

These minutes were approved at the 4/20/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 6, 2009

**1. Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dzierzanowski 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, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee and Rebecca Stout were absent. Alderman Gregory D. Bunch arrived at 7:13 pm. 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, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner. .

**5. Public Participation.** The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) Dave Sabathne, Executive Director, Executive Director, West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said he was there to present the Champion Award in Manufacturing to Lolly Frederick. He outlined Ms. Frederick's background as an alumnus of West Chicago Community High School, College of DuPage, and National Louis University, and her many activities in community service over the past 23 years. She became a Chamber board member over 10 years ago and has been active in many programs, especially in obtaining grants. Ms. Frederick thanked Mr. Sabathne for the opportunity of working with the Chamber and said she was at the College of DuPage for over 23 years and has now developed her own training division so she will continue to be here in West Chicago.

**B. Proclamation 498 – Wellness Walk Day.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation 498, in which the Mayor proclaimed April 17, 2009, as Wellness Walk Day in West Chicago and encouraged everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and everyday. The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Ms. Marjory Lewe-Brady, District 33, Project Director for *WEGO Together for Kids*, who thanked the Mayor for the proclamation. She presented bracelets to the Council members commemorating the Wellness Walk, and encouraged everyone to walk with them on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Central DuPage Hospital is also a sponsor of the Wellness Walk.

2) City Treasurer Earley called upon Steve Bennier, Commander of West Chicago VFW Post 6791, and Ken Richardt, Past Commander, to come to the podium. Treasurer Earley said the VFW has worked to install an airplane in front of the VFW. The engineering was provided, and the Mayor talked to his reelection committee to provide the funds for the building permit, as this would be nice for the community. The Mayor presented the paper work to Commander Bennier and Past Commander Richardt. Commander Bennier thanked the Mayor for all his support and hoped to see him at the dedication.

**A. Public Hearing: Annexation Agreement – 1200 W. Hawthorne Lane.** At 7:14 pm, the Mayor opened the public hearing. Ken Burns, property owner, summarized the process he went through for the annexation. He introduced Luke Kopinski and Frank Indelli who will be leasing the property for a full service restaurant. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner explained the terms of the annexation agreement. No one else spoke and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:17 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Murphy said there would be a Relay for Life on May 29-30, 2009, at West Chicago High School. There will be more details at the next City Council meeting. He hoped to put a team together from the City. The Mayor thanked Alderman Murphy for chairing this event.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - April 7, 2009  | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - April 7, 2009  | Cultural Arts Commission                            |
| - April 13, 2009 | Development Committee                               |

- April 16, 2009

Community Affairs Committee

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to approve the April 6, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 854,111.35. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

**A. Resolution 09-R-0016** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Annexation Agreement – 1200 W. Hawthorne Lane

**B. Ordinance 09-O-0019** – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – 1200 W. Hawthorne Lane

**C. Ordinance 09-O-0021** – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1 Estate Residential District to the B-2 General Business District – 1200 W. Hawthorne Lane

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

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski said the Infrastructure Committee meeting has been rescheduled for April 8, 2009, at 7:00 pm. He then read and explained the following item:

**D. Resolution 09-R-0013** – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for the Development Known as the DuPage National Technology Park.

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

\* **Public Safety Committee:** No report.

\* **Community Affairs Committee:** In the absence of Alderman Stout (Committee Chair), Alderman Murphy read and explained the following item:

**E. Resolution 09-R-0012** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with DeSignGroup Signage Corporation for Professional Services Related to the Fabrication and Installation of an L.E.D. Monument Sign and Eight Ancillary Welcome Signs

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

Alderman Murphy said the next Community Affairs Committee meeting will be April 16, 2009.

\* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley read and explained the following items:

**F. Ordinance 09-O-0025** – An Ordinance Modifying the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Building, Planning and Certain Business License Fees

**G. Ordinance 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

**H. Resolution 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 Gianforte made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda,

Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Earley discussed the Amusement Tax. The Finance Committee has asked staff to prepare an ordinance for a 2% amusement tax. This tax finances Railroad Days. Currently the amusement tax is at 3%. The tax is being lowered, but the base is being widened.

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

**I. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2009

**J. Approve** – Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for St. Andrews Church Processing – Stations of the Cross – Scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2009

**K. Ordinance 09-O-0027** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance for Certain Property – Vacated Highland Avenue Right-of-Way (Portion) to the Autumncrest Condominium Association

**L. Ordinance 09-O-0029** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Section 17-191.(b) – No Parking on Forest Avenue

**M. Resolution 09-R-0020** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract between the City of West Chicago and B&F Technical Code Services Inc. for Plan Review/Inspection Services and Property Maintenance Inspections

**N. Resolution 09-R-0023** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for 447 Main Street

**O. Resolution 09-R-0030** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 302 High Street

**P. Resolution 09-R-0031** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 411 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, City Administrator Guttman summarized Item F for Alderman Beifuss. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### **9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** City Administrator Guttman said rock salt was discussed at the last Infrastructure Committee, and it was decided to again obtain rock salt through the State bidding system. However, this morning the current provider said they could deliver the salt for \$76.53 per ton (as opposed to last year's \$121.62). The State needs a decision by 3:00 pm on Thursday. Other communities have gone out to bid and got bids for slightly more, but DuPage County got it for slightly less. The Mayor said DuPage County has much more volume. Aldermen Dzierzanowski, Murphy, Beifuss, Dimas, and Pineda all expressed approval of the offer. There was a unanimous show of hands in favor of accepting the offer.

#### **11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said he had an announcement to make that was long overdue. He said Dave Sabathne has been appointed to the Airport Board. It has been over 20 years since this municipality had a representative on that Board. This is a great step forward as West Chicago's voice will be heard. He thanked Mr. Sabathne for stepping forward.

The Mayor said tomorrow is an important date – Election Day. He urged people to give 15 minutes to go out and vote as their friends and neighbors will be running for office. The people running are from the neighborhood who think they can do a better job for the community and do not do it for the money. It is a big step for whatever office they seek as it takes time away from their families, but it gives back to the community. Local elected officials do have an impact on people's lives. It may not be bailouts to GM, but it is something like salt.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:42 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dzierzanowski, to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly,

Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:09 pm with Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting present.

**14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session.**

**Ordinance 09-O-0030** - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition Through Condemnation of a Parcel Commonly Known as the "Marathon Parcel – 139 W. Washington Street" for Construction of the New City Hall Facility.

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0030. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**15. Adjournment.** At 8:11 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk