

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007  
209 NORTH YORK STREET  
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Executive session was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Marcucci for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel.

Present: Ann Tranter, Norman Leader, Michael Bram, Stephen Hipskind, John Gow, Phillip Jordan, George Szczepaniak, Mark Mulliner,

Absent: Michael Regan, Janice Vanek, Susan Rose (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Moira Moriarty (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Steven Hillsman (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Donna Lomnicki (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

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

Alderman Bram moved to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel. Alderman Jordan seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Bram, Jordan, Tranter, Leader, Hipskind, Gow, Szczepaniak, Mulliner

Nays: None

8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 6 absent  
Motion duly carried

Alderman Gow moved to adjourn executive session. Alderman Lomnicki seconded. Voice vote. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

Attendance: 26

2. The Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council was called to order by Mayor Marcucci at 7:40 p.m.

Present: Ann Tranter, Norman Leader, Susan J. Rose, Michael Bram, Stephen Hipskind, John Gow, Phillip D. Jordan, Moira Moriarty, Stephen Hillsman, George Szczepaniak, Mark A. Mulliner, Donna Lomnicki

Absent: Michael J. Regan, Janice A. Vanek

Also in Attendance: City Treasurer Pigoni, City Attorney Kubiesa, City Manager Borchert, Finance Director Gaston, Assistant Finance Director Trosien, Human Resources Manager Johnson, Deputy Fire Chief Bacidore, Museum Director Bergheger, Museum Archivist Wilson, Museum Marketing Coordinator St. John, PZED Director Said, Library Director Boria, Library Board President Vanek, Historical Commission & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee Members Catalano, Smith, Michaels, Mills, Leader, Nelson, Spathe, Hodge, Jordan

**PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE ANNUAL 2007/2008 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

3. Mayor Marcucci opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. Mayor Marcucci asked for anyone interested in speaking concerning the Tentative 2007/2008 Budget please address the Council. No one spoke. The public hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

4. None.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

5. None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. The following items on the Consent Agenda were presented:
  - a. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007 (City Clerk Spencer): Approve as published
  - b. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007 (City Clerk Spencer): Receive and place on file
  - c. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – MARCH 19, 2007 TOTAL \$ 1,172,269.96
  - d. TEMPORARY USE AND EVENT PERMIT REQUEST – BLUE FREEDOM FARM MARKETS (City Manager Borchert): Concur with the City Manager's recommendation

March 9, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
Re: Temporary Use and Event Permit Request – Blue Freedom Farm Markets

William Gillen/Blue Freedom Farm Markets has requested approval of a Temporary Use to allow a seasonal garden center at the shopping center located at the corner of Route 83 and North Avenue (64). The duration of the temporary use will be from April 20, 2007 through July 15, 2007. Temporary uses of this type are addressed in Section 4.10, Temporary Uses and Events, of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance (copy attached).

It is, therefore, the City Manager's intention, unless directed otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10 of the Elmhurst Zoning Code and the stipulations noted above, to approve a Temporary Use Permit to allow this use.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Thomas P. Borchert  
City Manager

- e. ELMHURST CHORAL UNION UNDERPASS BANNER REQUEST – 2007 (City Manager Borchert): Concur with the City Manager's recommendation

March 7, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
Re: Elmhurst Choral Union Underpass Banner Request - 2007

In accordance with Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Chapter 11, Section 9-2, please be advised that it is the City Manager's intention to issue a permit for a temporary banner to be installed on the south side of the underpass from November 5th through November 12, 2007. The banner is to promote their Christmas Concert.

Unless the City Council directs otherwise the permit for the Elmhurst Choral Union banner will be issued, with the appropriate fee of \$35.00 per banner per week required.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Thomas P. Borchert  
City Manager

- f. REPORT – REJECTION OF PROPOSALS, CARPET REPLACEMENT AT CITY HALL The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

March 12, 2007

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
RE: Rejection of Proposals, Carpet Replacement at City Hall

The Public Works and Buildings Committee met on Monday, March 12, 2007, to discuss the rejection of the proposals received for the installation of carpeting in the conference rooms at City Hall.

As discussed at the Public Works and Buildings Committee meeting of Monday, January 22, 2007, proposals were received from three area contractors who specialize in carpet installation. The carpeting, which was specified in the proposals, consists of 2' by 2' carpet tile squares.

Prior to issuing a purchase order as approved by the City Council on February 5, 2007, staff ordered a test installation in a small office at City Hall. It was determined that while the application of tile squares is appropriate in areas that are difficult to access due to permanently affixed office furniture, (ie. the accounting cubicle areas), it would be better to use a broadloom carpet as it provides less seams and a more attractive, uniform look to the large open areas.

It is, therefore the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that the bid submitted by Midwest Office Interiors in the amount of \$26,930.27 be rejected, and that the staff obtain proposals for the installation of broadloom carpeting in the conference room and office areas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Public Works and Building  
Committee

/s/ George Szczepaniak  
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan  
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Moira Moriarty

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

- g. REPORT – DISPOSITION OF STOP SIGNS REQUEST YORK STREET AND ADELAIDE STREET The following report of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee was presented:

March 12, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
Re: Disposition of Stop Signs Request - York Street and Adelaide Street

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee met on March 12, 2007 to consider the disposition of the Stop Sign Request at the intersection of York Street and Adelaide Street. In response to a request from Colm Headley, owner of McNally's Irish Pub located at the southwest corner of York and Adelaide Streets, the City of Elmhurst Engineering Department performed a review of the intersection.

In response to the request, City staff reviewed the characteristics and accident reports for the intersection. The request was to replace the existing two-way stop controlled intersection with a four-way stop at the intersection. Staff review finds six correctable accidents within the past 12 months at this intersection. Based on MUTCD's accident criteria, the warrants for a four-way stop are met. Staff recommendation is to install stop signs on northbound and southbound York Street. Supplemental plaques indicating "4-way" should be installed underneath the existing and proposed stop signs. The Committee concurred with staff recommendations.

It is therefore, the recommendation of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee that the appropriate ordinance be drafted and adopted by the City Council to provide a four-way stop with appropriate signage at the intersection of York Street and Adelaide Street.

Respectfully submitted,  
Public Affairs and Safety Committee

/s/ Phillip D. Jordan  
Chairman  
/s/ Mark A. Mulliner  
Vice-Chairman  
/s/ Michael Bram

- h. REPORT – YORK & VALLETTE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION’S 2007 FARMER’S MARKET  
The following report of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee was presented:

March 12, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and members of the City Council  
Re: York & Vallette Business Association’s 2007 Farmer’s Market

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee met on March 12, 2007 with a representative from the York & Vallette Business Association to discuss the 2007 Farmers Market. Jason Janes was available to answer the committee’s questions.

The Elmhurst Municipal parking lot near York and Vallette will be used as in the past. The market will commence on June 6<sup>th</sup> and run until October 3<sup>rd</sup> on every Wednesday from 7:00am to 1:00pm. The Committee was satisfied with the traffic patterns of the parking lot that were provided at last year’s event and planned again for this year.

The Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce will provide necessary event insurance and will make the policy available to the City Attorney prior to the event.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee that the City Council approve the York and Vallette Business Association’s 2007 Farmer’s Market starting June 6<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> on every Wednesday from 7:00am to 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Public Affairs and Safety Committee

/s/ Phillip D. Jordan  
Chairman  
/s/ Mark A. Mulliner  
Vice-Chairman  
/s/ Michael Bram

- i. REPORT – WATER RATE AND SEWER RATE REVIEW The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented:

March 13, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
Re: Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met March 12, 2007, to review water rate and sewer rate adjustments.

Water rates and sewer rates are reviewed annually to determine if rate adjustments are necessary. A comprehensive rate and utility billing study was completed in August 2003. Alvord, Burdick & Howson, L.L.C. conducted the study which included a review of the water rate and sewer rate structures, and a review of cash balance goals for the Municipal Utility Fund (MUF). The approved recommendations from the study provided for a minimum charge of three cubic meters per billing cycle, and a change in the billing structure to a uniform block rate method that provides a water and sewer charge for every cubic meter of usage. The study also set a cash balance goal range for the MUF of \$6.2 million to \$7 million. This goal is comprised of three factors: revenue stabilization (\$1.6 million); emergency (\$2 million); and 25%-33% of operating expenses (\$2.6-\$3.5 million). The goal is split between the water and sewer segments of the MUF based upon the level of operating expenses in each segment.

As the Council is aware, the City purchases its water supply from the DuPage Water Commission (DWC). Due to higher than required cash balances being held by the DWC, the DWC is scheduled to approve a cash rebate to member communities and a rate reduction at its board meeting on April 12, 2007. The rebate to Elmhurst is estimated at \$2 million, and will be credited to the City on a monthly basis over a 12-month period. The proposed DWC rate reduction of \$.20 per 1,000 gallons will result in a savings of approximately \$250,000. Based on these anticipated changes from the DuPage Water Commission, the current cash balance in the water utility segment of the MUF and on projected expenditures for the next five years (see Schedule A attached), the Finance Committee recommends no rate adjustment for fiscal 2008, maintaining the current residential rate of \$3.85 per thousand gallons of water usage. To maintain the projected cash balance goals, it is projected that small rate adjustments of 3% will be required for fiscal years 2009 through 2012. Without the DWC rebate and rate reduction, a 3% water rate adjustment would be required for fiscal 2008.

The Finance Committee also reviewed projections for sewer rate adjustments. Based on the current cash balance in the sewer segment of the MUF and on projected expenditures for the next five years (see Schedule B attached), the Committee recommends no rate adjustment for fiscal 2008, maintaining the current sewer rate of \$3.52 per thousand gallons of water usage. To maintain the projected cash balance goals, it is projected that rate adjustments in the 4%-4.5% range may be required for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

The Finance Committee noted that this is the third consecutive year of no adjustment of the water and sewer rates; rates have been held at the same level for four years.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee that the City Council approve maintaining water rates and sewer rates at the current established rates, for fiscal 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Finance, Council Affairs and  
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ Janice A. Vanek

Chairman

/s/ Stephen Hillsman

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Ann Tranter

/s/ Stephen Hipskind

- j. REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE The following report of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee was presented:

March 13, 2007

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council  
Re: City Council Meeting Schedule

The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee met several times, most recently March 12, 2007, to consider adjusting the City Council meeting schedule as it relates to observation of Federal holidays, and to consider a summer schedule.

Currently, the City of Elmhurst observes six Federal holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day). When one of the six holidays is observed on a Monday, and when a council or committee meeting would normally be scheduled for that Monday, the meeting is held on the Tuesday immediately following that Monday. The City of Elmhurst is open for business on four Federal holidays (Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day and Veterans Day).

When one of these four holidays is observed on a Monday, and if a council or committee meeting is regularly scheduled on that day, the meeting is conducted on that Monday. Three of the four Federal holidays noted above are always observed on Mondays; from time to time, Veterans Day falls on a Monday.

The Finance Committee directed staff to survey City Council members to determine whether they are in favor of observing all Federal holidays that are on Mondays by moving the council or committee meeting to the following Tuesday, regardless of whether the City is open for business or not open. Ten of seventeen elected officials responded, and seven of ten recommended observing all Federal holidays that are on a Monday, by meeting on the following Tuesday. It was the consensus of the Finance Committee to recommend this change, effective immediately. The first meeting impacted by this change will be the committee meeting that is scheduled on Columbus Day, October 8, 2007. The meeting will now be Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

The Finance Committee also reviewed whether a summer schedule should be adopted for committee meetings, with one meeting rather than two, in the months of July and August. The question was included on the City Council survey, and the results were six in favor of maintaining the committee meeting schedule as is, and four in favor of one meeting each in the months of July and August. The Finance Committee agreed that the committee meeting schedule should remain as is, emphasizing that each committee could determine whether a summer committee meeting should be cancelled, depending on the needs of each committee.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate ordinance to change the City of Elmhurst Municipal Code to state that when a regular meeting of the City Council occurs on a Federal holiday, the regular meeting will be held on the Tuesday following the regular meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Finance, Council Affairs and  
Administrative Services Committee

/s/ Janice A. Vanek  
Chairman

/s/ Stephen Hillsman  
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Ann Tranter

/s/ Stephen Hipskind

- k. REPORT – CASE NUMBER 07 P-02/PARK PLACE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented:

March 13, 2007

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Case Number 07 P-02/Park Place Continuing Care Retirement Community

Request for an Amended Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of constructing a new Continuing Care Retirement Community. The common property addresses are as follows: OS656 Bryan St., OS680 Bryan St., OS700 Bryan St., OS629 Bryan St., OS655 Bryan St., OS665 Bryan St., OS675 Bryan St., OS685 Bryan St., OS680 Euclid Ave., OS631 Prospect Ave., OS630 Bryan St., OS648 Bryan St., OS660 Bryan St., OS645 Bryan St., OS670 Euclid Ave. (PIN#'s 06-14-411-015, 017, 018, 06-14-412-040, 006, 035, 036, 009, 044, 06-14-411-002, 027, 028, 016, 06-14-412-005, 016, 017.)

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on March 12, 2007 to review the Zoning & Planning Commission report dated March 2, 2007 regarding the subject request. The Committee also reviewed the extensive documentation supplied by the applicant, and the public hearing transcript.

The applicant, Providence Development Group LLC (subsidiary of Rest Haven Illiana Christian Convalescent Home), is requesting an amended conditional use permit for the revised plan for a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). During review, the Committee recalled their previous review of Park Place in May 2006 (Council approved in October, 2006). The DPZ compared the previous plan with the new proposal, and they agreed with the applicant's statement that the revised plan had a better layout and design. Specifically, the DPZ liked that the building was completely interconnected above ground, in lieu of the previous design which had two buildings connected via underground walkways. Minor building setback changes result from the revised design, although they are within placement requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. The revised plan results in 7 fewer assisted living units and two additional parking spaces. However, the proposal consists of 185 independent living units, 44 assisted living units, 16 memory support living units, and 32 skilled nursing beds (277 units/beds total), along with 338 total parking spaces.

Due to this proposed senior residential housing use, the Committee then discussed senior citizen housing in the community. They learned that the applicants have already received several hundred inquiries for this new project. Due to this demand, the variety of housing options available due to this new project, along with the reasonableness of the request, the Committee supports this development.

It is therefore, the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee to support the recommendation of the Zoning & Planning Commission for approval of the request for this project. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents for City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Development, Planning and Zoning  
Committee

/s/ Susan J. Rose  
Chairman

/s/ John E. Gow  
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Norman Leader

1. REPORT – CASE NUMBER 07 ZBA-04 / PUMP IT UP @ 684 W. LAKE STREET The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented:

March 13, 2007

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Case Number 07 ZBA - 04 / Pump It Up @ 684 W. Lake Street

Request for a front yard parking setback variation pursuant to Section 10.2-1.c of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of providing adequate parking for business patrons on property commonly known as 684 W. Lake Street (PIN 03-27-410-001 & 002), said property being wholly located within the C3 General Commercial district.

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on March 12, 2007 to review the Zoning & Planning Commission report dated March 6, 2007 regarding the subject request. The Committee also reviewed the documentation supplied by the applicant, including the site plan and the transcript of the public hearing. The applicants, Michelle and Walter Haller, are requesting a setback variation for the parking lot for a new building to be constructed on the subject site. The new business, called Pump It Up, is a business facility that will host children's parties, with inflatable structures and playthings available in two "arenas" within the building. The new facility will be located at 684 West Lake Street, which currently contains a parking lot.

The DPZ Committee discussed this requested development, specifically the parking lot. The Committee noted that the new parking lot will be set back from the right-of-way the same distance as the existing parking lot; the variation is needed due to redevelopment of the site. Operations were briefly reviewed, as was the Commission's review. The DPZ Committee complimented the Commission on their review of this proposal. They also noted that the applicants made a good case for this request, and that those objections from nearby property owners (noted at the Commission's public hearing) were not pertinent to the zoning variation request. The Committee also agreed with the applicant's argument that arranging the site with the building and parking as proposed helps reduce safety concerns for children that visit this business. Ultimately, the DPZ Committee stated their support for the plan and the proposed variation request.

It is the therefore, the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee to support the recommendation of the Zoning & Planning Commission for approval of this request. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents for City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Development, Planning and Zoning  
Committee

/s/ Susan J. Rose

Chairman

/s/ John E. Gow

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Norman Leader

- m. REPORT – CASE NUMBER 07 ZBA-03 / ELMHURST STORAGE OPTIONS VARIATION 953 SOUTH ROUTE 83 The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented:

March 13, 2007

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Case Number 07 ZBA-03 / Elmhurst Storage Options Variation 953 South Route 83  
Request for variation from floor area ratio (FAR) pursuant to Chapter 9.1-5 of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of increasing the maximum FAR for a new structure on property commonly known as 953 South Route 83 (PIN 06-15-206-023), said property being wholly located within the I1 Restricted Industrial district.

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on March 12, 2007 to review the Zoning & Planning Commission report dated February 14, 2007 regarding the subject request. The Committee also reviewed the documentation supplied by the applicant, including the building elevation, and site plan, and the transcript of the public hearing. The applicant, Elmhurst Storage Options, is requesting an FAR (floor area ratio) variation for a new storage facility on the subject site, which is located at the southeast corner of Van Buren and the Route 83 frontage road.

The DPZ Committee discussed this request's development specifics, especially the FAR aspects related to building usage, operations, and parking. The Committee wished to ensure that parking would be adequate and was satisfied with the applicant's plan to provide 16 spaces for the new development. The Committee also learned that individual storage units within the building can be as small as 5' x 5', which is a size that could be used for product storage, files, or related uses. The Committee also learned that the storage units will be accessible from about 6 am through 10 pm Monday through Saturday, with an employee present during most of that time. However, all operations and access are programmed, and there are video monitors, motion sensors, and other security measures used to ensure safety and security at this facility. Average customer visits are about 10-20 minutes in duration, with an average visit frequency of customers of about 5-6 times per year. Upon learning these details and reviewing the plans, the DPZ Committee supported the concept and believes this will be a good addition to the community.

It is the therefore, the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee to support the recommendation of the Zoning & Planning Commission for approval of this request. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents for City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Development, Planning and Zoning  
Committee

/s/ Susan J. Rose  
Chairman

/s/ John E. Gow  
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Norman Leader

- n. MCO-05-2007 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING SOUTH- AND NORTHBOUND SAYLOR AVENUE AND MCKINLEY AVENUE AS A STOP INTERSECTION

Ordinance MCO-05-2007 was presented for passage.

- o. MCO-06-2007 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING EAST- AND WESTBOUND ADAMS STREET AT PARKSIDE AVENUE AS A YIELD RIGHT OF WAY STREET

Ordinance MCO-06-2007 was presented for passage.

- p. ZO-05-2007 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A BULLETIN BOARD SIGN AND GRANTING A SIGN HEIGHT SIGN VARIATION ASSOCIATED THEREWITH (TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS)

Ordinance ZO-05-2007 was presented for passage.

- q. ZO-06-2007 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRONT YARD VARIATION ON THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 482 HOLLY AVENUE (BROWN)

Ordinance ZO-06-2007 was presented for passage.

Alderman Bram pulled items **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review** and **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule**.

Alderman Tranter moved to accept the contents of the Consent Agenda less items **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review** and **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule**. Alderman Rose seconded. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried. Alderman Hillsman moved to approve the contents of the Consent Agenda less items **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review** and **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule**. Alderman Gow seconded. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Hillsman, Gow, Tranter, Leader, Rose, Bram, Hippskind, Jordan, Moriarty, Szczepaniak, Mulliner, Lomnicki

Nays: None

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

Alderman Hillsman moved to approve item **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review**. Alderman Hippskind seconded.

Alderman Hillsman stated water and sewer rates are reviewed annually. The Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee (F, CA&AS) recommended no increase in water and sewer rates. The City purchases its water supply from the DuPage Water Commission which is rebating funds.

Alderman Bram stated he pulled item **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review** to question the Municipal Utility Fund Water Rates Schedule A Report which indicates a rebate to residents budgeted for 2007/2008.

Alderman Hillsman stated that this was recommended to maintain cash balance goals.

Alderman Gow stated his concern that residents see a rebate.

Alderman Hipskind stated a rebate to the public was discussed however the City is 3-6 months from seeing concrete numbers.

Alderman Moriarty asked how the rates look in other communities serviced by the DuPage Water Commission.

Alderman Hillsman stated this is not a free market item. He stated Council needs to maintain a fund balance.

Mayor Marcucci stated every town operates their water system due to the size of the community. It's lower for Elmhurst because the City pipes are older and paid for. Elmhurst only pays for servicing. The City has reserves.

City Manager Borchert stated that the City has a three (3) day water reserve.

Alderman Bram referred to the split on operating expenses for each segment in item **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review.**

City Manager Borchert stated at the bottom of the water bill is the water rate is justified on the sewer side, wisdom says wait and do it at the same time.

Alderman Bram asked about projections for the new hospital.

City Manager Borchert replied no projections have been made, if it becomes a reality then projections will be made.

Roll call vote on item **6i. Report – Water Rate and Sewer Rate Review:**

Ayes: Hillsman, Hipskind, Tranter, Leader, Rose, Bram, Gow, Jordan, Moriarty, Szczepaniak, Mulliner, Lomnicki

Nays: None

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

Alderman Hillsman moved to approve item **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule.** Alderman Tranter seconded.

Alderman Hillsman stated persistence pays off, commenting that on at least twelve (12) occasions Alderman Regan has asked the F,CA&AS to review the City Council meeting schedule as it applies to federal holidays. The committee directed staff to survey the Council to determine if they favor observing all federal holidays that fall on Mondays by moving the Council or Committee meeting to the following Tuesday evening, regardless if City Hall is open for business or not. The F,CA&AS also reviewed whether or not a summer schedule should be adopted for the months of July and August.

Out of the ten (10) respondents, seven (7) recommended observing the federal holiday by moving the meeting to the following Tuesday. The holidays affected would be Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day (should it fall on a Monday). In regards to moving to a summer schedule, there was a six (6) to four (4) vote to keep the schedule as it is. Individual committees will schedule their meetings.

Alderman Bram pulled item **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule** to state he disagrees with the recommendation and is against changing the meeting dates.

Roll call vote on item **6j. Report – City Council Meeting Schedule:**

Ayes: Hillsman, Tranter, Leader, Rose, Hipskind, Gow, Jordan, Moriarty, Lomnicki

Nays: Bram, Szczepaniak, Mulliner

Results: 9 ayes, 3 nays, 2 absent  
Motion duly carried

**REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

8. None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

9. None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10. Mayor Marcucci thanked the 150 volunteers and staff from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for helping to make the St. Patrick's Day Parade a wonderful family event for the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11. Alderman Hipskind moved to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen Moriarty seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

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Thomas D. Marcucci, Mayor

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Patty Spencer, City Clerk