

## Elmhurst City Council meeting

October 17, 2016

Mayor Steven Morley

Attendance: 2 press; approx. 30 residents;

approx. 20 first responders in uniform;

LWV observer: B. Lipton

### 1. Call to Order 7:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Peter Connor, Eagle Scout candidate

Roll Call: 13 aldermen present; Ald. Mulliner absent

### 2. Swearing In

Swearing-In of Fire Chief Thomas K. Freeman (Steven M. Morley – Mayor). The mayor gave a short introduction. Chief Freeman's family and friends were introduced and participated in the ceremony. Chief Freeman received a standing ovation and gave a brief talk.

- All but approx. 16 attendees left after this ceremony.

### 3. Presentation Metra Station Update

Mr. Martell and Mr. Harbor from CDM Smith, design consultants, presented process of evaluation and two alternative final concepts. Reasons for doing the update are the outdated, dangerous, unattractive conditions of the current station and pedestrian underpass; and the need to make the structure and underpass ADA compliant.

- Relocating the waiting room to the east or west was not feasible. Maintaining the existing station is the best plan with 2 alternative approaches:

a) New station & upgraded pedestrian tunnel, including new warming stations on inbound and outbound sides; new bus on/off stops (now nonexistent); the pedestrian tunnel will be ramped to make it ADA compliant. There will be new pedestrian crosswalks to parking garage and existing on-street parking which currently account for approx 90% of accidents at this site. On the outbound side the existing stairway will be replaced by an enclosed shelter with a warming station.

b) Build a new pedestrian tunnel twice as wide which would also serve pedestrians on York; the tunnel would be further east, closer to York and the station would be to the west. There would be additional similar pedestrian crosswalks further west near the YMCA allowing further safe walkways.

The tunnels in either case would be better ventilated; have natural light; wider. There will be several upcoming meetings with IDOT, DuPage Mayors-Managers, Metra-UPRR, and a public meeting in late November to examine the alternatives.

Ald. Healy began the discussion by reviewing his committee's prior work on this issue. The biggest consideration was to allow pedestrians on either side of York to conveniently cross while the guard rails are down. Another big concern was to at least make the new station stormwater neutral.

Mayor Morley recapped his meeting with US Congressman Quigley whose initial question was "Where is your plan?"

With an expensive proposal like this detailed planning is required; it will not be a quick process but this is a first step.

Questions ensued from Ald. Sabatino, Polomsky, Deuter, Bram, York, Talludo, Dunn, Levin regarding covering the new tunnel ramps, costs (typically federal sources pick up 70-80% of costs for these kind of projects), total costs would be around \$10 million. TIF-1 funds could be applied to this project. Also, possibly locating the new pedestrian tunnel at Addison rather than York or having tunnels at both streets, the size of the station waiting room and platform, stormwater issues; possibly keeping the existing pedestrian tunnel in use. Bicycle parking and new auto parking issues should be addressed as well in this plan.

Treas. Libovicz brought up the issue of keeping the station buildings open in the evening hours especially in the cold weather. The consultants responded that a small waiting room area could have extended hours, or the warming areas could be used.

Several aldermen objected to selecting an alternative plan tonight, so a decision on the two alternatives was put off until the next meeting; Ald. Healy's committee will present a formal report to next Council meeting.

### 4. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public Marilyn Arado (see below)

### 5. Public Forum

- Claude Pagacz objects to yet another big project, the sports-recreation center, that was not put out for bid. Objects to \$104 million in debt and now a proposal to revamp the Metra station.

- Marilyn Arado, regarding the sewer lift station at Jackson and Saylor Aves. Two concerns: a) deal with the gaseous sewer odors emitted; b) improve the landscaping. Thanks City officials for coming to the neighborhood and meeting with them about this issue.

- Ben Silver, lawyer from Citizens Advocacy Center. Spoke a few months ago regarding the rules suspension to approve measures without allowing public input and council consideration; he points out that this is again occurring tonight.

## **6. Announcements**

Clerk Spencer announces early voting Oct. 24 – Nov. 5 at City Hall.

Ald. Levin announces Downs Syndrome awareness month in November.

Ald. York announces the inauguration of Troy Van Aken as new president at Elmhurst College this Saturday Oct. 22; all are invited. Halloween is coming; pumpkin collection/recycling is Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Consent Agenda** All items below approved 13 – 0.

7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on October 3, 2016

7.2 Accounts Payable - October 17, 2016 - Total \$ 3,004,683.54

7.3 Reappointment to the Senior Citizens Commission - Wood (Mayor Morley)

7.4 Reappointment to the Board of Trustees - Police Pension Fund - Nolte (Mayor Morley)

7.5 Reappointment to the Board of Trustees - Firemen's Pension Fund - Nolte (Mayor Morley)

7.6 Appointment to the Economic Development Commission - Coppola (Mayor Morley)

7.7 Appointment to the Board of Trustees - Elmhurst Public Library - Irion (Mayor Morley)

7.8 Report - General Working Permit for IDOT Right-of-Ways (PWB) (see item #10.1)

7.9 Report - Existing Home Stormwater Management Policy (Revised) (PWB)

7.10 Report - Proposed Parking Restrictions on Butterfield Road (PAS)

7.11 Report - Liquor License Request for Classification Change - Armand's Restaurant (PAS)

7.12 Report - Creation of a New Classification of Liquor License - Class "BP" (PAS)

7.13 Report - Liquor License Request: Elmhurst Brewing Company LLC (PAS)

7.14 Report - Bid, One Ford Fusion (PAS)

7.15 Report - Mobile Data Terminal Purchase (FCAAS)

7.16 O-68-2016 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 44 Entitled "Motor Vehicle and Traffic" of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Elmhurst by Adding Thereto Section 44.222 Entitled "Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles Used in the Commission of Certain Offenses"

7.17 O-69-2016 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of Elmhurst

7.18 O-70-2016 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of One Replacement Snow Blower for the City of Elmhurst Public Works Department and Authorizing the Disposal of One Existing Snow Blower

7.19 O-71-2016 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Design Build Agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. and Boller Construction Company LLC for the Water Reclamation Facility South Digester Cover and Mixer Replacement

7.20 O-72-2016 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Non-Exclusive License Agreement By and Between Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot Foundation. NFP and the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

7.21 O-73-2016 - An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of the Surplus Property (SCBA Equipment and Face Pieces)

7.22 R-111-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Purchase of the 2016 North Elmhurst Sanitary Lift Station Replacement Pump

7.23 R-112-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Change Order Number 8 for the Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility - Storage Tank Project

7.24 R-113-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Elmhurst and Transystems Corporation for the Illinois Prairie Path at York Street Crossing Improvement Project Feasibility Study

7.25 R-115-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Network Improvements

7.26 R-116-2016 - A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Surveying Services Agreement in Connection with the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project

## **8. Committee Reports**

8.1 Report - Bryan Gravel Stormwater Project (PWB) –

Ald. Kennedy explains that this is to go forward with the stormwater retention pond at Bryan Middle School. This is the largest remediation (for 100+ homes) and will take the shortest amount of time to complete. Discussions with Dist. 205 have been ongoing for almost 2 years, but things have not progressed to a completed IGA as yet. One snag is the ask of >\$1.1 million appraised value from Dist. 205. An alternative property was identified south of Butterfield

at Messiah Lutheran; the City is in process of purchasing it at a considerably lower cost than at Bryan though the total cost to complete it will be \$200-300,000 more because of the greater distances. This will take approx. 6 months to complete. To go forward with either project will require approval of the initial IGA in Dec 2016; City staff will go back once more to the Dist. 205 to ask them to accept the City's offer. The acre feet remediation estimate is 23 a/ft for Bryan and 18-23 at Messiah.

- Discussion among aldermen included Bram, Talludo, Polomsky, Honquest, Levin, Dunn, Deuter. The difference between the Bryan and Messiah sites is the long delay at Bryan and the cost difference which could be lower at Bryan although the City's offer may still not be acceptable to D205 Board. Ald. Polomsky favors the Bryan option as the payment to Dist. 205 will go back into their coffers and ultimately benefit Elmhurst taxpayers. Ald. Honquest objects to the delaying from Dist. 205 and want an answer yes/no in the next week or so.
- Ald. Healy supports the Messiah alternative reluctantly because of the Dist. 205 obstruction; there is no reason to even purchase the land as it is already owned by Elmhurst taxpayers. However, in order to get relief for those neighbors, he supports the report.
- Mayor Morley was directly involved in these negotiations so he wants to add his opinion: this has been talked about for 3 years. Public meetings were held, but the D205 Board asked for private negotiations in August 2015, which resulted in these long delays; D205's final 'ask' was not received until this past Spring. Mayor Morley asked Council Public works committee to go forward on its own and then go back to D205 Superintendent Moyer; about 3 wks. ago a written communication to Moyer was sent with City's summary of its stand and also asking for consideration of additional stormwater work at York HS and Jackson School. If this current report is approved the City can now go back to D205 with a clear, concise, focused proposal, and then the City can go ahead with the Messiah alternative if D205 continues to stall.
- Approved 13 – 0.

#### **9. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials**

Mayor Morley appreciates all the hard work on stormwater projects; they are now going forward and can be followed by going to the PWB committee meetings and the website.

- Senior housing tour will be hosted by Elmhurst senior task force this Saturday at 9 am; all aldermen are encouraged to attend.

City Manager Grabowski thanks FD for this past Saturday's activities at York Commons firehouse.

Ald. Dunn reported on the O'Hare Commission meeting he attended. November 3 is the next meeting.

Ald. Bram asked for an update on terminal expansion mentioned by Chicago Mayor Emmanuel months ago and how it will impact Elmhurst. Mayor Morley explained that the original plan of 10 years ago will be good for Elmhurst because it planned all flight patterns going East-West, but he will get an update by next Council meeting.

#### **10. Resolutions**

10.1 R-114-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Application for a General Working Permit for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of City Infrastructure Located Within State-Owned Rights of Way Within the City of Elmhurst, Illinois (see item # 7.8)

- Ald. Kennedy explains that this is to suspend the rules and approve street light maintenance on York tonight even though the annual permit is not up-to-date. Approved 13 - 0

#### **11. Other Business None**

#### **12. Adjournment 9:35 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](http://www.Youtube.com)