

These minutes were approved at the June 3, 2013, City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2013

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** The Mayor called upon Merle Burleigh, the City's on-line columnist, to lead 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., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Mark Edwalds, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Kurt Meissner was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman. From the Police Department: Chief Laz Perez, Deputy Chief Mike Uplegger, and Police Commanders Bill Hall, Stephen Laub, and Eric Shipman.

5. **Public Participation.**

A. Life Saving Awards: Jessie Schramm and James O'Grady. Chief Perez introduced Ms. Schramm and Mr. O'Grady, two people who bravely entered their burning neighbor's house and alerted the family of a fire. Their heroic and selfless acts saved the lives of at least four of their neighbors. The Chief read and presented the Life Saving Award to Ms. Schramm. The Mayor read and presented the Life Saving Award to Mr. O'Grady. Chief Perez said this is the very first time the West Chicago Police Department presented these awards to civilians. The Mayor said the family that was saved, the Martino family, was present. Mr. Martino said they have had a rough time the last several months, but he is grateful when he sees his whole family together. They are together because of Ms. Schramm's and Mr. O'Grady's actions. They lost a lot of items, but they can be replaced. He thanked Ms. Schramm and Mr. O'Grady for being there at the right time and right place and helping them in their time of greatest need in their lives. The Mayor said it makes him proud when he hears stories of the community helping each other. He thanked them on behalf of himself and the entire City Council.

B. Civic Achievement Awards: Detective Peterson and Officer Griffin. Chief Perez said the presentation of these awards would be made at the "Touch-a-Truck" event to be held at Reed-Keppler Park on June 1, 2013, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This is a program that Officer Quarto took on as his own several years ago. Youth come out and learn about truck safety. Some restaurants will provide hot dogs and there will be cotton candy. Chief Perez invited the Council to sign up for half hour shifts for making the cotton candy. The Mayor said there would be a wide variety of trucks on hand.

No one spoke during regular Public Participation.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2013.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the minutes of May 6, 2013. During discussion, Alderman Banas noted his name was left off the roster for the Development Committee. Due to scrivener's error, his name should replace Alderman Edwalds' and Alderman Stout's name should replace Alderman Edwald's on the Liquor Commission. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jim Smith, to approve the May 20, 2013, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 843,203.37. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

- * **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 13-O-0017 – An Ordinance Granting Special Uses for Internet Based Automobile Sales and Auto Repair – 397 Charles Court

B. Resolution 13-R-0035 – A Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Duriavich's Resubdivision

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **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:

C. Approve – The Appointment of Angelo Trapani to the Cultural Arts Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 30, 2014

D. Resolution 13-R-0037 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with J. A. Johnson Paving Company for Professional Services Related to the 2013 Fremont Street Parking Lot Reconstruction Project (for an amount not to exceed \$182,568.81)

E. Resolution 13-R-0038 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Kenneth Company for Professional Services Related to the 2013 Main Street Stairway Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$180,938.00)

F. Resolution 13-R-0039 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention and Wetland Conservation – 120 N. Aurora Street

G. Resolution 13-R-0040 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention, Watermain, Sanitary Sewer Main and Sidewalk – 851 Pearl Road

H. Resolution 13-R-0041 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention – 870, 880, and 910 Main Street

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Murphy, John C. Smith, Edwalds, Stout, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 21, 2013	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- May 23, 2013	Finance Committee (cancelled)
- May 28, 2013`	Public Affairs Committee (rescheduled)
- May 28, 2013	Historical Preservation Commission

The City Clerk announced that the American Legion, with members of the VFW, would be observing Memorial Day services on May 27, 2013. They will attend the cemeteries and two high school band members will play **Taps**. The final stop is at Oak Wood Cemetery. Services start at 10:30 am. The keynote speaker this year is Mayor Pineda. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Mayor said Memorial Day is not just a day off from work, but is a day to remember those who lost their lives and won our freedom.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:18 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk