

Elmhurst City Council
Aug. 4, 2014
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

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Public: 40 Staff: 8 Press: 3
Observer: J. Dorner

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order and Boy Scout Brian Combs led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Receipt of Written Communications for the Public: One individual handed City Clerk Spencer a packet.

Public Comment:

- Claude P spoke about the Citizen Advocacy Center's Intern night, where interns said there was a large difference between theoretical government and reality government. He also spoke about the stormwater issue and Burke engineering's report.
- Tamara Brenner suggested that BoardDocs could be better used by the City by posting agendas and backup information for committee meetings.
- Ten residents of streets affected by flooding (Washington, Parkside, Pine Streets) asked the Council to support the report on the stormwater project prioritization.
- Five residents of Cayuga were concerned about putting a detention pond so close to their homes when Cayuga already floods and the detention pond would help drain Washington Street. They are concerned that the flooding problem will move from Washington to Cayuga.
- One resident spoke about finding other solutions than using parks and schools as solutions. He suggested the Prairie Path.

Announcements:

- Alderman Polomsky announced that there would be a presentation by the Conservation Foundation on flooding tomorrow night at the library.
- Alderman Bram announced that there is a pilot program of business recycling in the downtown area. Please use the appropriate receptacles. He also said that the PACE #309 bus would change its route to North Ave. from Berteau, since the old campus of Elmhurst Hospital is closed.
- Alderman Dunne announced there would be an electronic recycling at Mary Queen of Heaven on Saturday, from 8 am – 1 pm.

Consent Agenda The Council approved:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on July 21, 2014
- Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on July 21, 2014
- Accounts Payable July 31, 2014 - Total \$ 1,354,972.81
- Reappointment to the Library Board - Menolascino (Mayor Morley)
- Referral – Council Action Referral Process: Aldermen Kennedy and Mulliner (Assistant City Manager Kopp)
- Report - 2014 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project (PW&B) - \$650,000
- Report - WWTP Waste Gas Burner Replacement (PW&B) - \$24,724
- MCO-09-2014 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 Entitled "Stormwater and Floodplains" of the City of Elmhurst Municipal Code Adopting "Residential Stormwater Fee In Lieu Policy"
- MCO-10-2014 - An Ordinance Amending Section 36.11, Entitled "Limitation on Number of Licenses," of Chapter 36, Entitled "Liquor," of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of

Elmhurst, Illinois (Cafe Amano)

- MCO-11-2014 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 Entitled, "Boards and Commission,; and Article I Entitled, "General Provisions," of Chapter 24 Entitled, "Building Code," of the Municipal Code of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (Replacing the Advisory Architectural Commission and the Building Code Board of Appeals With the Architectural and Building Commission)
- MCO-12-2014 - An Ordinance Amending Section 24.12 Entitled "Architectural Design" of Article II Entitled "Building and Construction Requirements" of Chapter 24 Entitled "Building Code" of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (Anti Monotony)
- R-51-2014 - A Resolution Rejecting All bids for the Demolition With Asbestos Abatement /Demolition With Selective Deconstruction and With Asbestos Abatement of 236, 238, 242, and 260 North York Street, Project No. 14-28
- R-52-2014 - A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst, Illinois, and Commonwealth Edison for the Relocation of Overhead Power Lines for the Southwest Elmhurst Wet Weather Control Facility Storage Tank Construction Project
- R-53-2014 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between Strand Associates, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Bar Screen Replacement Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- R-54-2014 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between Strand Associates, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Grinder Replacement Project at the North Avenue Lift Station
- R-55-2014 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the McKinley Storm Station Electrical Improvements Project In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois
- R-56-2014 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Fourth Amended Modification Agreement By and Between the Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 and the City of Elmhurst
- R-57-2014 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Design Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst and Transystems Corporation for the North York Street Local Agency Functional Overlay (LAFO) Roadway Improvements Project
- R-58-2014 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between RJN Group, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Private Sector Sanitary Flow Reduction Investigation Project
- R-59-2014 - A Resolution to Adopt the City of Elmhurst Compensation Policy
- R-60-2014 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement By and Between RJN Group, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for Sanitary System Consent Order Assistance Project

Alderman Bram pulled:

- Report - Residential Stormwater Management Incentive Program (PW&B) - \$50,000 – Bram stated that he supported this in concept, but was concerned about the amount of money that was set aside for incentivizing citizens to store as much as 110% rain water on their private property. Alderman Gutenkauf said the committee felt that incentivizing residents will create “carrots” and they would be rewarded. Bram offered up an amendment to reduce the amount of money as rewards. The amendment failed due to lack of a second.

Alderman Dunne asked if the Berteau Campus of Elmhurst Hospital developer Nitti was eligible for these incentives.

Alderman Healy responded that Nitti received land and would not be eligible for this. Dunne asked about the inspection of the property upon selling. Mayor Morley replied that since a

homeowner had received incentives, the rainwater storage should remain on the property when sold. The motion carried 11 yes, 1 no, 2 absent.

- Report - Stop Signs: Intersection of Prospect and Eggleston Avenues (PA&S) – replace yield with stop sign. Alderman Bram was questioning if this intersection meets criteria for a stop sign and if something had happened between the previous review of the Argyle corridor and now. Alderman Wagner responded that he did not know if anything had changed, but the traffic expert, City staff and the police recommended this change from yield signs to stop signs. Motion carried 12 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Committee Reports:

Stormwater Project Prioritization (PW&B) – Alderman Kennedy reviewed what had been done concerning stormwater over the last several years. This is moving forward with 4 “pilot” projects. The committee aimed for something that would positively affect the most residences for the least amount of expenditures. The following recommendation was made:

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that the action plan for stormwater project prioritization as outlined above, be approved and that the City Manager and/or Mayor be authorized to prepare a formal request to District 205 and the Park District for timely commitment to the identified pilot projects.

- Polomsky said she supported moving forward.
- Levin said he was in support.
- Honquest said this is the right thing to do.
- Bram said he did not sign the report because the “pilot” area had 2 parks and 2 schools, although he thought there were less expensive areas that gave more relief that would involve 3 parks and 1 school.
- Wagner thanked the committee and staff.
- Dunne stated he had some concerns on the action levels. 100 years? Maybe 50 or 75 years? He would like to see a cost analysis. Four “pilot” projects will cost about \$12 million. Perhaps the other entities could cost share?
- Deuter would support, but there were some areas in the 1st ward that should also be included.
- Gutenkauf reminded all that this directed the staff and Mayor to ask the Park and School Board if these projects were feasible.
- Healy stated that he wanted to manage expectations. We cannot solve these issues but we can mitigate.

Motion carried 12 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials:

Mayor Morley: reported that he has received 30 or 40 applications for the sustainability task force. He should be announcing members soon.

An open house on North York Road was held. The concept boards will be updated to include comments received.

City Manager Grabowski: The TIF meeting will be held on Monday at 6:00 pm.