

Elmhurst City Council Meeting

12 present; 2 Absent- Hipskind,
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*Public: 11; Staff: 3; Police/Fire:2;
Press: 2*

March 3, 2014
8:00 pm – 8:23 pm

Observer: N. Talluto

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

Public Forum

- Claude Pagash, 566 W. Gladys, attended the zoning and planning committee meeting related to the Addison St. Parking Garage. He felt that they did not address the real issues but rather focused on ‘flower pots and sidewalks.’ Is this all residents can expect from our committee’s? The city would be better off to purchase vehicles in bulk vs. a few cars each meeting – does each city staff member have a car by now?
- A resident (name not audible) on Comstock Ave, came to speak in favor of the Comstock sidewalk project and the continuing project.
- Michael Kirby, encouraged the council to vote in favor of improved receptacles to increase recycling in the downtown area.
- Kathleen Sullivan, shared information about national sorority month.

Announcements

- Ald. Deuter announced the Sunday, 3/16, Lucky Leprechaun 5k – Course will close certain streets until 10:30 am approximately. Proceeds benefit the Elmhurst YMCA.
- Clerk Spencer announced early voting for IL for the 3/18 primary election to be held at City Hall. Dates are: 3/3 – 3/15; M-F 8:30am – 7:30pm, Sat. 9am – 3pm.
- Ald. Mulliner announced the Elmhurst St. Patrick’s Day Parade on 3/8 from 9:30 – 1:30 pm on Spring Rd.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent) with no items removed.

Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- Mayor Morley announced that he attended the President’s Breakfast last week at Elmhurst College. Dr. Alan Ray continues to encourage the involvement of students in the local community. Mayor Morley also met with Senator Kirk and spoke about the Heroin epidemic in DuPage County as well as the Elgin/O’Hare Expressway impact to Elmhurst. Finally, there will be a ride along down to Springfield on 3/4/14 to speak about the flood mitigation issues. This will happen on a more frequent basis.
- City Manager Grabowski announced the completion of the north York corridor vision workshop last week gathering input from residents. On 3/3, Ald. Polomsky, Ald. Kennedy and he met with the park district regarding the storm water mitigation plans. Progress was made according to Ald. Kennedy. On 3/7, Elmhurst College will sponsor the Government Forum from 7am – 10am.
- Ald. Bram asked for additional information on the Elgin/O’Hare project from Mayor Morley.

- Mayor Morley responded with additional information about the project including where some of the \$300MM funding gap might come from, such as TIGER grants. The gap is now \$200 MM. The SB exit on 294 to the frontage Rd. by the car dealership is still up in the air. Mayor Morley continues to push for the SB exit to be included as it has the largest impact to our community with potential to bring new revenue streams into Elmhurst.

Other Business

- None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Note: The meeting started at 8pm this evening due to Early Voting ending at 7:30pm.