

Elmhurst City Council Meeting
April 1, 2013
7:54 pm – 8:38 pm

12 present; No Hipkind, Leader
Public: 16; Staff: 5; Police: 1; Press:3
Observer: N. Talluto

The meeting was called to order by acting Mayor Levin.

Proclamation – Ankazambo, Madagascar Day

- Presentation of Honor for Ankazambo, Madagascar Day in recognition of the good works of Elmhurst resident serving in the Peace Corps in Andazambo, Madagascar.

Public Forum

- The first resident, School Board 205 President Collins, thanked the City Council for their support of TIF 4 intergovernmental agreement.
- The following resident, the owner of Al's Hobby Shop, turned in additional petition sheets discouraging the Addison Street development. This person also stated that most of the signatures were from the customers of Al's Hobby Shop, not necessarily Elmhurst residents.
- Another resident who has been helping gather signatures on the petitions supported the use of non-resident signatures on the Addison Street petitions.
- The next speaker suggested that the current council is not transparent and is concerned that the next council will be the same.
- The next citizen spoke about the sewer taxes and the high cost. This resident also suggests that the new recycling cans are too big.
- The final resident spoke about the Addison Street project and the size of it in relation to the surrounding buildings. A 3-D rendering was requested. It was suggested that the financials for the property include significant subsidies for the developer.

Announcements

- Clerk Spencer announced early voting is currently underway in Elmhurst City Hall from 9 – 4:30pm. The election is next Wednesday.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed with 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absents.

Reports and Recommendations

- A. Acting Mayor Levin reports that the City Council has received the 3rd quarter '12 – '13 financial report. Revenue is up in a number of categories and expenses are down.
- B. City Manager Grabowski reminds all that the recycle bins are still being collected at several locations around the city.
- C. Ald. Bram would like to request a report on the Sewer rates. This topic is in committee (finance) currently. Once the committee is complete, then the report will come back to the council within a couple weeks.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- O-21-2013 – Purchase of Real Property at 260 N. York known as “Pauli.”
 - Ald. Pezza and Gutenkauf both do not support this ordinance.

- The ordinance was passed with 9 Ayes, 3 Nays (Healy, Pezza, Gutenkauf), 2 Absent.
- R-17-2013 - TIF4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with School District #205:
 - Ald. Bram is pleased to work with other agencies to pursue a win/win situation. However, he is concerned with how the IGA is currently worded and wants to ensure that the City's interests are protected and the objective is met – the redevelopment of the North side of Elmhurst.
 - Ald. Morley states support of the IGA and the progressive nature of the revenue sharing agreement. He thanks city staff and school board for their work to this effort.
 - Ald. Pezza thanks the whole council for their support and collaboration on the IGA.
 - Ald. Dunn had some reservations, specifically removing TIF funds from other TIF's and removal of capital for school development, but believes it is the right agreement.
 - Ald. Healy supports the IGA and is pleased with the cooperation between all agencies.
 - Ald. York thanks all involved in the IGA and reminds all that the TIF has to be successful at generating revenue in order for the revenue to be shared.
 - The resolution was passed with 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Elmhurst City Council: Committee of the Whole
April 1, 2013
8:40 pm – 9:07 pm

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Public: 8;Staff: 6;Police: 1;Press:1
Observer: N. Talluto

This is part of an ongoing conversation of the council related to the new annual budget. On 4/1/13, the council is addressing items that had been “circled” in previous meetings to come back to for additional discussion. LWV has not observed the prior budget meetings.

The meeting was called to order by acting Mayor Levin.

Public Forum

- The resident called attention to the Got It Campaign and the fact that the Chamber of Commerce has provided numerous documents but that they do not all seem to be available to the public.

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Budget – Circle Items

- Landscaping Maintenance
- Got It Campaign
 - Ald. Pezza was pleased to receive documentation that she requested, however, was disappointed that there are no future plans for the funds. She is concerned with approving funds if there is no plan.
 - Ald. Morley and Polomsky suggested that the future of the Got It campaign would be worked on by a professional marketing firm and that the committee would have full power to dispense funds or not.
 - Ald. Gutenkauf is happy to support this campaign if there is proof that it meets its objective. She will support the item, but wants to encourage measurable goals.
 - Ald. Bram reiterates that clear objectives and measurable goals are needed for this program.
 - Ald. Wagner asks why the line item is listed under “professional services” versus tourism because it is a “community development” piece of the budget.
 - Ald. Pezza looks to confirm that there will be new objectives or measurements will be put into place prior to new funds being dispersed.
 - Acting Mayor Levin provided some history of the Got It campaign. He would like to see a plan to measure the results in a cost effective way, which may be difficult.
 - Ald. York suggests that our city should continue marketing campaigns to increase our market share of available disposable income.
- DuPage Convention Visitors Bureau
 - Ald. Polomsky suggests that the council should consider alternatives to spending \$25k on the membership. The budget line item will be approved but will not be spent until the DP&Z committee reviews the pros and cons of the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.