

These minutes were approved at the 5/18/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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 Bunch 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, Gregory Bunch, 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 Patrick K. Bond, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation. The following person spoke during public participation:

Mary Sanchez, 136 N. Oak Street, West Chicago, asked why there are homes with no sidewalks in front. She also would like to see more buses available for disabled people.

A. Mayoral Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month – At the Mayor's request, Alderman Monroe read Proclamation 499. Alderman Monroe said he is an instructor for motorcycle safety through Northern Illinois, so he was happy to read the Proclamation. The Mayor proclaimed the month of May 2009 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 recognized the 23rd Anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc., and the other 305,000 registered motorcyclists statewide, and recognized the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education, and awareness.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Murphy said this year's Cancer Relay for Life would be held on May 29, 2009, from 6:30 pm to 6:30 am, at the high school. He said if anyone knows of any cancer survivors and others who want to donate their time and money, they should put this on the calendar. The Police Department and the high school students are participating.

Alderman Beifuss spoke of the many Cultural Arts Commission events to be held in May. This will be the second year of unique, competitively judged community banners. This year's theme is "**Faces**." Alderman Beifuss said this is a real signature event for West Chicago. This is the only community in the western suburbs to have anything like this and it brings real value to West Chicago. On May 16, 2009, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, the City Museum will have a reception to meet the artists. In October when they come down, they will be auctioned off.

On May 8, 2009, the second Artist-in-Residence, international artist Jorge Rojas, will be here for a reception. His project is "**My space: West Chicago**." Last year, the Artist-in-Residence was from Denmark. Alderman Beifuss invited everyone to come out and meet the artist.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - May 5, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - May 7, 2009 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - May 7, 2009 | Cultural Arts Commission |
| - May 11, 2009 | Development Committee (cancelled) |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch, to approve the May 4, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 254,340.88. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** No report.
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Approve – Railroad Days 2009 Event Proposal

B. Approve – Use of City's Right-of-Ways; In-Kind Services; and Event Route and Times for Wheaton Academy's 5K Run – Scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, 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:

C. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2009

D. Ordinance 09-O-0033 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Section 3-12(c) – Amending the Number of E-1, B-2, and B-4 Liquor Licenses

E. Resolution 09-R-0037 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant of Easement for Storm Water Detention and Drainage – 300 Industrial Drive

F. Approve – The Appointment of Mandy Rakow to the Cultural Arts Commission

G. Approve – The Appointment of Eric Balthazar to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. Three Aldermen recognized Anita Sanchez, 136 N. Oak Street, West Chicago, who had questions about a violation notice she had received. She said she could not find under what code it had been cited. She felt the time frame on dealing with the violation was very short. She would also like to be able to find violation ordinances and codes on the website. The Mayor said Ms. Sanchez had spoken to him and several aldermen. The Mayor provided information he had researched for her, and said requirements are periodically put in the City's newsletter. He said the City is interested in obtaining compliance so property values are not lowered. He said the inspectors cover the entire City. The Mayor thanked Ms. Sanchez for her input and said the City will try to make reading the website easier.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said it was time to say good bye and to a friend and a fine alderman – Greg Bunch. The Mayor thanked him for his years of service and said Alderman Bunch had helped to redefine the needs of the City. He was grateful for his leadership and his friendship. The Mayor said he knew Greg Bunch would come back in the future if needed. The Mayor said the City Council wishes Greg the best and the Mayor asked God bless to bless him and his family for allowing him to serve.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City, sent condolences to Alderman Chassee who lost her brother. She will be kept in everyone's thoughts.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:23 pm, Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith

City Clerk