

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELMHURST, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009
209 NORTH YORK STREET
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Attendance: 25

1. The Regular Meeting of the Elmhurst City Council was called to order by Mayor Marcucci at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: George Szczepaniak (arrived at 7:39 p.m.)

Also in Attendance: City Treasurer Pigoni, City Attorney Kubiesa, City Manager Borchert, Fire Chief Kopp, Deputy Fire Chief Bacidore, Finance & Administration Director Gaston, Human Resources Manager Johnson, PW Director Hughes, WWTP Director Streicher, Police Chief Neubauer, Deputy Police Chief Panico, PZED Director Said

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

2. None.

PUBLIC FORUM

3. Joseph Esposito, Commander
VFW Post 2048
448 Raintree Ct.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Presented Mayor Marcucci with a Special Recognition Plaque for Exceptional Service.

Darlene Heslop
200 N. Michigan #227
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Spoke regarding the outstanding service by retiring 4th Ward Alderman John Gow.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting Held on Monday, April 6, 2009 (City Clerk Spencer): Approve as published
- b. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – APRIL 20, 2009 TOTAL \$ 886,210.55
- c. BICYCLE TASK FORCE REPORT – BOB HOEL CHAIRMAN (City Manager Borchert): Refer to the Public Works and Buildings Committee

April 9, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
Re: Bicycle Task Force Report – Bob Hoel, Chairman

It is respectfully requested that the attached correspondence from the Bicycle Task Force Chairman Bob Hoel be referred to the Public Works and Building Committee for their evaluation and recommendation back to the City Council.

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

- d. REPORT – FIRST STREET METRA PARKING TCM IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
RE: First Street Metra Parking TCM Improvements Design Engineering Services Proposal

The Public Works and Building Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009 to discuss a proposal received from TranSystems Corporation for professional engineering services for design of a Traffic Control Measure (TCM) project which would create additional commuter parking spaces along First Street.

The project involves constructing approximately 67 new commuter and CBD parking spaces in downtown Elmhurst along First Street. The limits are between Myrtle Avenue and Clara Place.

TranSystems assisted the City in the preparation of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding application. ARRA funding for construction is approved through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). The Elmhurst First Street Metra Parking Improvements was the highest ranked project on the ARRA TCM funding list. However, due to the “use it or lose it” provisions of the ARRA, strict project deadlines for meeting critical milestones are required. The DMMC will monitor project progress. Failure to meet these milestones will result in funding being withdrawn. The project will receive \$310,000 from the ARRA TCM funds. The City of Elmhurst will need to complete Phase I and II engineering according to the ARRA project milestones and monitoring schedule to secure these funds.

Design engineering services will include the preparation of contract plans, specifications and cost estimates for a March 2010 contract letting through IDOT. The work shall be prepared in accordance with IDOT requirements for TCM projects including obtaining Categorical Exclusion Group I approval. The plans and specifications will provide sufficient guidance to the contractor necessary to bid the project, provide the contractor with geometric layout requirements to allow the contractor to establish controls during construction, and include sufficient details for completing the construction of additional parking spaces. Construction within the railroad right of way requires soil testing to determine if special waste removal is necessary. A project development report is also required to document coordination with the railroad, City and IDOT. The plans will be reviewed by the City and IDOT. Coordination with IDOT and FHWA will also be required.

TranSystems has proposed to do this work on a cost plus fixed fee basis with a total cost not to exceed \$84,012.71. See attached proposal for consultant services and fees. These rates are consistent with fees for professional services on similar projects. TranSystems has completed similar work for the City in the past on various City projects in a satisfactory and professional manner. Monies for this project have been provided in the FY 2009/10 Budget, Account Number 310-0089-461-80-26 in the amount of \$100,000.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Building Committee that the Design Engineering Proposal from TranSystems Corporation for the First Street Metra Parking TCM Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$84,012.71, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- e. REPORT – SPRING ROAD & VALLETTE STREET LAPP IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Spring Road & Vallette Street LAPP Improvements Design Engineering Services Proposal

The Public Works and Building Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009 to discuss a proposal received from TranSystems Corporation for professional engineering services for design of a Local Agency Pavement Preservation (LAPP) project along Spring Road from St. Charles to Harrison Street and Vallette Street from Poplar Avenue to Spring Road.

The improvements include removal and replacement of deteriorated sections of curb and gutter, pavement and sidewalks. The final pavement construction will include a 3 inch grind of the existing concrete and a 3 inch overlay with asphalt.

TranSystems assisted the City in the preparation of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding application. ARRA funding for construction is approved through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). The DMMC received 75 applications from 24 communities. The Spring Road and Vallette Street LAPP Improvements ranked well but did not make the first ARRA funding list, the “A” List. However, due to the “use it or lose it” provisions of the ARRA, strict project deadlines for meeting critical milestones are required. The DMMC will monitor project progress and failure to meet these milestones will result in funding being withdrawn. Therefore, the City has requested that the Spring Road and Vallette Street Improvements be considered for a “B” List which would replace original approved projects that did not meet the critical milestone schedule. Staff has requested “B” List consideration at 70% of the project cost which is approximately \$1,168,000 of ARRA funds. The City of Elmhurst will need to complete Phase I and II engineering according to the ARRA project milestones and monitoring schedule to secure these funds should they become available. If the project does not make the ARRA funding list the project can be submitted for normal STP funding through the DMMC this summer.

Design engineering services will include the preparation of contract plans, specifications and cost estimates for a March 2010 contract letting through IDOT. The work shall be prepared in accordance with IDOT requirements for LAPP projects including obtaining Categorical Exclusion Group I approval. The plans and specifications will provide sufficient guidance to the contractor necessary to bid the project, provide the contractor with geometric layout requirements to allow the contractor to establish controls during construction, and include sufficient details for completing the street resurfacing. The plans will be reviewed by the City and IDOT. Coordination with IDOT and FHWA will also be required.

TranSystems has proposed to do this work on a cost plus fixed fee basis with a total cost not to exceed \$64,722.37. See attached proposal for consultant services and fees. These rates are consistent with fees for professional services on similar projects. TranSystems has completed similar work for the City in the past on various City projects in a satisfactory and professional manner. Monies for this project have been provided in the FY 2009/10 Budget, Account Number 110-6041-432-80-15 in the amount of \$75,000.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Building Committee that the Design Engineering Proposal from TranSystems Corporation for the Spring Road & Vallette Street LAPP Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$64,722.37, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow

Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- f. REPORT – ST. CHARLES ROAD LAPP IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
RE: St. Charles Road LAPP Improvements Design Engineering Services Proposal

The Public Works and Building Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009 to discuss a proposal received from TranSystems Corporation for professional engineering services for design of a Local Agency Pavement Preservation (LAPP) project along St. Charles Road from Poplar Avenue to York Street.

The improvements include removal and replacement of deteriorated sections of curb and gutter, pavement and sidewalks. The final pavement construction will include a 3 inch grind of the existing concrete and a 3 inch overlay with asphalt.

TranSystems assisted the City in the preparation of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding application. ARRA funding for construction is approved through the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). The DMMC received 75 applications from 24 communities. Due to the “use it or lose it” provisions of the ARRA, strict project deadlines for meeting critical milestones are required. The DMMC will monitor project progress and failure to meet these milestones will result in funding being withdrawn. The St. Charles LAPP Improvements were approved for \$420,000 of ARRA highway funds. The City of Elmhurst will need to complete Phase I and II engineering according to the ARRA project milestones and monitoring schedule to secure these funds.

Design engineering services will include the preparation of contract plans, specifications and cost estimates for a March 2010 contract letting through IDOT. The work shall be prepared in accordance with IDOT requirements for LAPP projects including obtaining Categorical Exclusion Group I approval. The plans and specifications will provide sufficient guidance to the contractor necessary to bid the project, provide the contractor with geometric layout requirements to allow the contractor to establish controls during construction, and include sufficient details for completing the street resurfacing. The plans will be reviewed by the City and IDOT. Coordination with IDOT and FHWA will also be required.

TranSystems has proposed to do this work on a cost plus fixed fee basis with a total cost not to exceed \$36,263.86. See attached proposal for consultant services and fees. These rates are consistent with fees for professional services on similar projects. TranSystems has completed similar work for the City in the past on various City projects in a satisfactory and professional manner. Monies for this project have been provided in the FY 2009/10 Budget, Account Number 110-6041-432-80-15 in the amount of \$50,000.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Building Committee that the Design Engineering Proposal from TranSystems Corporation for the St. Charles Road LAPP Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$36,263.86, be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- g. REPORT – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF VOICE/DATA, PAGING AND SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR NEW FIRE STATION 2 The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and members of the City Council
Re: Request for Proposal for Installation of Voice/Data, Paging and Security Systems for new Fire Station 2

The Public Works and Building Committee met on April 13, 2009 to discuss proposals for the installation of Voice/Data, Paging and Security Systems and equipment for Fire Station 2.

The Voice/Data System is wiring for computers, phones and cable TV's throughout the station. This system includes the emergency phone which is located in the front of the fire station.

The Paging System is used to announce emergency calls that are received through the Ducomm alerting system.

The Security System provides security cameras on all exterior doors and a key fob access system for the new station. This new system will be an extension of the existing key fob access system presently being used at City Hall and the Public Works Garage.

These new systems are an owner-procured item and the City of Elmhurst requested proposals from six contractors with the following results:

Advent Systems, Elmhurst, IL:	\$47,064.00
Video and Sound Service, Northlake, IL:	\$52,826.60
D.V. Technologies, Chicago, IL:	\$95,558.00
Gibson Electric, Downers Grove, IL	no proposal submitted
Shamrock Electric, Elk Grove Village, IL:	no proposal submitted
Pentegra Systems, Elmhurst, IL:	incomplete proposal

Advent Systems of Elmhurst met all of the proposal requirements and provided the most competitive quote for systems, equipment and installation. They are a manufacturer's certified contractor and are an Illinois State licensed electrician and private alarm contractor.

It is therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Building Committee that the City Council approve the selection of Advent Systems for \$47,064.00 for the equipment and installation of the Voice/Data, Paging and Security Systems for the new Fire Station 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- h. REPORT – METRA/UNION PACIFIC LEASE MODIFICATION The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
RE: Metra/Union Pacific Lease Modification

The Public Works and Buildings Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009 to review a supplemental agreement to the City's existing lease to occupy Union Pacific Railroad company property for purposes of parking commuter vehicles.

The City is currently seeking to modify the parking at numerous parking lots along the railroad tracks in downtown Elmhurst to create additional commuter parking spaces. The areas to be worked on are outlined on the attached exhibit. It is hoped that the City will be able to create approximately 67 new parking spaces.

The City is seeking federal funds to assist in the cost of this construction. As a part of that process the City must ensure that it has a legal right to work on the railroad property. The supplemental agreement needs to be executed to allow for that authority to be granted. The supplemental agreement is attached.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that the City Council authorize and the appropriate City officials sign the attached supplemental lease agreement with the Union Pacific.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- i. REPORT – 2009 DUTCH ELM DISEASE FUNGICIDE INJECTION PROGRAM The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: 2009 Dutch Elm Disease Fungicide Injection Program Contract Extension

The Public Works and Buildings Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009, to discuss a proposed extension to the contract for Dutch Elm Disease Fungicide Injection for the 2009 Dutch Elm Disease season. The City's current contractor is Winkler's Tree Service of La Grange Park, IL.

The contract specifies injection of both the City's regularly injected elms and a 50/50 cost share with residents for contractor provided injections of Arbotect fungicide. Arbotect protects American Elm trees by inhibiting the growth of the fungus that causes Dutch Elm Disease. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 35 regularly injected elms and 100 requests for injections by residents. Winkler's Tree Service has satisfactorily provided various tree services to the City of Elmhurst in the past.

Winkler's Tree Service has agreed to extend their 2008 Dutch Elm Disease Fungicide Injection Program prices for the 2009 Dutch Elm Disease Fungicide Injection Program season. Attached, please find a copy of the approved Committee Report that addresses the previous 2007 & 2008 Dutch Elm Diseased Tree Injection Program extension.

Winkler's 2008 Price (per dia. inch of tree)

2008 = \$13.76

Funds have been provided for in the General Fund, Account Number 110-6043-434-30-91, for Dutch Elm Disease Injections pending City Council approval of the 2009/2010 Budget. The final cost depends on the number of residents who take part in the program.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that proposal of the extension of the current contract with Winkler's Tree Service for the 2009 Dutch Elm Disease Fungicide Injection Program be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- j. REPORT – 2009 FUEL CONTRACT PURCHASE ORDER The following report of the Public Works and Buildings Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
RE: Fuel Contract Purchase Order

The Public Works and Buildings Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2009 to discuss a proposed contract extension for purchase of gasoline and bio-diesel fuel. The City of Elmhurst currently purchases gasoline and bio-diesel fuel by participating in the joint purchase option on the DuPage County gasoline and bio-diesel fuel bid. As part of the bid packet, County Board Resolution IR-084-76 included the opportunity for other taxing bodies in the county to participate in the joint purchase of the materials.

In 2008 DuPage County bid and awarded the purchase of gasoline and bio-diesel fuel to Texor Petroleum, the low bidder. DuPage County recently awarded a new Purchase Order A15338 to World Fuel Services (Formerly Texor) for the period through 3/31/10 at the same terms, pricing and conditions as previously bid under bid #07-021.

The specifications used in the preparation of sealed bids are based on the OPIS (Oil Price Information Service) prices, which are the benchmark prices used by the world to buy and sell U.S. gasoline, diesel, ethanol, bio-diesel, LP-gas, jet fuel, crude, propane and kerosene. The price from the low bidder, World Fuel Services (Formerly Texor Petroleum Company, Inc.) of Riverside, IL., for gasoline is the OPIS price plus \$.0095/gal and for bio-diesel is the OPIS price minus \$.05/gal.

It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Public Works and Buildings Committee that a purchase order be completed for the 09/10 fiscal year for the purchase of unleaded gasoline and bio-diesel fuel from World Fuel Services in accordance with the DuPage County specifications and bids.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Works and Building Committee

/s/ John E. Gow
Chairman

/s/ Michael Regan
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Donna Lomnicki

/s/ Pat Shea

- k. REPORT – NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES The following report of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee was presented:

April 13, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council
RE: Neighborhood Electric Vehicles

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee met on July 28, 2009; August 25, 2008; and April 13, 2009 to discuss Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV).

NEV's are battery operated vehicles that can attain the speed of 25 mph. Illinois law allows communities to decide if they will allow NEV's on their streets that have a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Under the current law, these vehicles would be prohibited from streets with speed limits over 35 mph. In Elmhurst, that would include Illinois Route 83, Roosevelt Road and Butterfield Road.

Due to the traffic volume and the urban characteristics of our main streets, the staff feels these vehicles would present an additional hazard to the motoring public. The prohibition of NEV's on the aforementioned major streets curtails the legitimate usefulness of NEV's in Elmhurst.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee not to consider allowing Neighborhood Electric Vehicles on the public streets in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Affairs and Safety Committee

/s/ Mark A. Mulliner
Chairman

/s/ Michael Bram
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Chris Nybo

1. REPORT – DISPOSITION OF STOP/YIELD SIGN REQUEST GRANTLEY AVENUE AND WILLOW ROAD The following report of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee was presented:

April 14, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Disposition of Stop/Yield Sign Request Grantley Avenue and Willow Road

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee met on April 13, 2009 to discuss the status of the request for a yield or stop sign at Grantley Avenue and Willow Road. In response to a neighborhood request, the City Engineering Division performed a study at the subject intersection. The request was for an evaluation of appropriate traffic control at the intersection. Staff review finds moderate sight distance between 70 and 110 feet at this low-volume intersection. According to "Proposed Warrants for Low Volume Intersection Traffic Control", this intersection meets the warrants for yield control. Staff recommendation is to install a yield sign on the Willow Road approach to Grantley. Public Affairs and Safety Committee concurs with City Engineering recommendation.

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 yield signs at the intersection of Grantley Avenue and Willow Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Affairs and Safety Committee

/s/ Mark A. Mulliner
Chairman

/s/ Michael Bram
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Chris Nybo

- m. REPORT – RELOCATION OF PRAIRIE PATH CROSSING AT BERKLEY AVENUE AND PRAIRIE PATH LANE The following report of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee was presented:

April 14, 2009

To: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane

The Public Affairs and Safety Committee met on numerous occasions and most recently on April 13, 2009 to discuss a neighborhood request to evaluate the Berkley Avenue corridor for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

In an effort to improve safety in the area of Berkley Avenue and the Prairie Path crossing, the following has been completed:

1. Parking restrictions along Berkley Avenue, both north and south of Prairie Path Lane, have been installed.
2. Parking restrictions along the north side of Randolph Street, west of Berkley Avenue, have been installed.

City staff continues to work with the Elmhurst Park District and the DuPage County Department of Transportation to reconfigure the Prairie Path crossing at Berkley Avenue. The realignment would move the Prairie Path crossing from its current location south to the intersection of Prairie Path Lane at Berkley Avenue. The movement of the Prairie Path crossing to the south will reduce pedestrian and vehicular conflict mid-block and assist in controlling the crossing of pedestrians and bicyclists at Prairie Path Lane and Berkley Avenue.

While one Committee member believed a 4-way stop sign to be appropriate independent of any relocation of the Prairie Path, the Committee felt that if the Prairie Path crossing could be moved to Prairie Path Lane, a 4-way stop sign would be appropriate at Prairie Path Lane and Berkley Avenue. Based on a review by Coulter Transportation Consulting relocating the Prairie Path crossing to Prairie Path Lane, and implementing path calming measures allows the installation of a 4-way stop at the intersection.

Elmhurst City staff will continue to work with Elmhurst Park District and the DuPage County Department of Transportation to get approval to relocate the Prairie Path crossing to Prairie Path Lane. The target date to have this project completed, if all approvals are obtained, would be prior to the upcoming 2009/10 school year.

It is therefore, the recommendation of the Public Affairs and Safety Committee that staff move forward with obtaining approval for the relocation of the Prairie Path crossing to Prairie Path Lane and upon approval and completion of the relocation, the installation of 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Berkeley and Prairie Path Lane.

Respectfully submitted,
Public Affairs and Safety Committee

/s/ Mark A. Mulliner

Chairman

/us/ Michael Bram

Vice-Chairman

/s/ Chris Nybo

n. O-10-2009 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY ELMHURST

Ordinance O-10-2009 was presented for passage.

o. MCO-08-2009 – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PICK AVENUE AT THOMAS STREET AND OAKLAND GROVE AT THOMAS STREET AS STOP INTERSECTIONS

Ordinance MCO-08-2009 was presented for passage.

p. MCO-09-2009 – An Ordinance Designating East- and Westbound Rose Avenue at Pick Avenue and East- and Westbound Albert Street at Pick Avenue as Yield Right-of-Way Streets

Ordinance MCO-09-2009 was presented for passage.

q. R-09-2009 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE CHICAGO SMSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT ST. CHARLES ROAD AND ROUTE 83

Resolution R-09-2009 was presented for passage.

Alderman Gutenkauf removed item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane.**

Alderman Regan moved to accept the contents of the Consent Agenda less item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane.** Alderman Gutenkauf seconded. Voice vote unanimous, motion carried. Alderman Gow moved to approve the contents of the Consent less item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane.** Alderman Lomnicki seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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

Alderman Mulliner moved to approve item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane.** Alderman Nybo seconded.

Alderman Mulliner stated the 5th Ward Aldermen asked the committee to look at the traffic and safety issues at Berkley and Prairie Path Lane, requesting a stop sign. Measures were taken because a stop sign was not warranted. He also stated City staff is working with the Elmhurst Park District and the DuPage County Department of Transportation to reconfigure the Prairie Path crossing at Prairie Path Lane. This would allow for a four (4) way stop at the intersection of Berkley and Prairie Path Lane.

Alderman Gutenkauf stated she pulled item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane** to ask if the City has begun discussions with the Elmhurst Park District and the County.

Alderman Mulliner stated City Manager Borchert has been working with the Park District staff and getting the County on board is just a formality.

Alderman Gutenkauf asked how the reconfiguration of the Prairie Path Lane effect the other streets and did the Bicycle Task Force approve of this reconfiguration.

Alderman Mulliner replied that the other streets will have traffic control and there would be a sharp turn on Poplar. The Bicycle Task Force is in full support.

Alderman Gutenkauf asked Alderman Bram why he didn't sign the report.

Alderman Bram replied he was not in agreement with the final recommendation contents of the report.

Discussion ensued.

Roll call vote on item **4m. Report – Relocation of Prairie Path Crossing at Berkley Avenue and Prairie Path Lane:**

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

Nays: Bram

Results: 13 ayes, 1 nays, 0 absent
Motion duly carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. a. REPORT – CITY OF ELMHURST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN The following report of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee was presented:

April 14, 2009

TO: Mayor Marcucci and Members of the City Council

RE: City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan

Request for approval of the revision to the City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan.

The Development, Planning and Zoning Committee met on April 13, 2009 to review the Comprehensive Plan and information regarding the subject request. The Committee also reviewed the transcript of the March 12 public hearing regarding the Plan.

The City of Elmhurst, as applicant, is requesting approval of a revision to the City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan. The Plan revision, referred to as the “Comprehensive Plan”, replaces the City’s 1990 Comprehensive Plan for that area of the Elmhurst community outside of the Downtown. The Downtown area was addressed in the 2006 Downtown (“Sector”) Plan. In 2006, upon completion of this Downtown Plan, the City began the Comprehensive Plan process for the remainder of the community (outside of Downtown).

The City of Elmhurst, through the Zoning & Planning Commission, Staff and consultant HNTB, has been engaged in preparation of the Comprehensive Plan since approximately November, 2006. While the new Plan has been occasionally referred to as a revision of the previous 1990 Plan, it essentially replaces the 1990 Plan. As well, the 2006 Downtown Plan would become part of the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Plan document specifically excludes the Downtown area addressed in the 2006 Plan. The combination of this Plan document and the 2006 Downtown Plan will together comprise the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

The DPZ Committee was especially pleased with the amount of public involvement in the Plan process, calling it a ‘model’ for how Comprehensive Plans should be done. The public participation included:

- **Public Meetings:** Approximately 30 public meetings were held throughout the community with a variety of groups;
- **News Articles and Press Releases:** Public announcements of meetings, meeting discussion summaries, and related information were provided at each phase during the 2+-year process through local print media and on the City website;
- **E-mail ‘blasts’:** Periodic public announcements of meetings, discussion summaries and related information were provided through an extensive e-mail address list;
- **City of Elmhurst Website:** All major Comprehensive Plan documents have been available on the City’s website (www.elmhurst.org) since late 2006;
- **Public Records:** Hard copies of all Plan documents have also been available at City Hall;
- **E-mail ‘comment line’:** During the entire Comprehensive Plan process (since late 2006), the City’s website has provided an opportunity for any interested party to submit comments about the Comprehensive Plan by e-mail; and
- **Public Displays and Information:** Public announcement display boards were placed at strategic public locations in the community, including the Metra commuter rail station, Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst Chamber offices, Elmhurst City Centre offices and Elmhurst City Hall.

In summary, the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee recognized and supported the vision and flexibility in the Comprehensive Plan, and noted the efforts of the Commission, Staff and consultants HNTB to complete the project. Ultimately, the Committee believes that the Plan will be an excellent tool to guide future development of the City.

It is therefore, the recommendation of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan. 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/ Norman Leader
Vice-Chairman

/s/ Diane Gutenkauf

Alderman Rose moved to approve item **5a. Report – City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan**.
Alderman Leader seconded.

Alderman Rose reviewed item **5a. Report – City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan**. She stated this report is three (3) years in the making. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to provide a vision on where the Council wishes to see the City in the next twenty (20) years with development, economics and design. The new comprehensive plan reflects diversity and community ideas.

Alderman Rose thanked PZED Director Said for organizing the public meetings and consultant Phil Hannegraph for his hard work. She reviewed from the committee report Vision Program Document stating the following issues are important: collaborative work with other government bodies, quality design, being economically competitive, parking & access to public transportation and strong community neighborhoods. She stated it is important that zoning laws and the aims of the comprehensive plan do not contradict. Alderman Rose encouraged the Council to support the comprehensive plan.

Alderman Gow praised the City staff for the public meetings. He stated it is an excellent plan, staff has done and excellent job.

Roll call vote on item **5a. Report – City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan**:

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

Nays: None

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

REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

6. a. UPDATES (Mayor Marcucci)

Alderman Regan asked City Manager Borchert to have the appropriate committee review the size of yard signs that are put up during the consolidated election.

He also asked City Manager Borchert to have the appropriate committee give clarification on zone parking.

Mayor Marcucci reinforced the Elmhurst City Council support of the Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC). He spoke of the four (4) runways that direct planes over Elmhurst. He also stated there isn't any evidence that the new runways will reduce airplane noise in Elmhurst.

b. BLOCK PARTIES AND STREET CLOSURE PERMITS (City Manager Borchert)

City Manager Borchert reviewed the memo he issued to Council regarding block parties and street closure permits.

Alderman Szczepaniak stated though eliminating the block party fee goes counter to the budget discussion on revenue, doing so would add to the spirit and wellbeing of the community.

Alderman Gow moved that the City Council authorize City staff to issue street closure permits for block parties at no charge and furthermore authorize staff to refund and street closure permits that have been received to date for the summer of 2009 and forego permit revenue to the 2009/2010 budget.

Alderman Moriarty seconded. Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

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

OTHER BUSINESS

7. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Alderman Rose stated, good news, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has approved the City of Elmhurst's participation in the Illinois Property Tax Assessment Freeze program.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

9. City Manager Borchert stated this portion of tonight's meeting is to recognize and honor the seven (7) individuals who gave their time to make their community better on behalf of their ward. These seven (7) elected officials who will be leaving the City Council will be missed.

In turn, City Manager Borchert welcomed each outgoing official to step forward and receive a plaque and medallion commemorating the time they had spent on the City Council and a personally inscribed copy of the book, *The Visionary*. City Treasurer Pigoni-Alhgrim, Alderman Moriarty, Alderman Lomnicki, Alderman Gow, Alderman Regan, Alderman Szczepaniak and Mayor Marcucci were called forward one at a time to be recognized. They thanked their families, City staff, fellow Council members and City residents for their support through the years. They shared their favorite experiences and memories as they reflected on the years of service they gave to the community. The retiring Council members were then presented rocking chairs as a symbol of the leisure time they would now have since they will no longer have to attend meetings every Monday night.

Mayor Marcucci then recognized Council members who wished to thank the outgoing Elected Officials for their dedicated service.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Alderman Regan moved to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen Moriarty seconded. Voice Vote.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:39 p.m.

Peter P. DiCianni, III, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk