

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009
LUCKS CONFERENCE ROOM – ELMHURST COLLEGE
190 PROSPECT AVENUE
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Special Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council was called to order by Mayor DiCianni at 7:06 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

Present: Diane Gutenkauf, Paula Pezza, Pat Shea, Norman Leader, Susan J. Rose, Michael J. Bram, Kevin L. York (left at 8:44 p.m.), Chris Healy, Steve Morley, Jim Kennedy, Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

Absent: Stephen Hipskind, Chris Nybo (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

Also in Attendance: Mayor DiCianni, City Manager Borchert, Dr. Carroll

ELECTED OFFICIALS RETREAT

2. Mayor DiCianni opened the meeting by thanking the Council for attending tonight's retreat.

City Manager Borchert introduced Dr. Larry Carroll, Director of the Center for Professional Excellence at Elmhurst College.

Dr. Carroll opened by reviewing the agenda for tonight's session:

- Review of June 20, 2009
- 4 D's – Discovery, Dream, Design & Delivery
- Wrap Up

Dr. Carroll asked Council members to give one (1) reason why they are here. Keeping in theme with the responses, Dr. Carroll stated he is hearing what ways can the Council come together to be on the same page without surprises and "gotchas." He also posed the question, how well does the Council and the City communicate?

Discussion ensued regarding improving communication. The Council also discussed their role as a policy maker and role of oversight. Examples discussed included: Spending Wisely, Generation of Revenue, Asking "Is this right for the City," Respect and Strategic Vision.

Dr. Carroll asked Council, what was tonight for you?

The general response was not what they expected. Communication was the core discussion. The consensus was that it was worth their time and plan to meet again in January 2010 date to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

3. Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Peter P. DiCianni III, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk