

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007
209 NORTH YORK STREET
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Attendance: 22

1. The Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council was called to order by Mayor Marcucci at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Diane Gutenkauf, Pat Shea, Michael Bram, John Gow, Stephen Hipskind, Chris Nybo, George Szczepaniak, Steve Morley, Donna Lomnicki, Mark A. Mulliner

Absent: Michael J. Regan, Norman Leader, Susan J. Rose (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Moira Moriarty (arrived at 7:39 p.m.)

Also in Attendance: City Treasurer Pigoni, City Attorney Kubiesa, City Manager Borchert, Finance Director Gaston, PZED Director Said, Director of Water Wastewater Streicher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. The Cub Scout Pack from Hawthorne School Den 8 Pack 24 took a tour of City Hall with Mayor Marcucci prior to the meeting. The Cub Scouts led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

3. None.

PUBLIC FORUM

4. Dan Hiffman
488 N. Oaklawn Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Commented on the ordinance allowing a conditional use permit for a drive-through at Suburban Bank and Trust (SBT) as the use of a bank to spur growth and development. He stated this is a dangerous precedent for development.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 (City Clerk Spencer): Approve as published

b. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 (City Clerk Spencer): Receive and place on file

c. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – OCTOBER 15, 2007 TOTAL \$ 5,452,051.35

d. REPORT – HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented:

October 10, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

Re: Health Insurance Renewal

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met October 9, 2007 to review the City's health insurance renewal for the 2008 plan year.

Since 2003 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) has provided medical insurance benefits to the City of Elmhurst employees. Employees have the option of enrolling in either the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan.

The BCBS renewal rate for the 2008 plan year is \$3,662,542 compared to the 2007 rate of 3,509,405, which represents a 4.4% increase. This follows a 0% increase for the 2007 plan year, which remained at the 2006 plan year rates. The 4.4% increase compares very favorably to the national trend increase of 6.1% and a Chicagoland trend increase of 10.6% for the HMO and 9.1% for the PPO.

Blue Cross Blue Shield is a proven performer in the health insurance industry and the City's experience has been a positive one, both from an administrative function and employee satisfaction.

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 2008 plan year, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, for an annual premium of \$3,662,542.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance, Council Affairs and
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ George Szczepaniak
Chairman

/s/ Stephen Hipskind
Vice-Chairman

/us/ Moira Moriarty

/s/ Steven Morley

- e. REPORT – DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented:

October 10, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
Re: Dental Insurance Renewal

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met October 9, 2007 to review the proposed dental benefit plan for the 2008 calendar year.

The City of Elmhurst has contracted with MetLife Dental since 1999 to provide a fully insured dental benefit to City employees. The program is a two-tiered dental plan. The High Plan option 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.

The City's new insurance broker, Strategic Employee Benefit Services, negotiated a two-year rate guarantee for 2008 and 2009. MetLife Dental provided a renewal rate of 0% increase for 2008 and a 7% rate cap for 2009. The current 2007 dental plan premiums are \$231,481. The renewal premium for 2008 remains the same.

MetLife Dental provides consistent, high quality dental plan administration for both tiers of the plan. Staff recommends the two-tier plan be continued, and that MetLife Dental be retained for the 2008 and 2009 plan years. 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 approve retaining MetLife Dental to provide dental benefits for the 2008 and 2009 plan years, January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 at the premium rate stated above.

Respectfully submitted,
Finance, Council Affairs and
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ George Szczepaniak
Chairman
/s/ Stephen Hipskind
Vice-Chairman
/us/ Moira Moriarty
/s/ Steven Morley

f. O-26-2007 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF ELMHURST

Ordinance O-26-2007 was presented for passage.

g. MCO-16-2007 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE ELMHURST MUNICIPAL CODE (STREETS, ALLEYS AND SIDEWALK(S)) IN CONNECTION WITH SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMITS

Ordinance MCO-16-2007 was presented for passage.

Alderman Bram removed item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007.**

Alderman Lomnicki moved to accept the contents of the Consent Agenda less item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007.** Alderman Gutenkauf seconded. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried. Alderman Gutenkauf moved to approve the contents of the Consent Agenda less item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007.** Alderman Moriarty seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Gutenkauf, Moriarty, Shea, Bram, Rose, Gow, Hipskind, Nybo, Szczepaniak, Morley, Lomnicki, Mulliner

Nays: None

Results: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent
Motion duly carried

Alderman Mulliner moved to approve item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007.** Alderman Lomnicki seconded.

Alderman Bram stated he pulled item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007** for clarification on page 10. He stated the question was why is there a difference between an ordinance on conditional use and the variance ordinance requiring a super majority as compared to a simple majority vote.

Mayor Marcucci stated Clerk Spencer will amend the minutes.

Alderman Moriarty asked if the Council receives a corrected copy of the amended minutes.

Clerk Spencer replied corrected copies of the minutes are not issued. The changes are reflected on the website and corrections are filed.

Mayor Marcucci asked Clerk Spencer if a hard copy is available at the Library. Clerks Spencer replied yes.

Mayor Marcucci asked if a corrected copy is sent to the Library. City Clerk stated that she would find out.

Voice vote to approve item **5a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on Monday, October 1, 2007,** unanimous, motion carried.

REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

6. a. UPDATES

Mayor Marcucci updated the Council on the meeting he attended on October 3, 2007 in Wood Dale regarding O'Hare Airport expansion and the bypass study with IDOT. The Mayor stated he presented his concerns regarding the plans for a western ring road bypass and gained support from the Mayor of Northlake which is in Cook County.

The Mayor announced tomorrow, October 16, 2007 will be an O'Hare bypass ring road planning meeting. For details contact the City Manager & Mayor's Office. The Mayor stated the map that has been presented at previous meetings is just a concept. The process is under federal highways and County Board Chairman Schillerstrom hopes it will be considered.

City Manager Borchert stated he provided Council with information on meetings that are to be held on October 23, 2007 and October 24, 2007 at Vernon Hills and Joliet regarding Streamlined Sales Tax, Senate Bill 1429. This pending litigation could impact the City both positively and negatively.

Mr. Borchert stated this could affect 25% of the revenue in the General Fund and Springfield promises to make the City whole. He stated there are no guarantees for that to happen.

The Mayor and Council stated their comments, concerns and questions regarding the impact of this pending litigation.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. a. HAHN STREET DEVELOPMENT FINAL PROPOSALS - MR. STEPHEN FRIEDMAN, CONSULTANT – REPORT AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Manager Borchert stated Council has had two (2) proposals to evaluate. Mr. Friedman was asked to assist on the evaluation process as the project relates to the market place.

Mr. Friedman prepared an Evaluation of Development Teams and Point System. The criteria used: Site Layout & Land Use, Parking Solutions, Quality Architecture, Pedestrian Amenities & Open Space, Economic Impacts to the Community, Consistency With the Downtown Plan & Municipal Codes.

Mr. Friedman also prepared a Land Price Analysis on Suburban Downtown Projects from neighboring suburbs. The analysis included: Community, Developer Land/Improvement Costs, Developer Assistance and Additional Municipal Costs.

Mr. Friedman stated applying the point system on balance, the two are equal overall with the difference in parking solutions. He stated he would answer any questions, comments or concerns from Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of the property, parking spaces, access from public parking and retail shopping strategy. Concerns were discussed regarding the impact of existing townhomes and greenspace.

Mr. Friedman stated to Council it is best to select a developer and then negotiate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION, SALE OF LAND AND LITIGATION

9. Executive session was called to order at 9:40 p.m. by Mayor Marcucci for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition, Sale of Land and Litigation.

Present: Diane Gutenkauf, Pat Shea, Michael Bram, Susan J. Rose, John Gow, Stephen Hipskind, Moira Moriarty, Chris Nybo, George Szczepaniak, Steve Morley, Donna Lomnicki, Mark A. Mulliner

Absent: Michael J. Regan, Norman Leader

Also in attendance: City Treasurer Pigoni, City Attorney Kubiesa, City Manager Borchert, Finance Director Gaston, PZED Director Said

Alderman Rose moved to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition, Sale of Land and Litigation. Alderman Lomnicki seconded. Voice vote, motion carried.

Alderman Lomnicki moved to adjourn executive session. Alderman Gow seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Alderman Moriarty moved to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen Morley seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:14 p.m.

Thomas D. Marcucci, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk