

## **Elmhurst City Council Meeting**

**11 present; 2 Absent – Wagner, Kennedy**

*Public: 24; Staff: 3; Police/Fire:3; Press: 3*

**November 3, 2014  
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm**

**Observer: N. Talluto**

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

### **Public Forum for 2015 City Budget**

- No written or public comments regarding the budget.
- A separate meeting within a meeting was opened and closed to take in public comments regarding the 2015 City Budget.

### **Public Forum**

- Claude Pagash, 566 W. Gladys, spoke regarding the license plate automatic readers that were “supposed to benefit the community”. Mr. Pagash stated that these types of things can have unintended consequences. He also stated that the building code needs some assistance and improvement.
- Tamara Brenner, 137 N. Caroline, shared that the Addison garage project is concerning her regarding the amount the developer is paying for the retail part of the project – leaving the city to pick up the rest of it. She also can’t tell if the Plass building is still on the market. The zoning commission heard the application for the Wilder Crossing development. Ms. Brenner felt that the deliberations were not seriously undertaken as they were concluded in 15 minutes. She stated that there is no research prior to decisions being made.

### **Announcements**

- Clerk Spencer announced the IL general election on 11/4/14. Polls are open from 6 am to 6pm.
- Ald. Gutenkauf announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Townhall meeting on 11/13/14, at 7pm at the Elmhurst Public Library.
- Ald. Polomsky, 11/8, 9 – 12, SCARCE, Pumpkin Collection at Public Works Garage.
- Ald, 11/12, 7pm City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Townhall
- Ald. York, 11/19, 7pm Ward 4 townhall,

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent) with no items removed.

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

#### **1) Mayor Morley**

- a) Appointment to City Council for seat vacated by Steve Hipskind – Mayor appoints Noel Talluto, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward resident.
  - i) Ald. York thanked the Mayor for his time to review all the applicants.
  - ii) Recommendation approved unanimously.
  - iii) Ms. Talluto was sworn in by the mayor.

- b) Mayor Morley provided an update regarding the storm water mitigation plan and efforts to work with the park district and school board to implement detention areas on their property. Mayor Morley shared that at the last park board meeting the park approved the use of the west lobe of Golden Meadow vs. the east lobe that was proposed by the city in the engineering plan. Given that this land is connected with DNR, the city will have to compensate the park district for the land, something that was not anticipated given the original request to use the east lobe, which would not have the DNR requirement. Mayor Morley suggested that after discussions with the park board and engineering firms that the cost to complete either project would likely end up being very comparable, approximately \$3.5 MM. This project would help residents in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward on Geneva, Pine and Avon primarily. The York Commons project was also discussed at the same meeting. The Park Board approved the use of the west lobe of York Commons vs. the east lobe that was proposed by the city in the engineering plan. Additionally, the park board approved 11 acre feet vs. a much higher amount of storage that was part of the plan proposed by the city. Mayor Morley stated that Burke Engineering is looking into how to work with the smaller amount of storm water storage. Ald. Healy and Ald. Polomsky both added comments about their interpretation of the meeting as they were both in attendance as well.
- 2) City Manager Grabowski met with Lucky Motors. He suggested that Lucky Motors was not in agreement with the City's point of view. Mr. Grabowski is waiting to hear back from Lucky Motors and the city will proceed accordingly when further information is available.
- 3) Ald. Bram requested an update on the Waverton property and requested that the property be properly maintained until it is demolished. He also requested an update on the Hahn street development and the O'Hare noise issue.
- 4) City Manager Grabowski stated that the Waverton property developer is working through some unexpected lease issues and that has delayed their investment in the demolition of the property. He also shared that many surrounding communities share the O'Hare noise issue. DuPage County has created an ad hoc commission to work on behalf of these communities. Two Elmhurst residents that are elected officials, including Paul Fitchner, serve on the commission.

### **Other Business**

- None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.