

Elmhurst City Council meeting

October 3, 2016

Attendance: 2 press; many residents

LWV observer from videotape: B. Lipton

1. Call to Order

Clerk Spencer, in the absence of Mayor Morley

Pledge of Allegiance (Boy Scout Troop 417)

Roll Call - Ward 6 All aldermen present

Motion to allow Ald. Mulliner to preside in the absence of the Mayor – approved 14 - 0

2. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public

Materials submitted will be copied and distributed to Council members

3. Public Forum

John McNichols, a resident of the Fremont and Lake St. area. Spoke against the plan to amend the zoning map to allow expansion of commercial property into their residential neighborhood. It would have a negative effect on the community at-large.

George Sapada, a resident of the Fremont and Lake St. area. Also spoke against the rezoning plan. The business that is requesting the rezoning has already purchased 4 homes, torn down the trees and demolished the homes. Now the neighborhood is characterized as 'transitional' rather than residential by those requesting the zoning changes – although it is actually a vibrant residential neighborhood.

Eileen Oser, a resident of the Fremont and Lake St. area. Also strongly opposes the rezoning plan. She has examined the proposal and it contains numerous inaccuracies.

Therese McCarthy, MD, a resident of the Fremont and Lake St. area for 54 years. She owns 2 properties worth over \$1 million. She strongly opposes the zoning map changes. Of the 40 homes in the neighborhood, 16 are 1st or 2nd generation. This should be kept in mind. Dr. McCarthy has been involved in Elmhurst community affairs for years and this is the first time an encroachment into a residential area has been considered.

Paul Drigs, a resident of S. Washington St., submitted petitions in support of the Council's decision to go ahead with stormwater abatement (see #2 above). Mr. Drigs thanks the City for going ahead with this project, but asks for better communication about the construction timetable so that residents know what to expect with respect to avoiding torn up streets, getting their children to school, etc.

Claude Pagacz, objects to no-bid expenditures and property tax increases.

Marilyn Aredo, a resident of S. Saylor, grateful for the lift station at Jackson/Saylor to ameliorate the sewage problem during flooding. The above-ground platform is a perfect place for children to play, but it is dangerous. It is close to Jackson Elementary School, and should not be left open for children to access or for passing vehicles to dump trash.

Kathleen Sullivan, wants to extend thanks for implementing the stormwater improvements.

Michael Kramer, presents objection to zoning code changes to allow sandwich board, handwritten signs on sidewalks.

There are concerns about signs' appearance, enforcement of 5 foot sidewalk clearance requirement.

4. Announcements

Clerk Spencer announces early voting locations. Right now you can do so in Wheaton at the DuPage County complex.

Elmhurst early voting doesn't start until Monday October 24.

5. Consent Agenda

Item 5.16 pulled by Ald. Bram (starred below); all other items approved unanimously.

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on September 19, 2016

5.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on September 19, 2016

5.3 Accounts Payable September 30, 2016 - Total \$ (1,405,000.72)

5.4 Appointment to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners - McGovern (Mayor Morley)

5.5 Referral - Liquor License Request Elmhurst Pizza Co. d/b/a "Armands Restaurant" (City Manager Grabowski)

5.6 Referral - Liquor License Request Elmhurst Brewing Co. (City Manager Grabowski)

5.7 Report - Boller Construction Company, Inc. - SWEWWCF MCC Enclosure (PWB)

5.8 Report - Replacement of SnoGo PW-169 (PWB)

5.9 Report - North Elmhurst Sanitary Lift Station - Pump Replacement (PWB)

5.10 Report - Design Build of the WRF South Digester Cover & Mixing System Replacement - Project 16-32 (PWB)

5.11 Report - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Network (PWB)

5.12 Report - IL Prairie Path at York Street Crossing Improvements - Feasibility Study (PWB)

5.13 Report - 2016 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project (PWB) (see item # 7.1)

5.14 Report - Disposal of City Property - SCBA (PAS)

5.15 Report - 2016 Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot (PAS)

*****5.16 Report - Case 16 P 08 Sign Ordinance Text Amendments (DPZ)**

Ald. Levin explains this has been in process for months to revise the signage ordinance. Based on a lot of input from citizens and businesses, this would allow sandwich-board signs as well as some projecting signs, full-color electric signs, and other similar changes. The online document doesn't show changes.

Ald. Polomsky thanks everyone for their input on this, and feels this is only beneficial in that it will give businesses more explicit guidelines. She questions how this will affect realtors' open-house signs on parkways? Ald. Levin explained that it is allowed and the language for this was not changed.

Ald. Bram concerned about safety – allowing passage on sidewalks. Brought up examples of other communities – La Grange and Oak Park. These towns allow these signs on a temporary basis, but Elmhurst proposes to allow them year-round. The other towns charge fees for sidewalk sign permits; Elmhurst will not. Concerned that businesses on upper floors are not allowed signs; that businesses on side streets are allowed 2 signs.

- Moves to amend that sidewalk signs only allowed on a temporary basis. Motion fails due to no second.

Ald. Levin states that he also favored signs for 2nd floor businesses but it was taken out during the long process of discussion and amendment of the ordinance. There was also a lot of back and forth about making the signs permanent versus temporary. This was a very difficult process and now that there is agreement he wants to go forward. The public also serves as code enforcement officers despite having less than 2 FTE hired for that purpose.

-- Passed 13 – 0.

5.17 O-67-2016 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Accepting the Proposal of E.J. Equipment, Inc. for the Purchase of Sewer Televising Equipment for the City of Elmhurst

5.18 R-101-2016 - A Resolution Determining the Estimated Property Taxes to be Levied by the City of Elmhurst for the 2016 Tax Year

5.19 R-102-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Change Order Number 9 for the Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility - Pump Station Project

5.20 R-103-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Change Order Number 4 for the Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility - Sewers and Force Main Project

5.21 R-104-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Change Order Number 4 for the Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility - Storage Tank Project

5.22 R-105-2016 - A Resolution Renewing the City's Employee Health Insurance Benefit Plan for Plan Year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

5.23 R-106-2016 - A Resolution Renewing the City's Employee Dental Insurance Benefit Plan for Plan Year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

5.24 R-107-2016 - A Resolution Approving a Settlement of the City of Elmhurst's Property Damage Claim Against Ridgeway Precision Mechanical, Inc. and Authorizing the City to Execute a Release of All Claims

5.25 R-108-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal from Sungard Public Sector to Conduct a Business Process Review of the City of Elmhurst's Enterprise Software System

5.26 R-110-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of First Amendment to Professional Engineering Services Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst and RJN Group, Inc. for the 2016 Field Investigations and Rehabilitation Program

6. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

Ald. Mulliner: The new parking deck at the Hahn St. development is now open.

Mgr. Grabowski: Announces City Hall will be closed on the 10th. Lakeside Bank will hold ribbon-cutting on the 12th. The Prairie Path brush clearing was completed by Park District and Public Works posted additional signs to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars.

Ald. Levin: Tuesday Oct. 11 at 7 pm his committee PWZ will have joint meeting with Park District to hear the consultant's presentation of a potential new sports facility; the meeting will be videotaped.

Ald. Polomsky requests an update from Mgr. Grabowski on the IGA negotiations with District 205 regarding the stormwater pond project at Bryan School. Supt. Moyer will bring the issues to the Oct. 11 School Board meeting. He is aware that the City is looking at properties that might be alternatives to the Bryan location. He will get additional material to them

Ald. Wagner announces that there will be a residents meeting at 6 pm this Thursday at the lift station on Saylor/Jackson to discuss the landscaping and fencing issues. Mgr. Grabowski states that Public Works has distributed flyers to all residents informing them of the meeting.

7. Resolutions

7.1 R-109-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Notice of Award for the 2016 Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project (see item # 5.13)

Ald. Kennedy explains that this is to suspend the rules and go ahead and approve this so the work can go forward before the cold weather hits. Approved unanimously.

8. Other Business none

9. Adjournment 8:20 pm

Related documents can be accessed online at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/il/coe/Board.nsf/Public> and video recording of the meeting can be found at www.Youtube.com