

Elmhurst City Council Meeting
August 5, 2013
7:33 pm – 8:21 pm

**9 present; 5 Absent (Hipskind,
York, Healey, Kennedy, Wagner,
Morley)**
*Public: 8; Staff: 1 ; Police/Fire: 2;
Press: 3*
Observer: N. Talluto

Clerk Spencer called the meeting to order. The council voted Ald. Mulliner as Mayor pro tem in Mayor Morley's absence.

Public Forum

- The first resident, Claude Pagash spoke of the seemingly large amount of money the City spends on marketing these days. He expressed concern over the lack of measurement of the benefit of the marketing investment. He also voiced concern over the Addison St. parking garage project and the large amount of money that the City has already spent on the project.
- Tamara Brenner, the next citizen to speak, was pleased to learn that the Addison developer has withdrawn their application for building the 6 story-parking garage. She asks what is happening next on the project. It seems to be confusing to learn what is going on. She is also interested in the two referrals on the agenda tonight, as they seem to be related to the Addison street project. She also wants to mention the Findzall contract and voice her vote against the contract renewal.
- Kathleen Sullivan, the next resident spoke of the three years since the 2010 flood and mentions that there still has yet to be anything to help with that. She points out that there are a number of other things that the city is spending money on but not flood remediation. She continues to bring up the Findzall contract as she feels that they are not adding value to the city. She encourages the city to start looking for their replacement today.

Announcements

- No announcements.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent) with removal of the following items: Item 5.13, 5.20.

Agenda Item Discussion

- A. Item 5.13 – Report – Yield signs Cedar avenue/Barclay Court at Madison St (PA&S)
- a. Ald. Leader summarized the report regarding a request from citizens at this intersection to look into a yield sign. The engineering department approved the yield sign due to limited sight lines. He asks that the council support this as written.
 - b. Ald. Bram takes traffic control devices very seriously. He takes citizen requests with due seriousness but also recognizes that the citizens do not always have the right opinion. Comparing the data to the standard MUTCD benchmarks, this intersection does not meet the criteria. Ald. Bram asks what is the problem that the council is solving and states that no residents actually submitted a petition. He asks that the council does not support this report.

- c. Ald. Mulliner clarifies that the report is accurate in that the north and southbound direction is the correct direction for signage.
 - d. Ald. Gutenkauf states that the City should continue to enforce the standards for consistency for driver safety. She does not support the report.
 - e. Ald. Levin questions if the request was or was not found to meet the manual guidelines by the engineering department. Ald. Leader says he cannot imagine that the engineering department didn't follow the standards. Ald. Levin would like the answer.
 - f. City Manager Grabowski states that the city engineering department wrote in the report that "yield sign's are warranted based on moderate sight lines and cul-de-sac."
 - g. Ald. Bram suggests that the engineering department concluded "may" and not "shall".
 - h. Ald. Deuter shared that she spoke to a member of city staff and suggested that this particular use was appropriate.
 - i. City Staff Mike Hughes shared that this application is appropriate. He also shared that the MUTCD doesn't really cover extensively local-to-local streets. Additionally the report that is often referenced (the IIE journal) tries to fill the hole with a study specific to local to local.
 - j. Report passed (7 Ayes, 2 Nays-Gutenkauf, Bram, 5 Absent)
- B. Item 5.20 – R-53-2013 –A Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Consulting Agreement between Findzall Community Marketing and the City of Elmhurst, IL.
- a. Ald. Levin suggested that this has been discussed at length in past meetings.
 - b. Ald. Gutenkauf states that this contract extends for only 5 months to allow the city time to figure out a bigger strategic approach to the issue of marketing.
 - c. Report passed (9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent)

Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

- A. City Manager Grabowski updated that the RFP's for the Hahn street project are due next Monday, August 12. He also reminded all that he and Burke are presenting to the Park Board on 8/14 at 7pm at the Abbey.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.