

City Council Meeting Monday, July 2, 2018 **7:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

2 press; ~40 residents; City Mgr. Grabowski; Atty. Storino; Deputy Clerk Cyprian;
~4 City staff members; 13 Aldermen; Fire Chief Freeman

Steven M. Morley, Mayor

LWV observer: B. Lipton (from video)

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and a video recording of this meeting can be found at www.Youtube.com

Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing: Probable/Pending Litigation

pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)

2. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Kennedy absent; Ald. Talluto attends electronically

3. Presentation ComEd Update (Cynthia Thomas). Questions from Mayor Morley; several Aldermen

4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public: one item

5. Public Forum

- Lance Edesco informs Council about two dangerous areas in Southeast Elmhurst. There were two accidents within two days at the Prairie Path intersection with Poplar and Vallette; the railroad underpass near Jefferson School is in poor condition. He asks that the City look at correcting these situations and offers his assistance.
- Bill Sanders speaks in opposition to changes in the building code to allow temporary membrane structures (hoop houses) for extending the growing season. These are not suitable for Elmhurst. He supports gardening and thanks the council for their hard work.
- Brian Doan also opposes allowing hoop houses, especially such large structures.
- Rebecca Mim also speaks against allowing hoop houses. She is concerned about noise, flooding and aesthetics.
- Ed Hess is also concerned about allowing hoop houses – it will open the doors to all kinds of other things.

- Amy Sanders comments that she wants all people to be represented, but she is also afraid that if hoop houses are allowed this will be detrimental to the quality of life here in Elmhurst.
- John Sandstrom thanks his aldermen for their patience. He points out that most people eat vegetables but very few people grow their own, which is a valuable thing. If neighbors object to hoop houses, they might also object to above-ground pools or the very large homes that are now being put up.
- Debby Sandstrom thanks the aldermen and the committee for the many hours they have spent in understanding this issue. They have consulted experts and have based their decisions on facts, not on feelings. She notes that people who are now asking for more time to discuss the hoop house issue may not be aware of all the work that has already been done on this question.
- Nicole Virgil is the homeowner who wishes to put up a hoop house over the vegetable garden in her yard. She points out that the main objections right now have boiled down to the materials and the size of the structure. She explains these issues.
- Claude Pagacz encourages Elmhurst residents to check on the details of how our tax dollars are being spent.
- Victoria Fitzmaurice has been following the hoop house issue for the past year or so and is supportive of allowing them, based on property rights.
- Edgar Pal thanks the City for its progress in complying with the Open Meetings Act: 6 infractions were resolved, while there are still 6 open over the past 4 months. He compares this record with the Elmhurst Park District (no infractions), School District 205 (1 complaint), and the City of Chicago which has 50 aldermen and 16 committees, but just one complaint over 2 years. He reviews specific actions and responsibilities of City staff and recent case law.
- Bill Trudeau has been at several meetings about the Virgil's hoop house and feels that it comes down to appearances – it is just what individual people happen to like. He doesn't like looking at a brick wall outside his window but large houses are allowed almost up to the property line.
- Liz Ambrosi thinks the hoop house is absolutely beautiful. She encourages people who object to learn more.
- Dan Virgil points out that the hoop house is just for growing in the winter months. He asks the council to approve the report.

6. Announcements none

7. Consent Agenda all items below approved 13-0 except Item 7.4 (Bram) – see **

- 7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on June 18, 2018
- 7.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on June 18, 2018
- 7.3 Accounts Payable June 28, 2018 - Total \$ 802,165.96
- **7.4 Report - Land Swap Agreement w/Royal York Condominium Homeowners' Association (PWB)
 - Ald. Bram explains that he pulled this item because it shows that the City is trying to move forward with the S. elmhurst stormwater project by working with Timothy Christian and Royal York. He thinks it's a great project.
 - approved 13 – 0.
- 7.5 Report - Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Ordinance (PWB)
- 7.6 Report - Phase 1 and 2 SCADA Integration (PWB)
- 7.7 Report - 2018 Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest (PAS)
- 7.8 Report - Case Number 18 ZBA 06/BMW Sign Variations (DPZ)
- 7.9 O-45-2018 - An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement for the Property Commonly Known as 463 East Schiller, Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.10 O-46-2018 - An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of the Surplus Property (Eighteen Office Chairs from the Emergency Operation Center)
- 7.11 O-48-2018 - An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Sale of the Westerly Twenty-Five (25') Feet of City-Owned Property Commonly Described as Lot 2 of Messiah Lutheran Church Subdivision, Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.12 O-49-2018 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of Elmhurst
- 7.13 R-71-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of LED Street Light Fixtures for the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- 7.14 R-72-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Rock Salt for Use Within the City of Elmhurst
- 7.15 R-73-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the Adelaide Parking Deck Painting Project
- 7.16 R-74-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement By and Between Prairie Forge Group and the City of Elmhurst, Illinois for a Facilities and Space Needs Analysis of the Elmhurst History Museum
- 7.17 R-75-2018 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between the City of

Elmhurst and the Illinois Department of Transportation in Connection with the York Street/Butterfield Road Intersection Project Phase 1

7.18 R-76-2018 - A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One Industrial Trailer Mounted Drum Style Log and Debris Chipper for the City of Elmhurst Forestry Division and Authorizing the Disposal of One 2006 Morbark Chipper

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Report - Review of Municipal Code regarding Membrane Structures (DPZ)

- Ald. Honquest explains that this report is the result of much work by his committee in consultation with experts and with the Zoning & Planning Commission. The report is a request for the ZPC to conduct a public hearing on membrane structures. He reviews the whole history of the City's consideration of this issue since 2010. He thinks the current report is a reasonable and well-thought through attempt to educate and consult with the ZPC and city residents.
- Ald. Brennan expresses his admiration of the DPZ committees thoughtful consideration of all the issues. He supports the report.
- Approved 13 – 0.

8.2 Report - Elmhurst's Senior/Disabled Transportation Programs and Recommendation to Consider the Ride DuPage Program (PAS)

- Ald. Levin explains that this is the result of a lot of hard work to replace the existing program. This is a good change to make because it will be more reliable, better administered, and will allow a greater range for transportation.
- Ald. Dunn points out that this will be revenue neutral for the city and it will provide many more features including that elderly/disabled residents will be able to have their companions ride with them.
- Ald. Bram supports this change.
- Approved 13 – 0.

9. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley Thanks all involved in the vintage baseball game on June 24. Farmers Market is closed this week. The Trolley service is up and running.
- City Manager Grabowski notes that City Hall will be closed for the holiday this week and garbage collection will be delayed.
- Strategic Plan Update (Greg Kuhn).

10. Other Business

- Ald. Honquest comments about the accident on Poplar at the Prairie Path: people on bikes also need to stop and look out for traffic. He states that

committee members are volunteers and it's unfair to bring up Open Meetings Act violations. These are not felonies.

- Mayor Morley notes that the City has established a Public Arts Commission and applications for members are being taken until the end of July. He also wants to say that our local government funds are being collected by the state through the income tax process; this has been done since the 1970s. Last year they held back 10% but this year only 5%.

11. Adjournment 9:20 pm