

These minutes were approved at the 3/17/14 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2014

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Stout led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll Call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, and John F. Banas present. Aldermen Laura Grodoski and Matt Fuesting were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Laz Perez, Deputy Chief M. Uplegger, and Sergeant Eric Shipman.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Proclamation: National Athletic Training Month.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation where the Mayor proclaimed the month of March 2014 as National Athletic Training Month in West Chicago in honor of the Certified Athletic Trainers who provide health care for athletes and those engaged in physical activity. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to three representatives.

**B. Proclamation: *Art is the Heart of the City*, A Celebration of Youth Art Month March 2014.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the Proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed March 2014 as **Youth Art Month** in West Chicago. A copy of the Proclamation is attached. The Mayor hoped people could come out for the reception this Friday.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Robbi Peterson, West Chicago FOP Lodge 85, 325 Spencer Street, West Chicago, spoke of how officers from the West Chicago Police Department were allowed to participate every year in fundraising activities for Special Olympics. Officer Peterson provided a brief history of the Special Olympics fundraising events. The first in the year is the Polar Plunge. Chief Perez and he participated along with family members yesterday in this event. They raised just shy of \$2,000.00. In the kick-off event in Bloomington, the West Chicago officers were presented with a Bronze Plaque. Officer Peterson presented the plaque to Chief Perez. Chief Perez said the Plaque will be on display at the Police Department. He also said the Police Department will continue to participate in the fundraising activities. The Mayor said he and his wife attended yesterday, and while filming the event, his camera batteries froze up. There were 427 total plungers. The Mayor said about 75% of them were females. The Mayor praised the police members for working on a good cause.
- 2) Shannon Burns, Forest Preserve District representative, Wheaton, said the Forest Preserve just purchased property at Route 59 and Garys Mill Road. This property had belonged to a church so the District was not taking any land off the tax rolls. She said the District hoped to build a trail along the river. There is a church building on the property that is in good condition. She is meeting with the West Chicago Park District Board tomorrow night to see if an intergovernmental agreement can be reached for use of the church building. The house on the property is in bad condition and needs to be razed. Ms. Burns provided maps showing where the flood plains were on the property. The church is built up so does not flood. She said to contact her with any and all comments at 630-779-4893 or on line. The Mayor said this is nice property and he hoped something could be worked out.
- 3) Melissa Birch, 411 E. Grand Lake Boulevard, West Chicago, spoke on behalf of the Owen Payton family. Owen is on the list for a heart transplant. He visited the City Council last year. There are now sufficient funds for his operation and he requested pictures of the City Council. Ms. Birch took pictures of the City Council. The Mayor said he spoke to Owen's father recently and found out that Owen was moved up on the transplant list because of his drastic situation. The battle is not over as Owen will need health care for the rest of his life. The Mayor wants to make sure Owen has a nice, healthy, long life. Owen has a fantastic attitude.

4) Al Murphy, Forest Preserve District 6 candidate, 998 Woodside Drive, West Chicago, announced that early voting started today. Election Day is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Voting is a right we were all given, but most people do not vote in non-presidential elections. Mr. Murphy urged people to vote. Early voting can be done at the Election Commission office, 421 County Farm Road, in Wheaton.

5) Joe Cantore, Forest Preserve District, Naperville Road, Wheaton, spoke about the District's purchase of land in West Chicago. He has been out to the property several times. Although this is not in his district, he was interested in this property because he thought it was a good way to partner with the Park District and West Chicago. The District got it for a great competitive price. He was happy about that and glad that no property was taken off the tax rolls.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2014.** Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the March 3, 2014, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 515,921.74. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** No report

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

**A. Approve** – The Use of City's Streets at the DuPage Business Center Loop for the ABD Cycling Club Bicycle Training Criteriums Every Wednesday Evening from April 2, 2014 – September 24, 2014

**B. Approve** – School District 33 We Go Run for Charity to the Held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 – 5K and 10K Run Routes and Times and In-Kind Services

**C. Approve** – Mexican Independence Day Parade and Celebration Event Proposal

**D. Approve** – Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for St. Andrew Church Procession – Stations of the Cross – Scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2014

**E. Approve** – Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for St. Mary's Parish Procession – Stations of the Cross – Scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2014

**F. Approve** – Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for FOP Lodge 85 Michael Browning Memorial Scholarship Run to Remember 5K – Scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

\* **Finance Committee:** No report

\* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** Mayor Pineda read and explained the following items:

**G. Resolution 14-R-0011** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Abrogation for a Utility Easement – 314 S. Neltnor Boulevard

**H. Resolution 14-R-0013** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Labor Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150

**I. Purchase** of Four 2014 Ford Utility AWD Police Interceptor Vehicles from Joe Cotton Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$ 104,496.00)

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, and Banas. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

March 4, 2014	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeal
March 6, 2014	Infrastructure Committee
March 10, 2014	Development Committee

City Clerk Smith announced that the West Chicago VFW Post would be hosting a fundraiser on March 29, 2014, from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The event consists of a chili fest with judges tasting chilis brought in by the participants. The VFW will serve chili from a USDA chili recipe. Judges so far are Mayor Pineda, District 94 School Board President Gary Saake, and possibly State Representative Mike Fortner.

Mayor Pineda reported that the Bowling for Diabetes Fundraiser was a great success raising about \$7,000.00. Melissa Birch's brother won the 50/50 and donated back the majority of the money. The Mayor is looking forward to bringing the fundraiser back annually.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:34 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. The motion was carried by voice vote.

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