

**Elmhurst City Council Meeting
June 17, 2013**

12 present; No Wagner
Public: 28; Staff: 3; Police/Fire: 5;
Press:2

7:36 pm – 8:49 pm

Observer: N. Talluto

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

Presentations

- Recognition of Graduation of Elmhurst Peer Jurors. Peer Jurors are part of a city program, which helps to provide mentoring to first time juvenile offenders. This program has a better success rate than the Juvenile Court. Three graduating jurors were recognized this evening.
- Update: Elgin-O'Hare western bypass. Lidia Pilecky of the IL Tollway updated the city on this long awaited project that will be coming soon.
 - Construction will begin 2013 and complete in 2025.
 - Extend Elgin O'Hare Expressway east to O'Hare as a toll road.
 - Build new toll road connecting I-90 and I-294 on the West side of O'Hare.
 - Direct access to O'Hare from York rd.
 - New southbound access to North Ave. from I-294 via new ramp to County Line rd.
 - Taft Ave. connector across Bensenville Yard between Franklin Ave. and IL Rt. 19
 - Accommodates 3X vehicles as today
 - Reduced travel times by 24%
 - Reduce travel time by 7 minutes from O'Hare through travel plaza
 - First all electronic toll system in IL that will allow for distance travelled and use rather than current system.
 - A \$3B project with a \$300M funding gap that is being pursued by federal, state and local authorities
 - Goals through 2018 include: Elgin O'Hare widening, new access at I-90 at Elmhurst rd., extension of Elgin O'Hare to O'Hare, Western access into O'Hare via York rd.
 - Goals for 2018 – 2025 include: continued land acquisition, construct toll road connecting I'90 and I'294 west of O'Hare
 - City Council members asked a variety of questions about the plans.

Public Forum

- Claude Pagash spoke about his disappointment regarding the Hahn street project, requesting that more, not less time is spent discussing projects of this sort. He is also concerned that we are not looking for multiple bids on the radios that the city is purchasing. He applauds Ald. Bram for "fighting" the 65 – gallon totes.
- Charlie Geiger, who gets his information from the Elmhurst Patch, is concerned that waiving a bidding session on the Police radios is contrary to the public interest. Additionally, regarding the vehicle purchases for the city departments, he questions why the City cannot purchase used vehicles instead of new vehicles and also requests that we purchase them from a Elmhurst dealership. Finally there is a question why Howard Ave. is getting sidewalks when other streets adjacent to Howard, without sidewalks, are not.

Announcements

- Ald. Deuter announced a Coffee and Conversation date in June for 1st Ward residents.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays) with removal of the following items:
Item 6.17, 6.11

Agenda Item Discussion

- A. Item 6.17 – Pulled back by Ald. York as it was inadvertently added to the agenda tonight.
- B. Item 6.11 – Long Term Sanitary Flow Monitoring (PW&B)
 - a. Ald. Dunn wanted to glean additional information and background to this report before voting.
 - i. The decision to purchase vs. rent the monitors was taken to save significant money. Additional training will need to be provided to the city to run ourselves. Will we be able to do this ourselves and will they be able to be moved as necessary?
 - b. Ald. Kennedy confirms that the city staff will be able to run the monitors and that the mobile monitor can be moved in the future.
 - c. Ald. Bram shares Ald. Dunn’s concern about ensuring that these monitors can assist the north side if issues arise in the future. He feels that in the City’s best interest, that the south side does have more issues that need to be addressed first.
 - d. Ald. Leader recognizes the difficulties that the City and the Committee faces in dealing with the flooding and sanitary issues. With that said, he provided perspective about the flood and nature, comparing the tools that the City can bring to bear against the costs, both real money as well as political and philosophical considerations, questioning the ability to truly eradicate flooding for residents while spending significant dollars when trying.
 - e. 6.11 passed,(12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent)

Reports and Recommendations

- A. Mayor Morley confirmed that the three regional flood mitigation meetings were completed. He also met personally with the presidents of the School and Park board to help with the retention pond projects across the city. A sub-committee for communication and dissemination of information will be formed from two members of each council or board and will meet each week. A sixth ward replacement for Ald. will be named shortly.
- B. City Manager Grabowski announced that the City presented to the School Board last week regarding the storm water mitigation meeting. They are rescheduling the Park Board meeting. The RFP is out for the Hahn street project. Monday’s committee meetings will be rescheduled to 5pm.
- C. Ald. Bram clarified the sidewalk project on Howard street is a co-funded sidewalk project meaning that the residents share some of the cost. Any streets are able to apply for this program. Also the bidding process is being waived for the radios because one company only sells them. He requests clarification on the Addison Garage project and the Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare project for the Elmhurst Hospital Berteau campus reuse project.
 - a. Mayor Morley responded that a final report would be issued by the zoning commission this week on the Addison Project. He also stated that the Berteau campus is for sale, zoned for R-2 (residential) and that the hospital is seeking buyers.

Other Business

- A. Ald. Gutenkauf requests an update on the North York project at the next meeting.
- B. Ald. York thanked the committee for the work done on the check valve program. He requests information on how residents can find out more information on this program and what is the timeframe for applications to begin.
 - a. City Manager Grabowski suggests that all the paperwork needs to be pulled together then the council will need to vote on the ordinance.
 - b. Ald. York clarifies that the report was approved tonight, then the ordinance at the next council, then within a couple days to a week, residents will be able to avail themselves of the program.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.
