

**Elmhurst City Council Meeting**  
**March 18, 2013**  
**7:35 pm – 8:31 pm**

**13 present, No Dunn**  
**Public: 23; Staff: 5; Police: 2; Press: 1**  
**Observer: N. Talluto**

The meeting was called to order by acting Mayor Levin.

**Public Hearing** - Tentative Annual 2013 Budget for the City of Elmhurst, IL  
The first resident commented on several items in the budget.

- Prairie Path over/underpass – The resident was surprised to see this on the budget as to her knowledge, the council, prior to this budget cycle had not discussed it. She calls into question the value of the project for a number of reasons and requests that the item be removed from the budget until the project is discussed and approved.
- Got It Campaign – It was questioned how long this project would remain valid given there are no measureable goals.

#### **Cool Cities Award and Presentation**

- Alderman Polomsky introduced a number of members of the IL Cool Cities Initiative. The city and its peers have achieved a number of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives over the past couple years. Through these initiatives, Elmhurst has reduced its emissions by 7% back to the levels of 1990, which was the benchmark.
- Mike Hughes shared more specifics with the council regarding emission reductions.

#### **Public Forum**

- The first resident had reviewed the tapes released by the council regarding the Addison street project. This resident felt that there were items that were discussed in those tapes that violated the open meetings act. This resident also brought up the water bill and questioned why public departments pay \$1.00 more per cubic meter than a private resident.
- The second resident was concerned about the timing and the weight of the new recycling bins.
- The third resident, the owner of Al's Hobby Shop, submitted 17 pages of signed petitions supporting a 4 story building at Addison street versus a 6 story building. This resident also questioned the Got It Campaign and its effectiveness.
- The next resident also submitted that the Addison street project was a waste of the taxpayers' money.
- The fifth resident reviewed the city council tapes on aforementioned project and shared that transcriptions are available. Concern with the process and the future of the project on Addison Street was shared.
- The final resident had also reviewed the tapes. Several areas and issues were raised. Specific request of the council to share if any felt that the project financials, zoning or other items were discussed inappropriately.

#### **Announcements**

- Clerk Spencer noted that the grace period for registration at Dupage County office is only through 4/6/13. Early voting will be available in Elmhurst City Hall 3/25 – 4/5; 9 – 4:30 pm.

- Ald. Gutenkauf noted the recycling bins are beginning to be distributed and old bins would be collected at Berens Park, City Hall and Commons.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed with removal of the following items:  
Item “F”, Item “R”

### **Agenda Item Discussion**

#### A. Item F – 2013 Fire Hydrant and Watermain Valve Repair Project

- 1) Ald. Kennedy pulled this item, as a report needs a suspension on the rules in order to vote on a resolution when a report is on the consent agenda at the same time.
- 2) The report was passed. 13 Ayes, 1 absent

#### B. Item R – A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the 2013 Fire Hydrant and Watermain Valve Repair Program in the City of Elmhurst, IL

### **Reports and Recommendations**

- A. Acting Mayor Levin reports that a new restaurant, Embers, wants to open at the old Charlie’s location.
- B. City Manager Grabowski announced that board docs training would be held at the library this weekend.
- C. Ald. Bram wanted to report on the Howard avenue sidewalks that are finally moving forward after many years.

### **Other Business**

- A. Ald. Pezza questions why a number of items are being postponed for voting until after the election.  
Mayor Levin responded that certain items have reasons for the continuances: the Addison street project has a continuance at the request of the applicant; The chickens are in front of zoning still; the Brinkmeyer appointment was pulled due to a number of issues with his consent.
- B. Mayor Levin also stated that a full airing of the entire Addison Street project would be conducted in a public meeting after the zoning commission process is finalized.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.