

Elmhurst City Council
December 17, 2007
7:48 to 9:16 p.m.

None Absent
Public: ca. 45
M. Costello, Observer

During Public Forum, Council heard from several residents of Yorkfield area, near proposed hospital site, expressing concern re increased traffic in their neighborhood. They presented a petition indicating they want a buffer between homes and hospital.

A South St. resident presented a letter and spoke to warn City about recently recognized dangers of fluoride in drinking water, claiming it is more toxic than lead, slightly less toxic than arsenic.

Accounts Payable dated December 17, 2007, totaled \$1,803,176.30. Highlights included:

- Allied Waste Services, refuse collection, yard waste stickers, \$285,699.
- Big Time Construction, sidewalk installation, \$67,5521.
- Down Under Construction, rear yard drainage, water service upgrades, \$23,497.
- DuPage Water Commission, fixed cost, water consumption, \$167,177.
- Elgin Sweeping Services, Inc., street sweeping, \$93,600.
- Elmhurst Claims Account, self-insured loss fund, \$63,199.
- Gem Construction, concrete pavement, patching, \$122,518.
- Illinois Contract Glazing, Inc., vestibule installation, \$28,200.
- Kovilic Construction, 2006 streetscape project, \$81,950.
- Poco Paulson Oil Co., gasoline, fuel, \$34,939.

Consent Agenda included the following:

- Appointment and reappointment to Police and Fire Commission, Thomas Cathcart, Emil Haddad.
- Appointments to Commission on Youth: Katie Murray, Susan Chansey.
- Appointment to Senior Citizens Commission, Kris Hansen.
- Liquor license request, Nana's Hot Dogs & Nana's PastaRante.
- Approval of bid for sanitary sewer CIPP lining project, \$831,557.
- Adoption of a City version of the Smoke Free Illinois Act, which becomes State law Jan. 1, 2008.
- Request to City of Bensenville Fire Protection District #1 to discuss failure to pay for fire protection services. Shortfall occurring over past 15 years now totals \$285,000.
- Approval of plan for Marten's subdivision, 400 block of Spring Rd., of two lots into nine, with variances regarding lot size, water drainage and ditch along railroad tracks.
- City is encouraging owner to seek historical designation status for house at 415 Spring.

Council voted to approve Morningside Group as developer of the Hahn St. site. Because Council was split evenly, Mayor Marcucci cast the deciding Yes vote. Voting nay were Gutenkauf, Shea, Bram, Moriarty, Nybo, Szczepaniak and Lomnicki. City staff had earlier provided answers to questions raised by Council members concerning the following:

- Morningside's option-agreement with owners of Pauli's Marathon.

- Disposition of leases on 242 York (Hahn St. building)
- Use of EIFS, also called dryvit or synthetic stucco.
- Water retention, flood prevention.
- How developer will pay for land, and assurances that City will not be overcharged.
- City explained that many details regarding the project will be answered during negotiations.

Information packet included the following:

- Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee has approved plan for upgrade and redesign of City's web site, \$38,400.
- Ald. Nybo's resolution of conflict of interest issue: Because his law firm represents Elmhurst Hospital in matters unrelated to new hospital location, he requested opinion from City Attorney, who concluded there was no conflict.
- Approval of dates for Elmfest 2008, as June 12 to 15, Thursday through Sunday.