

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 2/27/12

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 9, 2012 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy present.

Also in attendance was Chief of Police Laz Perez; Michael Guttman, City Administrator; Bob Hupp, Community Development Director; LuAnn Bombard, Museum Director and Cultural Services; Rosemary Mackey, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications; David Sabathne, Executive Director of the West Chicago Chamber; Alderman James Beifuss; Peggy Krauch; Marcy Glink, CEO of Great Events.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of November 28, 2011.** Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with the requested changes. Voting Yea: Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations

4. Items for Consent

A. Ordinance No. 12-O-0001 Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles Used in Connection with Illegal Activities.

The State of Illinois has amended Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes by adding Section 5/11-208.7, entitled "Administrative fees and procedures for impounding vehicles for specific violations". This section restricts the offences for which municipalities, including those with home rule powers, may assess administrative tow fees.

The applicable sections of Article XIX, Chapter 17, Section 17-205 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago will be updated by Ordinance 12-O-0001 to comply with 625 ILCS 5/11-208.7.

Alderman Connelly questioned the revisions made to Sound Amplification and it was explained by Chief Perez that the police will continue to issue tickets for the offense of sound however the vehicles will no longer be towed because of the new state law that has gone into effect.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to forward this ordinance to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Selection of an Independent Contractor to Coordinate and Manage the 2012 Railroad Days Festival

The Finance Committee directed staff to solicit proposals to manage and coordinate all aspects of the operation of the 2012 Railroad Days Festival for a maximum operating budget of \$80,000, plus in-kind police and Public Works service. The Committee also directed that the City receive a share of the profits from the event to offset the cost of in-kind services.

Chairman Chassee recommended that the City of West Chicago accept the proposal submitted by the Western DuPage Chamber since they have a track record and are willing to reduce cost and scale back the events. It is suggested that the Chamber address services, cost and profit to the city in detail. Chairman Chassee would like for the Finance Committee and the Public Affairs Committee to be given updates on the event.

Alderman Meissner agreed with Alderman Murphy and Chairman Chassee to continue doing business with the Western DuPage Chamber in coordinating and managing the 2012 Railroad Days.

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. 2012 Blooming Fest

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe to forward this ordinance to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion

None.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. New Business

None.

8. Reports from Staff

A. Traffic Management Report for October 2011

9. Adjournment. Alderman Murphy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Monroe. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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