

These minutes were approved at the 3/19/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2012

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 John Smith 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Lori J. Chassee was absent. 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, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and Chief of Police Laz Perez.

5. Public Participation. The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Shannon Burns, 1S726 Bender Lane, West Chicago, spoke in support of the Park District's referendum on building a community center. She and her neighbors think it will be a good thing for West Chicago. The Mayor felt sure the Park District personnel appreciated her comments.

2) Dirk Enger, DuPage County District 6 Representative, provided an update on the DuPage County budget, which is smaller by \$10 million from last year. He said there are good economic indicators: the County's unemployment rate is 7.3%, and District 6's rate is 6.9%. He spoke of the pending road projects, and getting a rail spur at the Airport property. He also spoke in favor of the Park District's Community Center. Mr. Enger complimented the Mayor and staff and the Park District for being outstanding. The Mayor thanked him and said the rail spur is really needed.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2012. Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2012, with no changes. Motion was carried by voice vote.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the March 5, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 274,330.49. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report.

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

A. Resolution 12-R-0019 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Agreement with Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S.)

B. Approve - The Use of City's Streets at the DuPage Technology Park Loop for the ABD Cycling Club Bicycle Training Criteriums Every Wednesday Evening from March 7, 2012 - September 26, 2012

C. Approve - Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for St. Andrew's Church Procession - Stations of the Cross - Scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2012

D. 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 6, 2012

E. Approve - School District 33 WeGo Run for Charity to be Held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 - 5K and 10K Run Routes and Times and In-Kind Services

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. During discussion, the Mayor asked Chief Perez to provide a brief discussion on Resolution 12-R-0019. The Chief said although the G8 Summit has been moved to Camp David, Chicago is still expecting 50,000 Occupy demonstrators in the area. The NATO Summit will be in Chicago. By joining N.I.P.A.S., if West Chicago gets any people moving through West Chicago, there will be officers to deal with the situation. The cost is \$1,200 per year, and to equip and train one officer will be \$1,200. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Radkiewicz, Murphy, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0.

* **Finance Committee:** No report.

9. Reports by Committees. Alderman Dzierzanowski said there was a software problem in connection with the new water meter program that caused incorrect bills to be sent. He sent an e-mail to his ward apologizing. The Mayor asked Public Works Director Flatter when the situation would be resolved and Mr. Flatter said it will be done as soon as possible. The City Administrator also said it will be resolved soon.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business.

A. Approve - The Appointment of Michael D. Ferguson to the Environmental Commission for a Term Ending April 2015. Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Michael D. Ferguson to the Environmental Commission for a term ending April 2015. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Radkiewicz, Murphy, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0.

B. Resolution 12-R-0028 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation - Improvements to Illinois Route 64 (North Avenue), West of Illinois Route 59 (Neltnor Boulevard)

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve Resolution 12-R-0028. During discussion, Alderman Dzierzanowski commented that Public Works staff was able to negotiate with IDOT to have IDOT pay for 90% thus saving the City considerable expense. This is a job well done. The Mayor agreed with him. Public Works Director Flatter provided an update on the scope of the work and time frames. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Pineda, Radkiewicz, Murphy, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0.

12. Correspondence and Announcements

City Clerk Smith announced that the Friends of the City Museum are sponsoring a Spring Fundraiser this Sunday at Tango Argentina. Participants will have a dance lesson, a lunch, and time to dance.

Alderman Dzierzanowski announced that it is Casimir Pulaski Day.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- March 6, 2012 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- March 12, 2012 Development Committee

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:30 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk