

Elmhurst City Council meeting

November 21, 2016

Mayor Steven Morley

Attendance: 2 press; approx. 15 residents; 6 scouts;

2 first responders in uniform

LWV observer: B. Lipton

1. Call to Order 7:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - Lead by Girl Scout Troop 50548 from Field School

Roll Call - Ward 7. Absent: Ald. Sabatino and York

2. Receipt of Written Communication from the Public None

3. Public Forum

- a. John Scudder, Elmhurst American Legion, thanks Council for its backing and support. Many activities are planned and underway enabled by this support, including upcoming this Thursday a Thanksgiving dinner for 200 recruits from Great Lakes Training Center. Also the EAL is sponsoring baseball teams, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts.
- b. Claude Pagash: Mentions the City's plan to borrow \$27 million from the EPA for sewage improvements; where has the other money allocated before, over the years, gone? He objects to the transfer of money from TIF-2 to TIF-5; reminds Council that the deficits will transfer too. He is concerned about deficits in all the City TIFs. He also objects to no-bid contracts being awarded constantly.
- c. Ben Silver, Citizens Advocacy Center lawyer: he requests clarification regarding TIF-5: Elmhurst BMW let it be known that it was offered better terms by an adjoining suburb; the City subsequently offered to match the other town's incentives. The timing of this action is unclear, leading to questions about how the decision was made to offer these additional incentives.

4. Announcements

- a. Ald. Honquist announces a fundraiser to assist a resident with medical bills due to ALS. He also announces Ald. Kennedy's birthday is today.
- b. Ald. Polomsky announces a public meeting on the plans for the new Metra station on Nov. 30 at 7 pm in Council chambers.

5. Consent Agenda – All approved 12-0 except those pulled by aldermen: Items 5.5, 5.6, 5.8, 5.14 (starred below)

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council on November 7, 2016

5.2 Minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council on November 7, 2016

5.3 Accounts Payable November 21, 2016 - Total \$ 3,733,642.90

5.4 Appointment to the Veterans Memorial Commission - Draine (Mayor Morley)

*5.5 Referral - Meeting Leadership in Absence of the Mayor - Aldermen York & Healy (City Manager Grabowski) request changes to Municipal Code to specify leadership in the event of the Mayor's absence.
- Approved 10 -2.

*5.6 Report - Washington Street Stormwater Improvement Project - StormTrap Purchase (PWB) Recommended to purchase a stormwater trap system. This would allow more stormwater than just the detention pond system because the water table in that neighborhood is very high. Ald. Bram explained why he didn't vote to support this purchase: because this will be more costly by up to \$350,000, and he is concerned that open-air solutions were not fully explored for this neighborhood. Other areas in the city were not offered this alternative to open-air solutions. Ald. Honquist supports this purchase. Ald Talluto asked about changes to the estimates of how many acre-feet of stormwater could be accommodated. Ald. Deuter reminded Council that the Washington area originally was supposed to be served by the York Commons detention pond, but that fell away when the York Commons plan was downsized. Ald. Kennedy emphasized that the Storm Trap solution is the most logical and efficient solution. Ald. Dunn requested clarification on what is the additional cost to add 0.4 acre-feet to the project? Ald. Kennedy & Mgr. Grabowski responded that the Storm Trap design will add approx. \$200,000 to the cost with additional engineering fees. Ald. Bram thinks the money is not being spent wisely but he will still vote to approve. Ald. Healy supports this because the Washington area is likely the hardest hit area by stormwater.
- Approved 12 - 0.

5.7 Report - WWRF Gas Line Repair (PWB) (see item # 7.1)

*5.8 Report - Transfer/Porting of Funds from the Lake Street Development Fund (TIF II) to Church Road/Lake Street Redevelopment Fund (TIF V) (FCAAS)

The Committee recommends transfer of funds from TIF-II to TIF-V to spend on property acquisition etc. for TIF-V. Ald. Dunn explained that TIF-II expires soon, so it will allow expenditures to keep car dealerships in the N. York corridor and kickstart the TIF-V project. Ald. Bram objects that the recommendation commits the funds to a specific

use (incentives for the BMW dealership) that has not yet been discussed by Council, so this is inappropriate. Ald. Bram moves to amend the report to omit any specific reference to the BMW dealership. City Atty. Storino says that the inclusion of the BMW dealership specifically in the wording of the recommendation is legal, and even if it is specified, including it does not obligate the expenditure of these funds for this particular BMW dealership. Ald. Dunn believes that specifying the use of the money for incentivizing the BMW increases the transparency of Council actions, since that is the intent of the fund transfer.

- Ald. Bram's motion to amend recommendation denied 11-1.

- Original recommendation approved as is 12 – 0.

5.9 Report - Case Number 16 ZBA-06/Nowicki Variation - 292 W. Claremont Street (DPZ)

5.10 O-77-2016 - An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program

5.11 O-79-2016 - An Ordinance Establishing Special Service Area Number 16 (Virginia Lane Townhomes) of the City of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois

5.12 O-80-2016 - An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations for Special Service Area Number 16 (Virginia Lane Townhomes) of the City of Elmhurst for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2016 and Ending December 31, 2016

5.13 MCO-28-2016 - An Ordinance to Correct a Scrivener's Error in MCO-25-2016 Entitled An Ordinance to Amend Section 36.10(b), Entitled "The Fee for the Various Classes of Licenses Shall be as Follows": of Article II, Entitled "Retail License" of Chapter 36, Entitled "Liquor," of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois and in MCO-26-2016 Entitled An Ordinance to Amend Section 36.10(c), Entitled "The Annual Fee for a Class BP License for 2016, of Article II, Entitled "Retail License" of Chapter 36, Entitled "Liquor," of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

*5.14 MCO-29-2016 - An Ordinance Amending Section 44.74, Entitled "Yield Right-of-Way Streets," and Section 44.92, Entitled "Stop Intersections Enumerated," of Chapter 44, Entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the City of Elmhurst Municipal Code

Ald. Healy explained that this is the ordinance for the stop signs discussed at the last Council meeting. Ald. Bram is concerned that changing yield to stop signs will not have any effect since police reports indicate that accidents at the intersections that are being considered result from drivers ignoring Yield signs. Ald. Polomsky pointed out that these changes were recommended by certified traffic engineers.

- Approved 11 – 1.

5.15 ZO-08-2016 - An Ordinance Granting an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit, with Associated Variations, for the Purpose of Constructing a Reconfigured Existing Parking Lot for the Property Commonly Known as 123 East St. Charles, Elmhurst, Illinois (Redeemer Lutheran Evangelical Church)

5.16 R-118-2016 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Professional Resident Engineering Services Agreement By and Between RJN Group, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Saylor Avenue Dry Weather Force Main Project

5.17 R-119-2016 - A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Professional Resident Engineering Services Agreement By and Between RJN Group, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst for the Southwest Elmhurst Wet Weather Control Facility Project

5.18 R-120-2016 - A Resolution Approving the City of Elmhurst's Participation in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Program for the Resurfacing of Industrial Drive from Grand Avenue to York Street and Making Sidewalk and Curb Improvements in the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

6. Reports and Recommendations of Appointed and Elected Officials

Mayor Morley: reports on the recent Suburban O'Hare Commission meeting 11/18. They put out a favorable press release on runway rotation and Elmhurst presented both written and in-person objections to this plan. A meeting is coming up with the Chicago Aviation Committee to discuss the noise issue. Mayor Morley announces Elmhurst tree lighting and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. Morley is happy to announce that the City has once again received a commendation for its finance report; this is the 27th year it was given. Finally, Elmhurst Police are having a drug takeback event the first week of December.

City Manager Grabowski – This Saturday there will be cooking oil recycling. Dec. 12 there will be TIF meetings for Aldermen.

Ald. Kennedy thanks the public works staff for the open house on Washington regarding the Storm Trap and it was well attended.

Ald. Bram comments on the report of the SOC meeting; he would like to get a more detailed report. Mgr. Grabowski enumerated how and when details will be available.

7. Ordinances

7.1 O-78-2016 - An Ordinance Waiving Bid for the 2016 WWRF Emergency Gas Line Repair Project and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between Dahme Mechanical Industries, Inc. and the City of Elmhurst (see item # 5.7)
- Approved 12 – 0.

8. Other Business

Ald. Healy: Cited the tremendous progress on stormwater improvements; yet the Saylor/Swain area has not had relief. He requests an update at the next Council meeting. Ald. Mulliner requests similar update for York Ave. and Prospect down to the Adams and Spring Rd. area.

9. Adjournment 8:45

To be followed by a meeting of The Committee of the Whole for Review of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

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