

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009
209 NORTH YORK STREET
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Attendance: 10

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

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

Absent: Michael J. Regan (arrived at 7:37 p.m.), Chris Nybo

Also in Attendance: City Treasurer Pigoni, City Attorney Kubiesa, City Manager Borchert, Finance Director Gaston, Assistant Finance Director Trosien, Human Resources Manager Johnson, Fire Chief Kopp, Police Chief Neubauer, PZED Director Said, Public Works Director Hughes, Water/Wastewater Director Streicher, Museum Director Bergheger

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

2. None.

PUBLIC FORUM

3. None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 (City Clerk Spencer): Approve as published
- b. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 (City Clerk Spencer): Receive and place on file
- c. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – DECEMBER 31, 2008 TOTAL \$ 1,648,031.92
- d. APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY - BECTON (Mayor Marcucci): Concur with the Mayor's recommendation

December 3, 2008

To: Members of the City Council

Re: Appointment to Board of Trustees of the Elmhurst Public Library - Becton

With your advice and consent, I will appoint Ms. Ingrid Becton to the Board of Trustees of the Elmhurst Public Library to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nora Aman-Gurvich who resigned from the Board due to moving out of the area. Ms. Becton's term will expire July 1, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Thomas D. Marcucci
Mayor

- e. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – RICHARD ROSENBERG (Mayor Marcucci): Concur with the Mayor's recommendation

December 5, 2008

To: Members of the City Council

Re: Appointment of a Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission - Richard Rosenberg

With your advice and consent, I will appoint Richard Rosenberg, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission as recommended by the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee (see attached).

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Thomas D. Marcucci
Mayor

- f. REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE RESIDENTS ON WRIGHTWOOD AVENUE (City Manager Borchert): Refer to the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee

December 22, 2008

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

Re: Request for Review and Evaluation of the Water and Sewer Rates for the Residents on Wrightwood Avenue

It is respectfully requested that the attached request from Alderman Bram be referred to the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee for their review, evaluation and subsequent recommendation to the City Council.

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

- g. ESTABLISHING A "NO-IDLE" REDUCTION POLICY AND PROGRAM – ALDERMEN LEADER AND ROSE (City Manager Borchert): Refer to the Public Affairs and Safety Committee

January 05, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

Re: Establishing a "No-Idle" Reduction Policy and Program Aldermen Leader and Rose

It is respectfully requested that the attached request from Aldermen Norman Leader and Susan J. Rose be referred to the Public Affairs and Safety Committee for their review, evaluation and subsequent recommendation to the City Council.

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

- h. REPORT – RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented:

December 8, 2008

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Residential Fire Sprinklers

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on several occasions and most recently on August 25, 2008 and again on December 8, 2008 to review an analysis of the costs, benefits and discussions on a Residential Fire Sprinkler ordinance for new and remodeled single family residences. The following information was provided in a packet of information that was distributed to the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee:

- A listing of Elmhurst single family home fires since 1996, including fire deaths in single family homes since 1984
- Several articles detailing the benefits of residential fire sprinklers
- NFPA 13D, a standard to provide a sprinkler system that aids in detection and control of residential fires
- Excerpts from a 10-year study completed in Scottsdale, AZ and a community's experiences 12 years after mandatory implementation in Prince George's County, MD

- Realtor and Builder objections to residential fire sprinklers, including fire protection rebuttals to these objections
- A listing of insurance companies that offer discounts for residential fire sprinklers
- Builder incentives and cost savings
- The status of pending fire sprinkler ordinances in local municipalities
- Proposals for costs of residential fire sprinklers in two new construction homes in Elmhurst
- A listing of communities in the Chicagoland area that have already passed residential fire sprinkler ordinances
- Much miscellaneous information that further details this proposal

It was the Committee's belief that the decision to install a residential fire sprinkler should be the homeowner's, however, education and awareness of residential sprinklers would be invaluable tools to aid in making their decision.

Therefore, it was the Committee's decision to provide homeowners requesting permits for new construction and home additions with a packet of information from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition which includes more in depth information on the value and benefits of residential fire sprinklers. Builders will also be encouraged to aid in the education of homeowners to assist them in making a knowledgeable decision.

Respectfully submitted,
Development, Planning and Zoning
Committee

/s/ Susan J. Rose

Chairman

/s/ Norman Leader

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Diane Gutenkauf

i. R-01-2009 – A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH WORK PERMITS FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Resolution R-01-2009 was presented for passage.

j. R-02-2009 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOCUS FOR THE DUPAGE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD AND THE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK

Resolution R-02-2009 was presented for passage.

Alderman Mulliner moved to accept the contents of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Bram seconded. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried. Alderman Gow moved to approve the contents of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Gutenkauf seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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

REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

5. REVIEW OF 5 YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET AND PREVIEW OF '09/'10 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (City Manager Borchert)

City Manager Borchert began the PowerPoint presentation reviewing Expenditure Classifications and Expenditure Priority. Highlights of the preliminary 2009-2010 Capital Expenditure Budget:

- Public Works infrastructure

- Communication
- Land acquisition
- Storm water improvements/Flood mitigation
- Heritage Center in Elmhurst
- Central Business District
- Parking system

Mayor Marcucci asked Council if they had any questions or comments for Mr. Borchert on the budget presentation before he begins the preview of the 2009/2010 General Fund Budget. There were no questions from Council.

Mayor Marcucci – page 7, Public Safety/Public Works Radio Upgrade – how much will it cost?

City Manager Borchert replied it will be \$712,000 for the Police Department and \$320,000 for the Fire Department.

Mayor Marcucci stated this is approximately a million dollar expenditure. He explained the City needs to invest in this new digital technology because of September 11th as part of our national security. The County needs for each municipality to be able to have communication with each other at all times. Money from the state and federal government is coming since this is a September 11th requirement.

Mayor Marcucci noted on page 11, General Obligation Debt Limit, the City Council and City staff have kept us in the 2.5-3.0 range. He stated the City's debt is in control and stable.

Alderman Hipskind agreed that the City is in very good shape. Alderman Hipskind on page 8, Anaerobic Digester asked why does the City need this and how long has the City had the two.

City Manager Borchert explained that a third digester is necessary. He stated 2009 will be the design and engineering phase and 2011-2012 will be the construction. Mr. Borchert added that Mr. Streicher is willing to conduct a tour of the plant at any time.

Mayor Marcucci asked about the federal government's Phase 2 of the Clean Water Act.

City Manager replied that Phase 2 was implemented for storm water runoff. A requirement will be that the City must report on the private property: how the basins are working. The five year Capital Budget doesn't provide for money for Phase 2, but there are expenditures in the operating budget.

Alderman Szczepaniak – regarding Five Year Capital Expenditure Budget, page 12 Storm Water Detention Projects Fund, asked will this project keep the residents of southwest Elmhurst out of the flood plain.

City Manager Borchert replied that there hasn't been any Elmhurst flooding from the most recent storm. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss the September 2008 storm which will serve as a model of a real event. This could prove no flood plain insurance is required.

Alderman Szczepaniak stated three ambulances are in the budget to purchase two years from now and he asked how important is it to have these? What will change two years from now if everything is working under contract?

City Manager Borchert replied it would allow for Elmhurst to control and get some savings by not having a contractor.

Alderman Szczepaniak, page 10 Public Works – Public Benefit EMHC Infrastructure Improvements is listed at three million. This past March, 2008, the cap was 2.8 million. Is this over budget?

City Manager replied he would double check and get back to Council with a memo regarding the question.

Alderman Szczepaniak asked under IT why the yearly increase of \$3,000-\$4,000. How often do we change PC's?

Ms. Gaston replied this is for further review by the Finance Committee What is listed is not etched in stone.

Alderman Mulliner wanted to comment on the ambulances. If the City purchases ambulances it will reduce the overall cost.

Alderman Morley asked about the wireless Fire Alarm System. When will it be installed and when will it start generating revenue?

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee will have a thorough review. It would begin to happen next year and become a supplemental income for the General Fund. It would have to have a review of the full City Council.

Alderman Rose stated she hoped our standard for computer replacement was no more than 3-4 years.

Tom Trosien replied replacement for hardware is three years.

Alderman Rose asked questions on our current inventory of parking.

City Manager Borchert replied that all day use is 100% occupied. The demand for parking is high. The Capital Budget provides for two parking structures.

Alderman Rose stated parking is a good use of the Capital Fund.

Alderman Bram, page 4, Road Improvements. He asked if we trying to play catch-up for the previous years?

City Manager Borchert replied the standard is 5% each year. The General Fund will back off on the work done. Funds come from Capital Improvement Fund.

Alderman Moriarty, page 15, Funding Sources by Year. \$2.8 million budgeted for 2009/2010 could it be explained what funding sources will come in.

City Manager Borchert replied some road improvements that are "project ready" could be funded by a federal grant which would include the St. Charles Road improvements.

Alderman Szczepaniak asked why street improvements are going from concrete to asphalt?

City Manager Borchert stated from a maintenance perspective, asphalt is best for Elmhurst's economy and maintenance.

Alderman Szczepaniak asked City Manager about improvements to the parking payment system in the Central Business District.

Alderman Bram, page 9 – Public Works Street Maintenance asked regarding York and Grand streetscape improvements, is \$80,000 sufficient to make it safer?

City Manager replied that will be determined by the Public Affairs and Safety Committee and the City Council.

Alderman Bram stated the northeast section of Elmhurst is in poor condition and it seems there is no start of the project.

City Manger replied the proposal is not in the Capital Budget but in the Operating Budget.

City Manager Borchert resumed the Power Point presentation for Review of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 General Fund Budget.

- 2008 Citizen Survey
- Recommendations
- Mayor/City Council Message to City Manger (11/03/08)
- Mayor/City council Message to City Manager Overview General Fund (12/11/08)

- Preliminary Analysis General Fund 2009/2010.
- Preliminary General Fund Cuts and Balance to Review
- Budget Activity
- What's Next

Mayor Marcucci commented on the cuts in the City budget as it relates to the citizens and budget cuts from Springfield will affect Elmhurst greatly.

Alderman Gutenkauf commented on the Citizens' Survey as it relates to parking stating the results indicated parking isn't as big a concern as the Council thinks.

Alderman Szczepaniak asked if sales in Elmhurst go down and the cost of the Ash Borer impact goes up how will this affect the budget?

Mayor Marcucci stated that as for the Ash Borer, it won't affect the budget for next year.

Mayor Marcucci thanked City Manager Borchert for the budget presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. None.

ADJOURNMENT

8. Alderman Regan moved to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen Mulliner seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:49 p.m.

Thomas D. Marcucci, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk