

**Elmhurst City Council Meeting  
July 1, 2013**

**7:30 pm – 8:34 pm**

**12 present; No Hipskind**

*Public: 24; Staff: 4; Police/Fire: 2;  
Press:1*

**Observer: N. Talluto**

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

**Public Forum**

- Claude Pagash spoke about his thoughts on the comments regarding progress on rainstorms. He does not agree that the city has made progress on rainstorm preparation. He listed all the money that the city has spent recently on other things besides rainstorm preparedness. Then he suggested that the \$50,000 for the check valve program is minor in comparison. He argued that this is not progress.
- Tamara Brenner commented on item #16 on the consent agenda. She had four points regarding this item. 1. There is not date for the contract extension. 2. She is pleased with the results of the report, rejecting the zoning request amendment. 3. The assumption that the project was well thought out is an incorrect one. 4. She asks the council to pull the report back to the zoning committee to make a better decision regarding the progress.
- Charlie Geiger concurs with the two individuals who went before him. Additionally, he recently moved back to Elmhurst and has noticed a number of things. 1. Poo Free parks – he suggested a better name could have been thought of. 2. He questioned why the city is building more store fronts when there are many that are already empty.
- Tara Sinoto spoke about the basketball hoops at Eldridge Park. They are attracting youth from out of town and these youth are loitering after hours and are causing the residents to be uncomfortable. She asked the city to put more police support or other efforts to resolve this.
- Kathleen Sullivan stated that the cost to fix the flooding issues in Elmhurst, stated at \$100MM in the newspaper, is actually only about \$30.00/month/household. She argues for the city to consider a better, bigger solution to the problem.

**Announcements**

- Clerk Spencer congratulated Brittney Smith, from Elmhurst as Miss IL.
- Ald. York announced 7/19/13, Elmhurst Cycling Classic (1.2mi loop) at 10:50 in the morning. This event will bring in many top athletes from around the world.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent) with removal of the following items: Item 5.21, 5.16, 5.29

**Agenda Item Discussion**

- A. Item 5.16 Report – Fourth letter agreement between the City of Elmhurst and Addison Corridor Development I, LLC (DP&Z)
- a. Ald. Levin summarized the report as the next step in the Addison street development project to extend the contract for another 6 months to consider the project and ensure that the project gets the full appropriate consideration. If the council votes this report down tonight, that essentially kills the project, as the contract will not be extended. It is not a vote to approve the project itself, just to extend the contract for 6 months.
  - b. Ald. Mulliner pulled this. He agrees that we need more parking in this area. He feels that the city needs to take a step back and understand what the city and the businesses and the residents need at this location. He is not opposed to extending the contract, but is opposed to rushing forward without consideration of the various inputs on the project. He suggests that

this gets pulled back to committee before voting on extension of the contract and there is time to do this.

- c. Ald. Bram asks when we are extending the contract to. He agrees with Ald. Mulliners point but will leave it up to the committee to pull back themselves. He asks that the committee will put in a date for the end of the contract extension. He feels it would be inappropriate to not extend it as the project deserves due process.
  - d. Ald. Gutenkauf agrees that this could have been voted on earlier to extend. She does not agree with Ald. Levin's characterization that a no vote on extension means the project is stopped. She supports Ald. Mulliners request to pull the report back to committee.
  - e. Ald. Polomsky feels that this is a question of process, not of substance. She supports the extension to allow time to take a closer look at this project.
  - f. Ald. Deuter states that the city should move into the drivers seat of this project to make the project better.
  - g. Ald. Bram motions to amend the report to include the appropriate date for the end of the contract. Ald. Gutenkauf seconded the motion to amend.
  - h. There is an issue with Board docs – not all councilmen have seen the letter.
  - i. Ald. Bram and Gutenkauf withdrawn the amendment.
  - j. Ald. Levin makes a motion to defer the vote on the report until next council meeting so councilmen have a chance to read the letter and vote appropriately.
- B. Item 5.21 – An Ordinance making appropriations for Special Service Area Number Seven of the City of Elmhurst for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending Dcember 31, 2013.
- a. Ald. Gutenkauf clarifies that this special service area includes much of the city center. She has a question about the length of the special service area and the cost compared to our short fiscal year.
  - b. Marilyn, city Finance responded to the questions. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> and last appropriation for this SSA. This is the 8 month budget for this SSA.
  - c. Item 5.21 passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent)
- C. Item 5.29 – A Resolution regarding the release of certain closed session minutes.
- a. Ald. Mulliner requests that this is brought back to the next executive session.
  - b. Item 5.29 passed (12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent)

### **Reports and Recommendations**

- A. Mayor Morley has been working to fill his vacant seat for 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman. Tonight he selected and is appointing Michael Honquest to fill the vacant seat. Ald. Kennedy and Healy motioned and seconded. The appointment was passed (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent).
- B. Mayor Morley announced that the city was scheduled to present to the park district and has been rescheduled for 8/14. Additionally, the Mayor spoke about the boards and commissions for the city. Mayor Morley will be filling those seats.
- C. Ald. York asked if we are in trouble if we wait to vote on the extension until 7/15. City Attorney said no.
- D. Ald. Healy reminded residents that the deadline for FEMA assistance is 7/9 at [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov).

### **Other Business**

- A. Ald. Deuter requested that the original Addison street contract be posted to Board Docs.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.