

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 5/28/09

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Don Earley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen Gianforte, Dimas, Smith, Chassee, and Fuesting present. Alderman Pineda was absent.

Staff in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and Administrative Services Secretary Arlene Fisher.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Finance Committee – February 3, 2009. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None

4. Items for Consent.

A. Resolution No. 09-R-0022 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Management, Inc. for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FY 2009

Alderman Chassee moved and Alderman Dimas seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Resolution No. 09-R-0022.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Dimas, Smith, Gianforte and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 09-O-0026 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Cemeteries, Section 13-2 Cemetery Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago

Alderman Dimas moved and Alderman Gianforte seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Ordinance No. 09-O-0026.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Gianforte, Chassee, Fuesting and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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C. Ordinance No. 09-O-0025 – An Ordinance Modifying the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Building, Planning and Certain Business License Fees

Alderman Chassee moved and Alderman Smith seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Ordinance No. 09-O-0025.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Smith, Dimas, Fuesting and Gianforte. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Unfinished Business. The City Administration discussed the findings as a result of research completed to explore other applicable venues in town in which the amusement tax could be applied. After much discussion, it was decided that the Ordinance reflect the change of the percentage of amusement tax rate from 3% to 2%, and to extend the description of eligible entertainment venues/activities to include movie theater tickets and golf activities. Chairman Earley stated that all parties affected by this issue be informed of this decision so that they may attend a future meeting and address the impact of this change, if desired.

Alderman Dimas moved to recommend to staff to prepare an Ordinance to reflect the rate of 2% amusement tax to include all entertainment venues. The definition of “entertainment venues” should be as broad as possible. Alderman Gianforte seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Gianforte, Chassee, Smith and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

6. New Business. City Treasurer Earley discussed the discrepancy of real estate taxes provided by the Winfield Township Assessor that affect the City’s tax levy. The new construction figure provided by the Township was much higher than the actual figure and the increase in the assessed value without the new construction was also calculated as higher. Mr. Earley stated that luckily, the City used the consumer price index rate of 4.1% rate instead of 4.9%. He stated he was planning on contacting DuPage County to clarify.

7. Reports from Staff. Executive Session. None.

8. Executive Session. None

9. Items to be Referred for Final Committee Action from Executive Session. None.

10. Adjournment. Alderman Dimas moved and Alderman Gianforte seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fisher