

**Elmhurst City Council Meeting**  
**December 2, 2013**  
**7:30 pm – 8:20 pm**

**14 present**  
*Public: 26; Staff: 3 ; Police/Fire:2;*  
*Press: 4*  
**Observer: N. Talluto**

Mayor Morley called the meeting to order.

### **Recognition**

- Mayor Morley recognized the IC Catholic Prep Girls Volleyball team for winning the 2013 IL State Championship.

### **Public Forum**

- Gilbert Fisher, 586 N. Van Auken St., discussed how a government taxes various services including utilities and sales tax. He spoke about receiving a letter from Washington D.C. stating that his BCBS health insurance policy will be cancelled because it does not meet the minimum requirements of the new law. He is lucky because he has a beautiful, optimistic wife who says it will work out because they can send the bill to Washington D.C.
- Claude Pagash, 566 W. Gladys, thanked Mike for his presentation in the last meeting. He is surprised that the public works department thinks a concrete road will last for 75 years. He says that the city can't find money to fix the roads but that they can find the ability to increase taxes.
- Tamara Brenner, 137 N. Caroline, spoke about the resolution for the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment for the Addison St. parking garage which has been in development for over 5 years. She referenced a Chicago Tribune article about lack of parking in other cities like Wheaton and Glen Ellyn. The situations are very similar. Other municipalities are not building to resolve the issue as they feel that it is a perception problem, not a real problem.

### **Announcements**

- Ald. Gutenkauf spoke about the District 205 food donation program. 12/3 and 12/4, volunteers are still needed to help pack the food. On 12/14, volunteers are still needed to deliver food. Email [ucca.elmhurst@gmail.com](mailto:ucca.elmhurst@gmail.com) to volunteer.

The **Consent Agenda** was passed (14 Ayes) with the removal of the following items: 6.9, 6.31

A. 6.9 – Report – Installation of Stop Signs: Intersection of May street and Prairie Avenue (PA&S)

- a. Ald. Wagner stated that the intersection was discussed in committee and it met the appropriate MUTCD rules.
- b. Ald. Bram pulled the report as he feels that there have been a significant amount of traffic control requests lately. Additionally, he suggests that the MUTCD does not call for traffic control at this intersection. Finally, there has only been one accident in the past four years.
- c. Ald. Wagner suggested that the request was approved because of line of sight issues.
- d. Ald. Levin says it is his referral, the line of sight is completely blocked and the residents requested it.

- e. Ald. Levin motions a call to question, Ald. Hipskind seconds.
  - f. Motion to call to question (10 Ayes, 4 Nays Mulliner, Gutenkauf, Deuter, Bram) passes.
  - g. Report passes (12 Ayes, 2 Nays Bram, Gutenkauf)
- B. 6.31 – Report – A Resolution approving a 5<sup>th</sup> letter Agreement between the City of Elmhurst and Addison Corridor Development, LLC.
- a. City Manager Grabowski summarizes that this resolution is a continuance of an existing contract to allow for more time to move the project forward. Additionally, a small change was made to extend the number of days from 60 to 150 days from signing a contract to commencing building.
  - b. Ald. Bram pulled this to ask why we are continuing to extend this contract and is worried that this will become much too long drawn out. Ald. Bram asks why we don't have a more aggressive push to start this project.
  - c. Report passes (14 Ayes)

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

- Mayor Morley announced the Hahn St. Committee of the Whole immediately following this meeting. Additionally, Whole Foods is interested in the Dominicks on Rt. 83 that is closing.
- City Manager Grabowski announced free leaf pick up this week. Also, the North Corridor TIF plan is having two meetings, one at 8 am on 12/16 for business and one on 12/17 at 7pm for residents both held in City Hall Council Chambers.
- Ald. Bram requested more than two meetings on the North corridor TIF.

### **Ordinances**

- A. O-66-2013 – An ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 of the city of Elmhurst, DuPage and Cook Counties, IL.
  - a. Ordinance passed (13 Ayes, 1 Nay)
- B. MCO-15-2013 – An ordinance amending Section 3.12, entitled “Part-Time police Officers” of Chapter 3, Entitled “City Administration” of the Elmhurst Municipal Code (See item 6.8)
  - a. Ordinance passed (14 Ayes, 0 Nays)

### **Other Business**

- Ald. Bram is concerned with the use of a “call to question” in today’s meeting to prematurely end debate. He personally will never end debate as it is a benefit to all residents as well as the individuals elected to represent them. He asks his colleagues to end the abuse of Robert’s Rules to end debate.
- Ald. Mulliner does feel that today’s call to question was premature but that it is not an abuse of the rules.
- Ald. Levin feels that the use of the call to question was called for and was used correctly.
- Ald. Gutenkauf resents the use of the procedure and thinks it was unfair to residents and other people on the dais.
- Mayor Morley addressed the topic saying that the council is required to use Roberts’ Rules to manage the meeting according to municipal code. He issues a reminder to the

council that he, as a Chairman, is ok with council members addressing other council members directly when positive. However, when there is a contentious discussion he asks the council members to not refer directly to other alderman as stated in Roberts Rules.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.