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Delegation from Ukraine visits City

*A glimpse of life
through the wide
eyes of visitors
from overseas*

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FOR THE ELMHURST INDEPENDENT

There is nothing that expands one's horizons quite like traveling to foreign lands, but the next best thing is meeting people from other countries.

Horizons were broadened on Wednesday, Nov. 20, when City officials hosted a delegation of people visiting Chicago from Ukraine through a program hosted by the Council of International Programs (CIP). CIP Chicago is the nonprofit group that organized the delegates' activities in Illinois.

The visiting delegates include Olekshii Mushak, the Prime Minister's Advisor on Economic Affairs; Taras Kremin, Commissioner for the Protection of the State Language; and Olena Matuzko, co-founder of the Institute for Information Security.

Roman Oleksenko, Community Development Program Manager from the Peace Corps in Ukraine, served as the program's facilitator. With them was Irina Hobbs, who acted as the interpreter to keep conversations flowing. They were joined by George Palamattam and Karol [pronounced: Carl] Nowak, both from CIP Chicago. Valerii Karpuntsov, who is a prosecutor in Ukraine, was unable to attend because he was ill.

City Hall with City Manager Jim Grabowski who, along with Second Ward Alderman Bob Dunn, led a discussion about city government as well as how it relates to county and

state government.

"What makes us a desirable city to live in is the close proximity to Chicago and our Metra station," Grabowski said. "What also strengthens a city

is its school district. We have a very strong school district, as well as a good park district."

He explained some of the things the city is responsible for such as

strategic planning, encouraging new homes and businesses, storm water management and the Explore Elm-

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Library hosts interactive 'Frozen' movie

A flurry of excitement descended on Elmhurst Public Library for the Interactive Frozen Movie program on Saturday, Nov. 16. Special guests Kristoff (Nick Hansen), Anna (Gretel Mink Hansen), and Elsa (Sarah Kropski) delighted the young guests. Props like crowns and snowflake wands were provided to help relive the magic of the first Frozen movie. Frozen II hit theaters Nov. 22.

At Elmhurst City Hall

After introductions all around, the delegation gathered around a table in a conference room at Elmhurst