Mayor Emanuel? No time soon, ex-congressman says
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CHICAGO — White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, who says he wants to be Chicago mayoral...
Chicago resident Mary Brown, a 47-year-old certified public accountant, said she doesn’t know enough about Emanuel to decide what kind of mayor he’d make, but she’s not put off by his famously sharp personality and use of salty language.

“Nobody is afraid of a few curse words at City Hall,” Brown said.

Meghan Maddock, a 29-year-old tax coordinator from Chicago, said she likes Emanuel.

“I don’t know if he’d be a good mayor, but I like his personality,” she said. “It’s in your face, he seems to tell it like it is.”

Emanuel couldn’t escape a little ribbing about his mayoral aspirations while at the Richard J. Daley Global Cities Forum.

Moderator and journalist Judy Woodruff rattled off Emanuel’s resume, which includes stints as a top adviser to former President Bill Clinton and as an investment banker, before telling the audience that Emanuel one day wants Daley’s job.

“But the consensus is before that happens he’s going to have to get some real experience,” Woodruff said, getting chuckles from both Emanuel and the crowd.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who had to borrow Emanuel’s microphone during the panel discussion when his didn’t work, joked that their exchange could be the genesis of a snappy campaign line.

“Just roll tape, this will be the first of many commercials: It only works when it comes from Rahm,” Nutter said.

Emanuel took the ribbing in stride.

“I have two brothers, ribbing’s fine,” he said.