

**City Council Meeting** Monday, December 4, 2017  
City Hall, 209 N. York St.  
Elmhurst, IL 60126  
Council Chambers, 7:34 p.m.  
Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Attendance: 3 press, 10 residents; City Mgr. Grabowski;  
Atty. Storino, Clerk Spencer, Treasurer Libovicz; Police Chief  
Ruth, Fire Chief Freeman, 3 City staff members; 13 Aldermen  
  
LWV Observer: B. Lipton

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and video recording of this meeting can be found at [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com)

**1. Executive Session - Conf. Room #2 – 7:00 pm.** for the Purpose of Discussing: the Purchase of Real Property, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

**2. Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call – Ald. Levin absent

**3. Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual 2018 Budget**

No written or oral comments from the public

**4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public**

One document submitted

**5. Public Forum**

- Claude Pagacz reads a newspaper article regarding the incentive granted to Elmhurst BMW at last Council meeting: the information contained in the newspaper was never mentioned at Council meetings. He also comments on the new water meters that are being installed.

- Gary Caveney comments on the Ohare noise issue; his comments are supplemented by his written communication. He asks that Elmhurst authorities request noise monitoring equipment from the ONCC. About 25% of the night flights are over Elmhurst; Park Ridge came through with much better scheduling.

- Barbara Lonergan states that in the ample news coverage of the Fly Quiet votes this past week, Bensenville authorities were vocal and got lots of coverage; Elmhurst was silent.

- Anne Marie Gustafson wants to be assured that the City and District 205 will be well-represented at the ONCC meeting when the Fly Quiet vote is taken on Friday.

**6. Announcements**

- Ald. Dunn responds to the above comments: the meeting this Friday was added and will result in a vote on the Fly Quiet program. He encourages all to attend and make their views heard. Ald. Bram gives the location and time of the meeting. Mayor Morley states that the meeting time and location will be posted on the [Elmhurst.org](http://Elmhurst.org) website.

**7. Consent Agenda** All items below approved unanimously 13 – 0.

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on November 20, 2017

7.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on November 20, 2017

7.3 Accounts Payable - November 30, 2017 - Total \$ 2,597,853.94

7.4 Appointment to the Commission on Youth - DeCoursey-Soule (Mayor Morley)

7.5 Appointments to the Economic Development Commission - Galas and Villanueva (Mayor Morley)

7.6 Referral - Liquor License Request - Do It Together Workshops (City Manager Grabowski)

7.7 Report - Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project (SESMP) - Phase III - Surveying Proposal (PWB)

7.8 Report - Bid, One 2017 Toyota Sienna (PAS)

7.9 Report - Resolution in Opposition to Senate Bill 1451 (PAS) (see item #11.1)

7.10 Report - Kane McKenna Letter of Agreement-Redevelopment Plan and Project (DPZ)

7.11 O-79-2017 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Purchase of Tree Grates From Neenah Foundry Company and the Purchase of Trash Receptacles and Benches from Canterbury Designs for the City's Central Business District Streetscape

7.12 O-80-2017 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Purchase of One Acoustic Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool ("SL-RAT") from Infosense, Inc.

7.13 O-81-2017 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement Between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (596 S. York Street)

7.14 O-82-2017 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement Between New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois (383 Elm Park Avenue)

7.15 MCO-21-2017 - An Ordinance Amending Section 44.120, Entitled "No Parking Zones Enumerated," of Division 3, Entitled "Parking Restrictions," of Article VII, Entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Chapter 44, Entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Elmhurst Municipal Code (Parking Restrictions on the North and South Sides of Industrial Drive from York Street to 300 Feet West of York Street)

7.16 MCO-22-2017 - An Ordinance Amending Section 44.120, Entitled "No Parking Zones Enumerated," of Division 3, Entitled "Parking Restrictions," of Article VII, Entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of Chapter 44, Entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Elmhurst Municipal Code (Parking Restrictions on the South Side of Second Street from Addison to Larch Avenue)

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **8.1 2017 Tax Levy (FCAAS)**

- Ald. York explains that the new tax levy of \$10,185,146 was approved by his committee, as well as the abatement of outstanding debt service. He thanks staff and committee members for their hard work. The increase in the tax levy is due to increases in liabilities for police and firefighters' pension benefits that have to be addressed now so later generations are not saddled by debt for our current expenses. The increase is a bit less than 3% for the City and less than 2% for the Library. The full committee report can be found on the City website.
- Approved 13 – 0.

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

- Mayor Morley notes that the new Front Porch newsletter just came out. He states that the Trolley will run on successive Saturdays Dec. 9 and 16; Santa will arrive in Downtown Elmhurst on Dec. 19. He announces that the IC Knights just earned their 2<sup>nd</sup> straight state football championship, and congratulates them. A presentation at City council will be scheduled. Finally, there is a new flag celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Illinois statehood.
- City Manager Grabowski notes that the last leaf collection will be this week; Christmas light recycling is ongoing at City Hall. Elmhurst was given the Chicago Area Green Fleet committee award because the City achieved the greatest reduction in fossil fuel consumption by City vehicles.

## **10. Ordinances**

10.1 O-78-2017 - A Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Elmhurst for the Fiscal Year Beginning on January 1, 2018 and Ending on December 31, 2018

- Ald. Bram makes 2 points regarding the budget:

First, the carryover for the stormwater abatement fund of \$1.3 million from last year is now to have \$500,000 added this year which would give a total amount of \$1.8 million. This exceeds the planned amount of \$1 million to accomplish the stormwater projects. The excess money is not necessary and could be better used for other concerns. Thus he moves to remove the \$500,000 in this year's budget. Motion fails due to the lack of a second.

Second, the cost of an underpass for the Prairie Path at York has been in the budget for at least 5 years but it has not yet been acted upon. He notes that other safety solutions are actively being explored and modifications taken this past year have been pretty effective in making the intersection safer already. He moves that the underpass cost of \$150,000 be removed from the 2018 budget. No second; the motion fails.

He asks why the license plate readers are being installed over 2 years rather than just this next year.

- Ald. Polomsky appreciates the way the budget discussions were carried out this year. However, there are still problems related to not being able to accurately predict upcoming expenses. She explains that the underpass project is partially funded by grants and that is why it needs to remain in the budget. She points out that there actually has been an increase in pedestrian-vehicular accidents this year at the Prairie Path crossing at York.
- Approved 13 – 0.

## **11. Resolution**

11.1 R-128-2017 - A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto Senate Bill 1451 (see item #7.9)

- Ald. Polomsky explains that this bill would limit the ability of municipalities to regulate cell tower construction.
- Approved 13 – 0.

- Mayor Morley comments that the DuPage Mayors Association promotes local control in most instances. If this bill becomes law the City will not even have a say in where these towers are located and the City will not be able to collect small fees to cover the costs that they might incur. This is a great example of State over-reach and he urges all residents to call the Governor's office to object to this bill and ask him to veto it.

## **12. Other Business**

- Ald. Bram mentions again that everyone should come out to the meeting on Friday morning when the Fly Quiet vote will be taken.

**13. Adjournment** at 8:28 pm