

These minutes were approved at the 2/16/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Bunch led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation.

4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Ruben Pineda was absent. Alderman Sandy Dimas arrived at 7:04 pm. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community and Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during public participation.

A. Public Hearing – Manville Oaks Park – Annexation Agreement. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. In attendance were Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner provided a brief outline of the annexation agreement. No one spoke for or against the agreement. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

B. Presentation – 4 The People Donation to Wheaton Academy. *4 The People* member Don Earley said his group is donating a \$500.00 unrestricted scholarship and a \$200 grant to the music department. Alderman Murphy and Mayor Kwasman (as one of the founders of *4 the People*) helped present the check to two representatives from Wheaton Academy. They both expressed their appreciation and gratitude.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Stout announced the 1st Annual Bowl for the Cure on February 14, 2009, which will work to end breast cancer. She urged people to attend this fun event with food, door prizes, and raffles. The Mayor said this is a very good cause and people can have fun on that day.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- February 3, 2009 Finance Committee
- February 3, 2009 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- February 5, 2009 Infrastructure Committee
- February 5, 2009 Cultural Arts Commission
- February 9, 2009 Development Committee

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the February 2, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 463,802.93. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

* **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 09-R-0003 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Annexation Agreement – Manville Oaks Park

B. Ordinance 09-O-0007 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – West Chicago Park district – Manville Oaks Park

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- * **Public Safety Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following item:

C. Ordinance 09-O-0010 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 17 Traffic, Article XVII, Schedules of Designated Streets; Division 6 Parking Prohibited at All Times; Section 17-191. Designated; Compliance Required

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

- * **Community Affairs Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items

D. Approve – The Museum’s 5-Year Strategic Plan Update

E. Approve – Use of City’s Right-of-Ways; Street Closures for Main and Galena; Closure of City Hall Parking Lot as a Possible Location for a Car Display; Use of Public Right-of-Ways for Posting of Signs Promoting the West Chicago Garden Club Annual Plant Sale; and In-Kind Services for the 2009 Blooming Fest – Scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009

Alderman Gianforte made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley said the meeting would be tomorrow at 6:30 pm, not 7:00 pm.

- * **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

F. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2009

G. Resolution 09-R-0004 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant of Easement for Sanitary Sewer Main – Pioneer Park

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor’s Comments. The Mayor said it has been a rough winter and the street crews have worked hard, and from the public’s reaction, West Chicago did a spectacular job and fared above average. The Mayor said the City tries to predict how long winter will last. Forecasters this morning from Pennsylvania and Woodstock have their groundhogs. West Chicago has its own scientific means to predict by observing if *Yo Murphy* comes out of Ace Hardware to see his shadow. *Yo Murphy* has predicted we will have six more weeks of winter.

13. Executive Session. At 7:15 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)].

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session. Not applicable.

15. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith

City Clerk