

These minutes were approved at the 4/18/11 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2011

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 James 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 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. The Mayor announced a quorum. Alderman James E. Beifuss arrived at 7:04.

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

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Interim Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Police Sergeant William Hall, and a number of police officers.

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

A. Proclamation: ESDA's 30th Anniversary Recognition. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 6, Honoring Steven Gottlieb's 30 Years of Volunteer Service with the West Chicago Emergency Services Disaster Agency. The Mayor recognized Steven Gottlieb for his unselfish commitment to the safety of the citizens of West Chicago and his 30 years of volunteer service as a member of the West Chicago ESDA. Mayor Kwasman presented a plaque of the Proclamation to Mr. Gottlieb saying it was a small token of the City's appreciation for all that Mr. Gottlieb has done.

B. Proclamation: Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2011. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 2011-P-0005, in which the Mayor proclaimed Volunteer Week in West Chicago and urged his fellow citizens to recognize the volunteers who have made a difference in West Chicago.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

1) Alderman Beifuss announced that the West Chicago Historical Society would be hosting a Spring Tea fundraiser on May 15, 2011, at the Fox Community Center. He invited everyone to attend to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Over 1500 men from DuPage County, including the Town of Turner, were in the Civil War. The cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch and entertainment.

2) Alderman Dzierzanowski explained the referendum on tomorrow's ballot concerning the \$10.00 transfer fee. This is a flat fee, and not designed to raise revenue. Rather it is a means for the City to get people to pay their bills before they leave town. The Mayor thanked Alderman Dzierzanowski for clearing this matter up. He knows the Aldermen have been fielding calls regarding the referendum. The Mayor also said voting is important. The people only have one chance to vote. Americans tend to take this for granted. West Chicago has always listened to the people of the community.

3) The City Clerk announced that the organizational meeting for the 10th anniversary September 11th observance would be held this Friday at 2:00 pm at City Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Mayor said we have an important responsibility to see that attacks never happen again.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - April 5, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - April 7, 2011 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - April 11, 2011 | Development Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the April 4, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 265,086.63. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, 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:** No report

- * **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley read and explained the following item:

A. Ordinance 11-O-0014 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2011, and Ending December 31, 2011, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 10-O-0107

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

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

B. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2011

C. Resolution 11-R-0013 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the Property at 302 High Street – Alfred and Joan Guerrero

D. Resolution 11-R-0015 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the Property at 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor – Brian Santiago

E. Resolution 11-R-0017 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the Property at 447 Main Street – Muhammed Alwan and Wafa Alwan

F. Resolution 11-R-0034 – A Resolution Approving a Plat of Right-of-Way Vacation – Elmwood Drive

G. Ordinance 11-O-0015 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Property – Vacated Elmwood Drive Right-of-Way

H. Resolution 11-R-0036 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain – 535 Shingle Oak Drive

I. Ordinance 11-O-0016 - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Commonly Known as “145-147 W. Washington” for Assemblage Purposes as Part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James 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 extolled the values of volunteering, especially in how it can bring a family closer, set good examples for the children, and teach the children what it means to make and keep a commitment all while benefiting the community. The pride that comes from helping others is an important reason to volunteer. Volunteering can strengthen the community because the volunteer is providing a service to those in need and makes the entire community better off as a whole. It brings people together from different backgrounds with different abilities. One person can make a difference is an important lesson and teaching others there is a benefit to sacrifice, also tolerance. The Mayor said there are many opportunities and mentioned some of the service clubs of West Chicago. The Mayor invited anyone looking for a volunteer opportunity to e-mail him at the City's web site.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:21 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk