

These minutes were approved with changes in Item 16.  
CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - AMENDED  
Regular Meeting  
May 6, 2013

1. **Call to Order.** Acting Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Chassee led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Oaths of Office.** Acting Mayor Pineda introduced Judge Bruce Kelsey who administered the oaths of office to the following newly elected individuals:
  - a) City Clerk Nancy M. Smith
  - b) Mayor Ruben Pineda
  - c) Alderman Lori Chassee in Ward 1 for a 4 Year Term
  - d) Alderman Donald F. Earley in Ward 2 for a 4 Year Term
  - e) Alderman Laura Grodoski in Ward 3 for a 4 Year Term
  - f) Alderman Sandy Dimas in Ward 4 for a 4 Year Term
  - g) Alderman John C. Smith, Jr. in Ward 5 for a 4 Year Term
  - h) Alderman John F. Banas in Ward 7 for a 4 Year Term

4. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.

5. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Administrative Services HR Coordinator Carol LeBeau, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

6. **Appointment of Alton Hallett to a Two-Year Term – Ward 3**

Alderman Earley, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Alton Hallett to a two-year term in Ward 3. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Judge Bruce Kelsey then swore in newly appointed Alderman Alton Hallett for a two year term in Ward 3.

7. **Appointment of Mark Edwalds to a Two-Year Term – Ward 6**

Alderman John Smith, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Mark Edwalds to a two-year term in Ward 6. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Judge Bruce Kelsey then swore in newly appointed Alderman Mark Edwalds for a two year term in Ward 6.

8. **Designate Alderman Lori Chassee as *Mayor Pro Tem***

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to designate Alderman Lori Chassee as *Mayor Pro Tem*.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. **Public Participation.**

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Shannon Burns, Forest Preserve District 6, Naperville Road, Wheaton, congratulated the newly elected officials. The Forest Preserve is starting an initiative to eliminate Coal Car Sealant. The Mayor, Alderman Chassee, and she attended a Green Town presentation wherein towns are put on "diets." If West Chicago decides to do that, please keep her informed. Mayor Pineda said he and 13 other Mayors are doing a Gut Busters event to lose weight.

**A. Proclamation: River Sweep 2013 – May 18, 2013.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation about River Sweep 2013, in which the Mayor congratulated The Conservation Foundation on 22 successful years for cleaning the waterways and by participating in stream restoration projects. The Mayor further encouraged all residents to make a difference in the quality of water in the area and support and participate in "River Sweep 2013" on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

**B. Proclamation: Motorcycle Awareness Month – May 2013.** At the Mayor's request, Alderman Chassee read the proclamation about Motorcycle Awareness Month in which the Mayor, in recognition of the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), proclaimed May 2013 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in the City of West Chicago, and urged all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways. The Mayor said both Alderman Chassee and Alderman Stout ride motorcycles.

**10. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2013.** Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2013, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**11. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Earley made a motion seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve the May 6, 2013, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 667,035.08. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, John C. Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

- \* **Development Committee:** No report
- \* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- \* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report
- \* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

**A. Approve** – The Re-appointments of Mandy Rakow and Sara Phalen to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2017

**B. Approve** – The Re-appointments of Steve Carrow and Robert Blaus to the Environmental Commission for a Term Ending April 2017

**C. Approve** – The Re-appointments of Jennifer Maglinite-Timbrook, Garth Keck, and Janet Dayton-Hale to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Ending April 2017

**D. Approve** – The Re-appointments of Barbara Laimins and Juan Chavez to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 2018

**E. Approve** – The Re-appointment of Rosalinda Delgado to the Cultural Arts Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2014

**F. Approve** – The Re-appointment of Angelo Trapani to the Cultural Arts Commission, as an *Ex-Officio* Member, for a Term Ending April 2014

**G. Approve** – The Re-appointment of Cheryl E. Waterman to the Historical Preservation Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2015

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to concur with the Mayor's re-appointments of the above named individuals to their respective commissions. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The Mayor thanked everyone who is filling these positions. They work at it and it takes time away from their families. There will be a couple more positions available on the web site.

**13. Reports by Committees.** None

**14. Unfinished Business.** None

**15. New Business.** None

**16. Correspondence and Announcements.**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- May 7, 2013                      Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- May 13, 2013                  Development Committee

The Mayor announced the following committee assignments:

**Development Committee:** Aldermen Beifuss, Jim Smith, Grodoski, Murphy, John Smith, Stout, ~~and Edwalds~~ **and Banas** <sup>scrivener's error</sup>

**Finance Committee:** Aldermen Chassee, Jim Smith, Grodoski, Dimas, Meissner, Stout, and Fuesting

**Public Affairs Committee:** Aldermen Chassee, Earley, Hallett, Murphy, Meissner, Edwalds, and Fuesting

**Infrastructure Committee:** Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, Hallett, Dimas, John Smith, Edwalds, and Banas

**Liquor Commission:** Mayor Pineda, Aldermen ~~Edwalds~~ **Stout** <sup>scrivener's error</sup> and Fuesting

The Mayor said at the first committee meeting, the members will decide who will be the Chair for each committee.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:30 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:59 pm. Roll call found Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**Resolution 13-R-0034** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Employment Agreement with Michael L. Guttman – City Administrator. Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Resolution 13-R-0034. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**Resolution 13-R-0033** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Employment Agreement with Lazaro M. Perez – Chief of Police. Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to approve Resolution 13-R-0033. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**15. Adjournment.** At 8:00 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Meissner, Stout, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk