

These minutes were approved as amended at the 6/1/09 City Council meeting.
CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street - **AMENDED**
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2009

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 Connelly 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, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, ~~Gregory D. Bunch~~, **John C. Smith**, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski was 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, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and City Museum Registrar Sara Phalin.

5. Public Participation.

A. Cultural Arts Commission Banner Program. The Mayor called upon Museum Director Bombard who said there are two exciting projects downtown. She introduced Heidi Morris who spoke about the banner project. Ms. Morris thanked the City Council for supporting the Cultural Arts Commission's banner program for the second year in a row. The banners will be up all summer and the public can vote on favorites. The banner concept started several years ago when John Keeney joined the Commission. He uses a digital image to print the banners. The goal is to bring art into the community and have the community exposed to local artists. Anni Holm worked on getting the artists and organizing the program. The banners will be on sale at the end to raise funds to sustain this project.

Anni Holm then spoke, and said she was an immigrant from Denmark and an international artist. She chose to live in West Chicago. She introduced the City's second Artist-in-Resident, Jorge Rojas. For the past ten days he has been stationed at the Museum where he has invited residents to come participate in his project. This is also broadcast live every day to share with the rest of the world on the Internet. Ms. Holm thanked Don and Marilyn Earley for hosting Mr. Rojas for the past two weeks. Ms. Holm thanked the Earley's, the City Museum, and Sara Phalin for all her commitment to the Cultural Arts Commission and the City of West Chicago and Jorge Rojas for coming from New York.

Jorge Rojas thanked the Mayor and City Council members and spoke about his project. He worked with the City Museum to create a slide show. Before showing it, he again thanked the City for supporting this project, the Museum staff, and Anni Holm. He thanked Don and Marilyn Earley for being the greatest hosts. Mr. Rojas said West Chicago is a wonderful city. He then presented the slide show of adults and children of the community painting at the Museum. Over 400 people came in over the weekend to participate in the process. One of the intentions was to blur the lines between the art and the viewer. The Mayor thanked Mr. Rojas for the great presentation.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Chassee thanked her friends and colleagues for their expressions of support and sympathy on the loss of her brother.

Alderman Chassee said the West Chicago Lion's Club has a \$1,000.00 scholarship available for any student in the 60185 zip code area. The deadline for entry has been extended to this weekend. It is open to anyone pursuing the social services.

City Clerk Smith said the West Chicago Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts would be hosting Memorial Day events, on Monday. The Mayor will be the keynote speaker at the ceremonies to be held at the Oak Wood Cemetery starting at 10:00 am.

Alderman Murphy said the Relay for Life would be held on May 29-30, 2009, at the High School, starting at 6:00 pm on Friday. The West Chicago Police Department is putting

together a team. Alderman Murphy said donations can be made as a tribute to Officer Spencer Kroning who is battling cancer now.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - May 19, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - May 20, 2009 | Environmental Commission |
| - May 25, 2009 | Public Affairs Committee (rescheduled to May 26, 2009) |
| - May 26, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - May 28, 2009 | Finance Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to approve the May 18, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 582,074.06. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, **Dzierzanowski**, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

A. Authorize – The Purchase of One (1) 2009 Ford Explorer XLT 4 Door 4WD Vehicle, from Joe Cotton Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$25,394.55)

B. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final with Barr Tree Care, LLC, for the 2009 Forestry Maintenance Program, for an Increase of \$437.90

C. Approve – Change Order #1 and Final with ESI Consultants, Ltd., for Phase III Engineering Services for Hawthorne Lane

D. Resolution 09-R-0041 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Public Improvements for the Development Known as Jigged Ventures Subdivision, Lots 4 and 5

E. Resolution 09-R-0042 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Public Improvements for the Development Known as Jigged Ventures Subdivision, Lots 6 and 7

F. Resolution 09-R-0043 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc., for Engineering Services Related to Design, Bid Assistance, and Construction Oversight for Well and Well House #12

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

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

G. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2009

H. Approve – Appointment of Jennifer Boyer to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for Term Ending April 2014

I. Approve – Re-appointment of Stephen Jarolin to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for Term Ending April 2013

J. Approve – Re-appointment of John Warbiany to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for Term Ending April 2013

K. Approve – Re-appointment of Norm Moseng to the Environmental Commission for Term Ending April 2012

L. Approve – Re-appointment of Rasham Grewal to the Environmental Commission for Term Ending April 2012

M. Approve – Re-appointment of Richard Vigsnes to the Historical Preservation Commission for Term Ending April 2012

N. Approve – Re-appointment of Anthony Chinn to the Historical Preservation Commission for Term Ending April 2012

O. Ordinance 09-O-0032 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Code to Allow Certain Liquor License Holders to Begin Sales at 10:00 am on Sunday (removed from agenda to Item 9. Reports by Committees

P. Resolution 09-R-0038 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Lucia Galvan – Byby's Restaurant – 142 W. Washington Street

Q. Resolution 09-R-0045 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Winfield – Transfer of Ownership of Lift Station #10

R. Resolution 09-R-0046 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Highway Authority Agreement with Crystal Clean Car Wash, Inc./Janet Rapp

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

9. Reports by Committees.

From Item 8.O.: **Ordinance 09-O-0032** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Code to Allow Certain Liquor License Holders to Begin Sales at 10:00 am on Sunday

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0032. During discussion, Alderman Beifuss explained what the ordinance was about and said he would like to have more information on what other municipalities are doing. Alderman Beifuss then moved to defer this ordinance vote until staff can research the language from some of the other towns that have restrictions on these types of sales. There was discussion on other communities' practices. Mayor Kwasman said one of the reasons this ordinance was brought forth was to be competitive with neighboring communities, especially with regards to brunch and catering operations. Alderman Jim Smith seconded the motion to deter the vote to the next meeting, June 1, 2009.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said the nation celebrates the lives of dedicated soldiers every year, and it will again this Monday, Memorial Day. The Mayor said those who served are heroes whether they were in war or not. He said we should be grateful to them because they are the reason we can meet here tonight. He asked West Chicagoans to come out and honor those that have fallen and giving the ultimate sacrifice. Raise your flag.

The Mayor reminded everyone again about the parking ticket amnesty program for May. Everyone can pay a reduced amount of 50% for all their outstanding fines. For further information, look 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 7:42 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith

City Clerk