

Elmhurst City Council Meeting
Jan. 7, 2013
7:30 pm – 8:40 pm

No Morley or Wagner
Public: 3 Staff: 7 Press: 2
Observer: N. Talluto/J. Dorner

The meeting was called to order by acting Mayor Levin.

During **Public Forum**, two individuals spoke about the garbage contract and expressed concern about its costs and its impact on the City's residents. One of these individuals also said he is concerned about Commonwealth Edison in Elmhurst. Another citizen requested that the city create a radon testing requirement. Noel Talluto introduced herself as the new LWV Observer for City Council meetings. Terry Pastika of the Citizen Advocacy Center was concerned about the lack of information provided for the Addison Street Parking on the agenda. She asked the Council to reconsider posting this type of information.

Announcements: Alderman Polomsky announce that she and Alderman Bram will be holding a Townhall meeting on Jan. 30th at 7:00 pm at the library. Police Chief Ruth will be present.

The **Consent Agenda** was approved with removal of Item "I," the Allied Waste Contract that needs some legal adjustments.

Reports and Recommendations

A. Updates

Acting Mayor Levin stated that the City has been waiting a month to hear from School District 205 about the intergovernmental agreement on TIF4.

City Manager Grabowski reported that the next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, 1/22 due to Martin Luther King day and that the City received a request to postpone the Irish Spring running race to 2014 from its sponsors.

B. 2013 5-yr Capital Expenditure Budget

- Transitioning to a Jan. 1st fiscal year starting 1/1/2014. Therefore this year's budget is an 8 month expenditure budget.
- 5 year planning allows for long-term maintenance and development of physical assets in the city.
 - Highlights
 - Public works infrastructure
 - IT/Communications
 - Land Acquisition
 - Storm water improvement/Flood Mitigation
 - Central Business District and North York RPA (TIF4)
 - Parking System
 - Specifics
 - Street Resurfacing - Increasing funds for this in 2013 by adding in General Fund contribution. Ald. Healy asked about cost of asphalt and its impact on how much we can get done 5miles good prediction for \$1.75mm.

- Big project – St. Charles Rd. from RR crossing by York to Rt. 83 \$580,000. \$353,000 funding from a grant.
- Parking Lot Resurfacing
 - Continue to fund \$50k/year for this project 50% from general fund and 50% from parking system funds. Ald. Bram asks why city not considering porous pavers for city property. Grabowski replies that cost is the driver (\$35,000 for asphalt and \$650,000 for porous pavers with retention tank for City Hall parking lot).
- Public Benefit – Intersection Improvement, Butterfield and Commonwealth Intersection
 - Grant = \$1.336,000, City = \$332,000 Hospital = \$332,000. This is part of the original arrangement with the hospital.
- Public Benefit – Prairie Path Underpass at York \$3,196,000
 - Grant = \$1.760,000 applied for CMAC (DuPage mayor and Manager) funding, City/CIF (Capital Improvement Funds)= \$1,436,000 Preliminary engineering funding has been approved. Ald. Healy asked if we may be able to get some funding from DuPage county.
Ald. Bram asked about the size of this project related to other priorities in the city that are equally important. City Manager Grabowski replies that it would improve safety and grants are still being pursued to offset the city/CIF funding.
Ald. Pezza noted that this was a surprise addition to the list of projects.
Ald. Dunn asked about design concept and if other solutions were considered.
Ald. Gutenkauf noted that timing is aggressive. Director Hughes noted that change in IL pedestrian law in crosswalk has changed the dynamic of the intersection and created an impetus for the project proposal.
Acting Mayor Levin suggested that this project will be submitted to public works and public safety committees for review and that these projects aren't being voted on tonight, merely initially recommended from the city staff to the city council.
- Municipal Utility Fund – Water
 - Water main replacement, Hydrant and valve replacement and water meter replacement
- Municipal Utility Fund – Sewer / Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - Sewer Lining, Dissolved Air Flotation Treatment units, Influent Screw replacement
- Municipal Utility Fund – Sewer
 - SW Elmhurst Wet-Weather control facility project
- Total MUF – Sewer / Waste Water Treatment Plan = \$11,000,000 over next 5 years
- Stormwater Management/Flood Mitigation

- \$7,700,000 across 5 years earmarked for Stormwater detention projects as per recommendation from committee recommendations. (meeting with School and Park Districts)
- TIF Funds
 - \$7,300,000 over 5 years with majority in 2013
 - Land Acquisition/Improvements
 - North York – TIF IV - \$1,250,000 for Mariano’s Redevelopment Project
 - Lake Street – TIF II
 - St. Charles/Rt. 83 – TIF III
- Next Steps
 - Capitol will be rolled into 2 year budget.
 - 2/19 – final budget to council.
 - Budget must be approved by 4/15, prior to municipal election.

Resolutions

- R-01-2013 – A resolution approving a third letter agreement between the City of Elmhurst and Addison Corridor Development I, LLC.
 Ald. Pezza notes that this resolution has been hidden from the public process even though it is 100% publicly funded.
 Levin will refer this practice to city legal and will get back to Pezza.
 Motion carried Aye – 10 Nay – 2 (Pezza & Gutenkauf) Absent – 2
- Other Business – none