximately 20 breaks in north Elmhurst altogether caused by lower water pressure and the automatic compensation for this, which then caused too much water pressure. The City Public Works staff worked nonstop to repair things by midnight Saturday. A total of 211 customers were affected by boil water orders, which are all resolved today.

8. Ordinances

- 8.1 O-46-2016 - An Ordinance Providing for the Declaration of the General Prevailing Rate of Hourly Wages for the Year 2016 to be Paid to Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers Performing Construction of Public Works Within the City of Elmhurst DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (see item 6.16)
 - Ald. Dunn explained that this is usually done without the full Council, but this year it was delayed due to a new way of calculating prevailing wages, which was not finished in time. Approved unanimously 13-0.

9. Other Business none

10. Adjournment 8:35 pm