

These minutes were approved at the 5/17/10 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
May 3, 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 Radkiewicz 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, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee and Nicholas Dzierzanowski were 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 Mary E. Dickson, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Human Resources Carol LeBeau, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Deputy Chief of Police Mike Uplegger.

**5. Public Participation.**

The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) John Kruser, CableCom, Channel 17, said the 2005 National Night Out program will be broadcast on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm. Ballet Folkloric will be shown on Wednesday.

2) Dirk Enger, DuPage County District 6 Representative, provided an update on events at the county level. He commended the Mayor and staff for the excellent application for Community Block Grants. He also discussed the ramifications of state funding cutbacks. He urged everyone to contact their state representatives about the need for sustainable funding from the state. He said repairs are needed at the DuPage Convalescent Center, and they will be done. He said there would be Memorial Day services at the DuPage County Veterans' Memorial. The Mayor thanked Mr. Enger on behalf of West Chicago for all he has done for obtaining and getting the grants to West Chicago. The taxpayers of this district are very appreciative. He also announced that two new fire stations will be dedicated on May 8, 2010.

3) Jeff Ward, Teamsters Local 673, 1050 W. Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, spoke about the records clerks lay off's. Mr. Ward said the Teamster's opposed the contract. He said the City failed to respond so this contract rolls over another year. He said it was their understanding that the contract should stay in place and roll until election.

4) Leslie Miller, West Chicago Police Department, 325 Spencer, West Chicago, said she has been a records clerk since 1997. She read a statement from the City's web site regarding customer service and said the City has the best customer service workers at the front desk of the Police Department.

5) Teri Gardner, West Chicago Police Department, 325 Spencer, West Chicago, said she is there to speak as a citizen of West Chicago. She said she knows the Council wants the best for the people of West Chicago, and has many decisions to make, not just those regarding the records clerks. However, she is disappointed that the records clerks only recently heard about the plan to outsource them. She thought there would be more public discussion and is surprised that the new locks were put in place and a phone line installed for the public to use. In spite of this, she said she still believes in the City Council, and hopes they keep an open mind and heart and that that their decision is what they truly believe is best for West Chicago.

**A. Mayoral Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month.** At the Mayor's request, Alderman Monroe read the Proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed May 2010 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in West Chicago and urged all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on the roadways. The Mayor did this in recognition of the 24<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and the over 614,682 registered motorcyclists statewide, and for Illinois' role as a leader in motorcycle safety.

## 6. Correspondence and Announcements.

1) The City Clerk announced that there would be a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 12, 2010, starting at 10:00 am, at the VFW Post on Route 59. The public is invited to attend. Worn out flags can be dropped off at the VFW, the American Legion, or City Hall.

The City Clerk announced that the 2010 Banner Project winners were on display on Main Street. This project is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission.

2) Alderman Beifuss reported on results of the DuPage Mayors and Managers efforts to update the stormwater management ordinance. The changes will significantly impact the municipalities so the County is soliciting feedback.

3) Alderman Pineda thanked all those who helped in the search for a missing West Chicago woman, including the police departments of West Chicago and Chicago, and the man who found her.

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

- May 4, 2010                      Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- May 6, 2010                      Infrastructure Committee
- May 10, 2010                     Development Committee

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the May 3, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 361,764.76. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, 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. Approve** – Railroad Days 2010 Event Proposal

**B. Ordinance 10-O-0044** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Article II, Division 2, Section 2-44

**C. Ordinance 10-O-0045** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 2, Article VI, Sections 2-346 to 2-349

**D. Resolution 10-R-0038** – A Resolution for the City of West Chicago to Recognize the West Chicago Citizen Corps

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

- \* **Finance Committee:** No Report
- \* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

**E. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2010

**F. Resolution 10-R-0021** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 435 Main Street – Peter Hahn and Paul Carlstrand

**G. Resolution 10-R-0041** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 441 Main Street – Pedro Porcayo

**H. Resolution 10-R-0042** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain – 334 S. Neltnor Boulevard

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, 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 said Mother's Day was Sunday, and he praised mothers for all that they do. He said his mother ruled the roost. She had been a Marine Corps nurse.

The Mayor mentioned *Bloomingfest* which is another area of West Chicago where people can come together and enjoy the company of each other. There will be food and entertainment and the opportunity to learn about plants.

The Mayor talked about the tough decisions the City has to make sometimes. They are discussed, and made by all, not just by any one person. People can come to the Coffee with the Mayor and discuss anything. There is also the City's web site that posts information. He said contracts go out to bid and then come through the committees. He said the first line is the City Council, then the County, State, and Federal levels. The people elect those to represent them. If anyone disagrees with a decision, they are free to question and ask why their representatives voted a certain way. He said this City Council has been the most open one since he has lived here. He said the City has a limited budget and must make cuts as necessary since it cannot keep going back to the taxpayers for more money.

The Mayor wished everyone a good Mother's Day and looked forward to seeing the residents of West Chicago, the Aldermen, and staff at *Bloomingfest*.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:39 pm, Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to recess into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(20)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)].

Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:16 pm. Roll call found Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting present.

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

**Resolution 10-R-0043** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Labor Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve Resolution 10-R-0043. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Alderman Monroe abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**Resolution 10-R-0044** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract between the City of West Chicago and Robert Half International, Inc., for Staffing the Front Desk at the Police Station.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to approve Resolution 10-R0044. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Alderman Monroe. Motion carried.

**15. Adjournment.** At 8:18 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