

These minutes were approved at the 4/5/2010 City Council Meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2010

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 Monroe led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation. Condolences were given to Nancy Smith, City Clerk, on the loss of her sister.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Deputy City Clerk Jennette Siebens and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present. City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was absent.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman,

5. Public Participation.

The following persons spoke during regular public participation:

1) John Kruser of CableCom provided a program announcement that CableCom joined Facebook and can be found by searching the name CableCom. *Jo's Musical Journey*, a travel log to Italy, will air on Wednesday and Friday at 7pm. District 33 Budget Town Hall Program will be aired on Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. Railroad Days 2005 will air on Wednesday and Friday at 7:30pm.

2) Gerald Doran, Salt Creek RR Club, spoke regarding his restoration of the Chicago and Aurora and Elgin Building at 2N166 Prince Crossing and was inquiring about obtaining city water and sewer to the building now that he has been annexed into the City. He has put \$25,000 into the building. He asked if there were any plans by the City regarding that building. City Administrator Guttman said he would give him information regarding John Fincham, Assistant Director of Community Development. There is no direction for eminent domain on that building. Mr. Doran later stated that he obtained possession of the building in 2004 and has been diligently working on the renovation. The Mayor informed that he and the Aldermen from the 5th Ward are aware of the building.

A. Presentation – Educare. Theresa Hawley, Educare Project Director West DuPage, spoke regarding Educare, an intensive early childhood education program for at risk children and their parents. The project will be hosted through School District 33 and serving solely their upcoming at risk student population. Funding is secured through Federal, State, and Private contributions. She argued that it is a good leverage and investment for the school system as students will be ready to enter the school system along with the national average.

Alderman John Smith questioned the impact that it will have on property taxes and was assured that the funding has been identified and that there is no projected increase in property taxes for West Chicago residents.

Alderman Chassee inquired as to whether there is any quantifiable evidence of the program outcome. Hawley responding that the study of previous research indicates that there is a 10-14% annual return on investment.

Alderman Pineda stated that Educare is a great opportunity for the city of West Chicago.

B. Presentation and Proclamation – Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. The Mayor recognized City Museum Director LuAnn Bombard who said the arts are alive and well in West Chicago due to the efforts of the recipient of the Studs Terkel award. She then introduced Maggie Bairt from the Illinois Humanities Council to present, along with Mayor Kwasman, the award to Fredericka Howard in honor of her volunteer efforts in the arts and humanities in West Chicago. She retired in 1990 and continues to volunteer her efforts in Gallery 200. Howard stated that she will proudly display the award at the gallery, as she thanked the city council for their generosity. All community members are invited to Gallery 200 for coffee and cake upon departure from the meeting.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

- 1) Alderman Pineda announced that the 6th Annual Bowling for Diabetes was a success, and he thanked those who were involved.
- 2) Alderman Monroe reminded that Hawthorne's Backyard is hosting *St. Baldricks Shave Your Head for Children's Cancer Research* on March 21, 2010 at 2pm.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- March 16 2010 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- March 22, 2010 Public Affairs Committee
- March 23, 2010 Historical Preservation Commission
- March 25, 2010 Finance Committee
- April 1, 2010 Infrastructure Committee

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the March 15, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 268,841.80. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution No. 10-R-0016 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., for the Old Heidelberg Minor Arterial Street Area Improvement Project

B. Resolution No. 10-R-0017 – A Resolution Accepting a Lease Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire Protection District for 509 Church Street

C. Resolution No. 10-R-0018 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Joint Purchasing Requisition to the State of Illinois Bureau of Strategic Sourcing & Procurement for Rock Salt for Season 2010-2011

D. Resolution No. 10-R-0024 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Powell Tree Care, Inc., for the 2010 Forestry Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$55,786.13)

E. Resolution No. 10-R-0025 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Alaniz Landscape Group for the Spring 2010 Parkway Planting Program (for an amount not to exceed \$25,310)

F. Resolution No. 10-R-0026 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Alaniz Landscape Group for the 2010 Metra Landscape and Irrigation Project (for an amount not to exceed \$51,701.66)

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe approved the above items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Alderman Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Abstained: 0. Motion carried.

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

G. Resolution No. 10-R-0014 – A Resolution Stating the City of West Chicago Policy for the Use of 200 Main Street and 203 Turner Court

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee approved the above item on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Alderman Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Abstained: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

H. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010

I. Resolution 10-R-0013 – A Resolution Approving the Plat of Bruser's Resubdivision – 413 & 421 Joliet Street

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, 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 thanked those that sent condolences for the passing of his father. The Mayor described him as an artist and graduate of the Art Institute. He taught the family to appreciate art and music. The Mayor is impressed by Gallery 200 in West Chicago and their ability to turn a run-down building into a successful gallery.

13. Executive Session. At 7:43pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (6)], personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and Review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, 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,

Jennette Siebens
Deputy City Clerk