

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009
209 NORTH YORK STREET
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance: 30

1. The Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council was called to order by Mayor DiCianni at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CUB SCOUT DEN 1, PACK 15 ELMHURST

2. Cub Scout Den 1, Pack 15 Elmhurst from Jefferson School was present to lead the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

3. City Clerk Spencer called the roll.

Present: Diane Gutenkauf, Paula Pezza, Pat Shea, Norman Leader, Susan J. Rose, Michael J. Bram, Stephen Hipskind, Kevin L. York, Chris Nybo (left at 9:10 p.m.), Chris Healy, Steve Morley (left at 8:59 p.m.), Jim Kennedy (left at 9:12 p.m.), Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: City Treasurer Dyer, City Attorney Storino, City Manager Borchert, Fire Chief/Acting Assistant City Manager Kopp

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

4. Residents of Avon, Pine and Willow submitted a petition entitled, "Petition to Be Presented at the 11/02/2009 City Council Meeting." The petition requests the Council review the report from MWH dated 09/28/2009 entitled *Pine Street Mitigation Alternatives* and select one of the alternatives to address the inadequate drainage located under First St. between Pine and Avon Streets in the 2010/11 Capital Budget.

PUBLIC FORUM

5. A large number of persons spoke regarding ongoing drainage problems on Pine Street and the results of the MWH study. They asked Council to find the money to fix the inadequate drainage that is affecting their homes.

Name	Address
Paul Eskenazi	118 Pine St.
Donna Wilbur	117 Pine St.
Pat Corning	153 Avon Rd.
Mark Adams	132 Pine St.
James Joyce	130 Pine St.
Larry Roberts	120 Avon Rd.
Peggy Wilson	149 Avon Rd.

Gilbert Fischer
586 N. Van Auken St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Thanked the City Manager for the information he requested at the October 16, 2009 meeting. He also spoke regarding his dislike for taxes and asked the City Council to cut taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. The following items on the Consent Agenda were presented:

- a. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 (City Clerk Spencer): Approve as published
- b. MINUTES OF THE FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 (City Clerk Spencer): Receive and place on file
- c. MINUTES OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 (City Clerk Spencer): Receive and place on file
- d. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – OCTOBER 31, 2009 TOTAL \$ 1,876,789.77
- e. REPORT – BIDS, ONE (1) SIX WHEEL TANDEM AXLE LOG LOADER The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented for passage:

October 26, 2009

TO: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council
RE: Bids, One (1) Six Wheel Tandem Axle Log Loader

On Monday, October 26, 2009 the Public Works and Buildings Committee met to discuss bids received for One (1) Six Wheel Tandem Axle Log Loader (grapple).

Invitations to bid were sent out to six (6) area dealers. A legal ad appeared in the newspaper and six sets of specifications were picked up. A public bid opening was held on May 12, 2009. The results are listed below:

<u>Dealer</u>	<u>Base Price</u> (Inc. Trade)	<u>Options</u>	<u>Total</u>
Chicago International Truck, Chicago, IL	\$135,233.00	\$18,500.00	\$153,733.00
Trans Chicago Truck Group, Elmhurst, IL	\$139,668.00	\$19,800.00	\$159,468.00
R.G. Smith, Des Plaines, IL	\$141,306.00	\$21,000.00	\$162,306.00
Chicago Mack, Summit, IL	Declined to Bid		
City Utility, Chicago, IL	Declined to Bid		
Auto Truck, Bensenville, IL	Declined to Bid		

The bids from Chicago International Truck, Trans Chicago Truck Group, and R.G. Smith meet all required bid specifications. No bids were received from Chicago Mack, City Utility and Auto Truck. Chicago International Truck, Chicago, IL is the low bidder.

PW-88 will be used in the Public Works Department, Forestry Division. Funds have been provided in the FY2009/2010 budget under the following account number: \$170,000.00 in 110-6043-434-8006. The total purchase price for the 2009 Six Wheel Tandem Axle Log Loader GVWR 66,000LBS with options is \$153,733.00. The price reflects a trade-in allowance for old PW-88 of \$14,000.00. Optional items include work lights, a dual ladder, a landscape clamshell and a 350HP engine.

During the Committee's review the concept of deferring the purchase was discussed. However, due to new EPA mandates on emissions, the same truck in 2010 will cost \$9,000 more for an upgraded catalytic converter system required by the EPA. In addition, the grapple is the only one the City owns and it is used on an almost daily basis. It is equipment used in rough work and replacement parts are no longer available. The grapple is also a critical piece of equipment during any windstorm or ice storm to help clear streets and parkways of debris. The Committee is aware that renting a grapple and operator during such an event would be difficult if not impossible.

The turnaround time for the delivery of the truck is between 100 and 150 days. If the grapple were to break down during that period, it would cost approximately \$35,000 to contract out the services necessary to replace it while procuring a new one.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that the low bid from Chicago International Truck of Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$153,733.00 for One (1) Six Wheel Tandem Axle Log Loader be accepted and that a resolution be prepared authorizing this purchase.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ Jim Kennedy

Chairman

/s/ Michael J. Bram

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Pat Shea

/us/ Chris Healy

- f. REPORT – 2010 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT RENEWAL The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented for passage:

October 27, 2009

To: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council

Re: 2010 Employee Life Insurance Benefit Renewal

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met on October 26, 2009, to review the 2010 employee group term life insurance benefit renewal.

As part of the renewal process the City periodically bids the insurance plan, and this year went out to the market requesting bids from the current provider Mutual of Omaha, MetLife, Assurant, Principal Financial Group, Lincoln Financial, and Reliance Standard. Only the current provider, Mutual of Omaha quoted. The other five companies declined to quote with non-competitive rates. The current 2009 rate is \$.14/\$1,000. The 2010 renewal from Mutual of Omaha is \$.155 / \$1,000; a 10.7% rate increase.

Since 2005 Mutual of Omaha has provided group term life insurance benefits to City employees. From 2005 through 2009 the rate remained unchanged. The 2010 renewal is the first rate increase in 5 years. The 2009 premium is \$43,522 and the 2010 premium totals \$48,183. After review of the renewal staff recommends continuing with Mutual of Omaha for the 2010 benefit plan year. The Finance Committee concurs with staff recommendation.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee that the City Council accept the proposal from Mutual of Omaha for group term life insurance for the 2010 plan year, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for an annual premium of \$48,183.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance, Council Affairs and
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ Stephen Hipskind

Chairman

/us/ Kevin York

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Mark Mulliner

/s/ Diane Gutenkauf

- g. REPORT – 2010 EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFIT RENEWAL The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented for passage:

October 27, 2009

To: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council

Re: 2010 Employee Dental Insurance Benefit Renewal

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met on October 26, 2009, to review the 2010 employee dental insurance benefit renewal.

As part of the renewal process the City periodically bids the insurance plan and this year went out to the market requesting bids from MetLife Dental, Delta Dental, Principal Financial Group, Humana Dental, and Guardian. Of the five companies, MetLife Dental and Guardian quoted. Delta Dental did not respond. Principal and Humana declined to quote as having non-competitive rates. Guardian's quote was a 19.8% rate increase as compared to MetLife Dental rate quote of 0% rate change. The current 2009 rate is \$192,886. The 2010 renewal from MetLife Dental remains unchanged from 2009.

Since 1999, MetLife Dental has provided fully insured dental insurance benefits to City of Elmhurst employees. The program is a two-tiered dental plan. The High Plan offers employees a higher-level benefit and higher premium contributions; where as the Low Plan provides a reduced level of benefit and lower contribution rates. Both plans offer 100% coverage for preventative dental work. Per the collective bargaining agreement, the Public Works union employees in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, began using the Union's insurance, as of May 1, 2008, and are no longer covered under the dental insurance plan provided by the City. After review of the proposals staff recommends continuing with MetLife Dental for the 2010 benefit plan year at the current rate of \$192,886. The Finance Committee concurs with staff recommendation.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee that the City Council accept the proposal from MetLife Dental for a fully insured dental care program for the 2010 plan year, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for an annual premium of \$192,886.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance, Council Affairs and
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ Stephen Hipskind

Chairman

/us/ Kevin York

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Mark Mulliner

/s/ Diane Gutenkauf

- h. REPORT – 2010 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT RENEWAL The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented for passage:

October 27, 2009

To: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council

Re: 2010 Employee Health Insurance Benefit Renewal

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met on October 26, 2009, to review the 2010 employee health insurance benefit renewal.

As part of the renewal process the City periodically bids the insurance plan and this year went out to the market requesting bids from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS), United Health Care, Humana, Unicare, and Aetna. Of the five companies, BCBS and United Health Care quoted, and the rest declined to quote as having non-competitive rates. United Health Care's quote was a 13.49% rate increase as compared to BCBS's rate increase of 10.3%. The rate increase is due to the City's claim experience and medical trend. The current 2009 rate is \$3,130,253. The 2010 renewal from Blue Cross Blue Shield is \$3,451,211.

Since 2003, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has provided fully insured medical insurance benefits to City of Elmhurst employees. Employees may choose between a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) and the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan. Per the collective bargaining agreement, the Public Works union employees in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, began using the Union's insurance, as of May 1, 2008, and are no longer covered under the City of Elmhurst's health insurance plan. After review of the proposals staff recommends

contracting with BCBS for the 2010 benefit plan year. Finance Committee concurs with staff recommendation.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee that the City Council accept the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield for a fully insured health care program for the 2010 plan year, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for an annual premium of \$3,451,211.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance, Council Affairs and
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ Stephen Hipskind

Chairman

/us/ Kevin York

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Mark Mulliner

/s/ Diane Gutenkauf

- i. REPORT – CASE NUMBER 09 P-09/CITY OF ELMHURST ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented for passage:

October 15, 2009

TO: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council

RE: Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment

Request by the City of Elmhurst, as petitioner, to amend the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Chapter 11 for the purpose adding “Development Signs” and amending commercial real estate signs in the C3 and I1 Districts from 16 square feet to 32 square feet.

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on October 13, 2009, to review the application and details regarding this request. The Committee reviewed applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance, and the transcript of the public hearing.

The City of Elmhurst, as applicant, is requesting amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that would allow 32 square foot commercial real estate signs in the C3 and I1 districts (proposed language in bold):

Section 11.6(l) Real Estate Signs

Other districts:

*No more than 16 square feet. **However, in the C3 and I1 districts such signs may be up to 32 square feet.***

The following proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment [also to Sec. 11.6(l)] would allow real estate development signs larger than 12 square feet in all districts as a Conditional Use (proposed language in bold):

*e. **Real Estate Development, “or Construction Signs” may exceed 12 square feet only by Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 3, Section 3.11 of this ordinance.***

The DPZ Committee’s discussion focused on the fact that these revisions bring the Zoning Ordinance in line with typical industry standards, and would not result in negative visually impact in the community. Such signs are typically located on larger sites, and are typically temporary in nature.

Therefore, the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee recommends approval of the requested text amendments. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents for City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Development, Planning and Zoning Committee

/s/ Steven Morley

Chairman

/us/ Susan J. Rose
Vice-Chairman
/s/ Norman Leader

- j. REPORT – CIVIC BANNERS – REQUEST TO APPLY FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented for passage:

October 16, 2009

TO: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council
RE: Civic Banners - Request to Apply for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed this topic at their meeting on October 13, 2009. This topic was brought to the DPZ Committee by City Staff with a request to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Section 11.9-2 Civic Banners.

The topic was initially identified in a June 1, 2009 memorandum from the City Manager to the Mayor and City Council (copy attached). In that document, the City Manager identified the streetlight pole banners proposed (and ultimately installed) by Elmhurst City Centre. Current Zoning Ordinance provisions do not address such banners; the section (Section 11.9-2) currently allowing civic banners is specifically intended for the Palmer Drive underpass.

The DPZ Committee concurred with Staff's recommendation that streetlight pole banners can be visually attractive additions to the community under certain conditions. Therefore the DPZ asked that Staff develop appropriate zoning controls in conjunction with the possible amendment request application. Staff emphasized that streetlight pole banners would only be allowed for civic groups and related organizations.

The DPZ further asked that Staff review the entirety of Section 11.9 (Temporary Banners and Signs) to consider more permissive regulations in 11.9-1 regarding temporary banners on private property. The DPZ noted that in some situations, placing such banners for longer periods (than the current one month per year), might be appropriate.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee that the City of Elmhurst apply for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Section 11.9 Temporary Banners and Signs.

Respectfully submitted,
Development, Planning and Zoning Committee
/s/ Steven Morley
Chairman
/us/ Susan J. Rose
Vice-Chairman
/s/ Norman Leader

- k. REPORT - CASE NUMBER 09 P-10/ WILKINS MAZDA CONDITIONAL USE AND ASSOCIATED VARIATIONS The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented for passage:

October 27, 2009

TO: Mayor DiCianni and Members of the City Council
RE: Case Number 09 P-10/ Wilkins Mazda Conditional Use and Associated Variations

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit and associated variations for the purpose of erecting a pylon sign on property commonly known as 750 N. York Street (PIN 03-26-406-014)

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on October 26, 2009 to review and discuss the subject request. This included the Zoning & Planning Commission recommendation and findings of fact report, application documents, and the public hearing transcript for this request.

The DPZ Committee began discussion by reviewing the individual aspects associated with this request, specifically the conditional use, sign size, sign area and separation. The Committee

reviewed aspects of the Zoning Ordinance associated with lot size, noting that because there are 2 business entities (Hyundai and Mazda) located on one lot, the sign separation variation is required. The DPZ noted that the pylon sign request is consistent with the character of the area, as the proposed sign is of a similar scale to many other signs located along North York Street. It was noted that if the underlying two parcels were considered separately there would be no need for a variation for the sign for spacing. Each individual parcel would be entitled to its own pylon sign.

The applicant, Mr. Wilkins, informed the committee that is his intent to construct a second building on the property to house the Mazda dealership. The committee determined that the project meets the applicable Standards for Conditional Use and Standards for Variation. It is the therefore, the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee that this request be approved, along with suspension of City Council rules to allow the report and ordinance to be approved at the same meeting. The City Attorney has prepared the necessary ordinance documents for City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Development, Planning and Zoning Committee

/s/ Steven Morley

Chairman

/s/ Susan J. Rose

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Norman Leader

l. O-42-2009 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF ELMHURST

Ordinance O-42-2009 was presented for passage.

m. O-43-2009 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF ELMHURST

Ordinance O-43-2009 was presented for passage.

n. O-44-2009 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ELMHURST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH AND THE CITY OF ELMHURST, DUPAGE AND COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Ordinance O-44-2009 was presented for passage.

o. MCO-21-2009 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V ENTITLED, “DRIVING, OVERTAKING AND PASSING,” OF CHAPTER 44 ENTITLED, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

Ordinance MCO-21-2009 was presented for passage.

p. ZO-09-2009 – AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE VACANT, LANDLOCKED PARCEL ADJACENT TO THE 1015 SOUTH ROUTE 83 IN THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

Ordinance ZO-09-2009 was presented for passage.

q. R-47-2009 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXCLUSIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, AND DAVID KING & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF 180 W. PARK AVENUE, ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

Resolution R-47-2009 was presented for passage.

r. R-48-2009 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE ORDER BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, AND CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL TRUCK FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SIX WHEEL TANDEM AXLE LOG LOADER

R-48-2009 was presented for passage.

Alderman Shea pulled item **6b. Minutes of the First Executive Session Held on Monday, October 19, 2009**. Alderman Bram pulled item **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**. Alderman Pezza pulled item **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois**.

Alderman Hipskind moved to approve the contents of the Consent Agenda less items **6b. Minutes of the First Executive Session Held on Monday, October 19, 2009**, **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment** and **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois**. Alderman Morley seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hipskind, Morley, Gutenkauf, Pezza, Shea, Leader, Rose, Bram, York, Nybo, Healy, Kennedy, Mulliner, Wagner

Nays: None

Results: 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent
Motion duly carried

Alderman Shea stated she pulled item **6b. Minutes of the First Executive Session Held on Monday, October 19, 2009** to make a motion to table their acceptance of said report until the next executive session meeting. Alderman Bram seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Shea, Bram, Gutenkauf, Pezza, Leader, Rose, Hipskind, York, Nybo, Healy, Morley, Kennedy, Mulliner, Wagner

Nays: None

Results: 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent
Motion duly carried

Alderman Morley moved to accept item **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**. Alderman Pezza seconded.

Alderman Morley stated item **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment** amends Chapter 11 of the Zoning Ordinance, Commercial Real Estate Signs in the C3 and I1 Districts from 16ft² to 32ft². He stated these revisions bring the Zoning Ordinance in line with typical industry standards.

Alderman Bram stated he pulled item **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment** for a clarification on C1 & C2, if it necessary for larger signs.

Discussion ensued.

City Manager Borchert stated he would put out a memo to the City Council regarding the issue.

Voice vote on item **6i. Report – Case Number 09 P-09/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**, motion carried.

Alderman Pezza moved to approve item **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois**. Alderman Morley seconded.

Alderman Pezza stated she pulled item **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the**

City of Elmhurst, Illinois to ask a few questions regarding the Zoning Code on required parking. She stated her interpretation of the code could be in conflict with additional parking.

City Attorney Storino stated the conditional use requirements of the code are in compliance.

Discussion ensued.

Alderman Gutenkauf moved to send item **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois** back to committee for further discussion.

Alderman Nybo, point of order, stating ordinances do not come from committees and therefore the motion cannot be made.

Discussion ensued.

Alderman Rose moved to call the question.

Mayor DiCianni stated without objections, call the roll.

Roll call vote on item **6p. ZO-09-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use for the Vacant, Landlocked Parcel Adjacent to the 1015 South Route 83 In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois:**

Ayes: Morley, Shea, Leader, Rose, Hipskind, York, Nybo, Healy, Kennedy, Wagner

Nays: Pezza, Gutenkauf, Bram, Mulliner

Results: 10 ayes, 4 nays, 0 absent

Motion carried

REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

7. a. UPDATES (Mayor DiCianni)

Mayor DiCianni stated City Manager Borchert will report on the questions that Council has asked for regarding 5%-10% cuts.

City Manager Borchert stated the City's operating budget is about \$40million. The Finance Task Force identified a \$6million shortfall for 2010/2011. He referred to the Task Force Report, page 6, Executive Summary, their recommendation of 1/3 cuts and 2/3 new revenue. It was recommended to increase property taxes and motor fuel tax.

City Manager Borchert stated 5%-10% cuts were suggested 1½ years ago and half have already taken place. The Task Force recommendation is to find another \$1million in cuts.

City Manager Borchert discussed the Capital Budget shortfall stating it's time to find new revenue or make bigger cuts.

Discussion ensued regarding how to approach cuts and new revenues.

Alderman Pezza asked if the City is on target for the Tax Levy Public Hearing.

City Manager Borchert stated the public hearing notice will be in the November 6, 2009 edition of the *Elmhurst Press* and the public hearing itself will take place on Monday, November 16, 2009.

ORDINACES

8. a. ZO-10-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use to Permit a Second Pylon Sign and to Approve and Authorizing Sign Variations for Wilkins Mazda at 750 North York Street In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois

Ordinance ZO-10-2009 was presented for passage.

Alderman Morley moved to approve item **8a. ZO-10-2009 – An Ordinance to Grant a Conditional Use to Permit a Second Pylon Sign and to Approve and Authorizing Sign Variations**

for Wilkins Mazda at 750 North York Street In the City of Elmhurst, Illinois. Alderman Rose seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Morley, Rose, Gutenkauf, Pezza, Shea, Leader, Bram, Hipskind, York, Nybo, Healy, Kennedy, Mulliner, Wagner

Nays: None

Results: 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

Motion duly carried

OTHER BUSINESS

9. Alderman Rose requested that the issue of a property tax rebate for qualifying residents be referred to the appropriate committee for discussion and the development of such a policy before any new increase in property taxes is implemented.

The referral was accepted by Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee Chairman Hipskind without objection.

Alderman Pezza thanked Alderman Rose for her referral stating the Council cares about Elmhurst and its citizens. She stated the Council needs to be considerate and patient with each other as they consider the biggest tax increase that she can remember during the worst economy.

Alderman Gutenkauf asked for a response to the residents of Pine Street while they are still here.

City Manager Borchert stated Public Works met with a draft report from MWH. The consultants will make a final and more specific report and staff will meet with the neighborhood once the report has been finalized. The City Manager stated staff and the Public Works and Buildings Committee will then come to the City Council to deliberate on the subject.

Alderman Morley read an e-mail from resident Bob Hoel regarding property taxes and City finances. In the e-mail Mr. Hoel states that he strongly supports the recommendation of the Finance Task Force for a tax increase in order to provide the City staff with the money they need to run Elmhurst like the proud City it is.

Alderman Kennedy stated he looked at the Citizen's Survey and 90% of the people say they feel safe in Elmhurst. Concerns from a negative point of view included: parking, paving streets and airport noise & expansion. Alderman Kennedy suggested Council to go back and re-read the survey. He stated it should be our road map as we go through the next budget cycle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. City Manager Borchert announced parking terminals will be installed within 4-6 weeks and replace coin-boxes. He stated the terminals will allow for both cash and credit card payments and the terminal will issue a receipt. Monthly parking passes will still be available for purchase at City Hall.

City Manager Borchert stated a new exhibit, *Dwellings a Study in Residential Architecture*, presented by the Elmhurst Historical Museum is a self guided walking/driving tour of twenty-four (24) different style homes in Elmhurst. The City Manager encouraged the community to see this new exhibit.

Alderman Hipskind stated the new parking terminals will reduce personnel costs (bringing savings to the City).

Mayor DiCianni reminded everyone of the Churchville One Room Schoolhouse fundraiser, *Rockin' the Schoolhouse!* will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Drury Lane.

Mayor DiCianni congratulated the Timothy Christian High School boys soccer team, who won the IHSA Class 1A State Soccer Championship.

Alderman Pezza announced Friday, November 6, 2009, *Arte at Nite: Food for Life* is hosting their first annual Art Venue in conjunction with United Community Concerns Association. It will be held from 6-9 p.m. She stated local businesses will be open and will donate 10% of the proceeds to UCCA. Alderman Pezza invited the community to support this event. The local destinations will also accept non-perishable food donations.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Alderman Morley moved to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen York seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:54 p.m.

Peter P. DiCianni, III, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk