

Elmhurst City Council
October 1, 2007
7:46 to 10:14 p.m.

Absent: Mulliner
Public: 22
Mary Costello, Observer

During Public Forum, Council heard from a member of the Sierra Club, and Laura Kratz, League of Women Voters Past President, who urged City to accept Cool Cities Coalition petition to protect the environment through reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Laura pointed out that the League has supported this issue since the 1960's.

Accounts Payable dated September 30, 2001, totaled \$2,198,476.11 Highlights:

- A.C. Pavement Striping Co., pavement marking, \$18,031.
- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, \$216,996.
- American Light, streetlighting supplies, lamp, \$20,447.
- Berkeley Trucking, hauling services, stone, \$20,545.
- Brothers Asphalt Paving, street resurfacing, unimproved roads, \$671, 420.
- Elmhurst City Centre, tax distribution, \$152,682.
- Metro Paramedic Services, ambulance service, \$20,461.
- Neptune Technology Group, Inc., water meters, mounting brackets, \$92,164.
- Fifth Third Bank, loan, \$490,000.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Temporary use permit for valet parking on Ladies Night, Cottage Hill Diamonds, Nov. 15.
- Recommendation of Public Affairs and Safety Committee that permits and requests for routine matters, e.g., sidewalk cafes, underpass banners, temporary usages, be removed from Council agendas and handled instead by City Manager, when feasible.
- Planned Unit Development status for all new projects in the north York street area, from Third St. to North Avenue. Buildings will extend forward to lot line, sidewalks will be widened at crossings, to promote pedestrian access and safety.

Council unanimously accepted the report on Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives developed by a joint meeting of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee and the Public Affairs and Safety Committee. Members reviewed past environmental issues, such as Salt Creek cleanup and recycling programs, and approved future efforts, such as U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and expressed commitment to future environmental and sustainability issues.

Discussion of Suburban Bank and Trust proposal for drive-thru facility at 130 W. Park lasted about 1 and 1/2 hours and divided between those who believe the area is in great need of revitalization, and those who find the plan to be too dangerous for its intended purpose. One area of contention was the door for the handicapped, which would open into the path of traffic, but this issue was resolved when Atty. Lee Daniels, representing the Bank owner, stated that the doorway would be eliminated. Council voted 7 to 6 to approve plan for Bank drive-thru. Voting Nay were Gutenkauf, Shea, Bram, Gow, Moriarty and Lomnicki. Mayor voted Yes, invoking the Rule of Seven, which requires majority of 8.