

These minutes were approved at the 6/4/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2012

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 Stout 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, John C. Smith, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Kurt Meissner was absent. The Acting Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. City Treasurer Donald F. Earley was absent.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

5. **Designation of a Mayor *Pro Tem*.** Acting Mayor (Alderman) Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to appoint Alderman Chassee to be the Mayor *Pro Tem*. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

6. **Public Participation.** The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Dave Tornga, Winfield Township Trustee, said he wanted to formally welcome Acting Mayor Pineda and Mayor *Pro Tem* Chassee.

2) Janet Hale, West Chicago Historical Preservation Commission, spoke about the Historical Preservation Award: St. Vincent DePaul (Item 6B below). Ms. Hale said the building at 213-215 Main Street was a Classical Revival Style building with Art Nouveau detailing. It was built in 1927 by Harlow Belding for \$45,000.00. Robert H. Salisbury was the architect. Ms. Hale presented a plaque to Mr. Bill Thomas of St. Vincent's. Mr. Thomas thanked the City Council members for their support. St. Vincent's is a non-profit organization that recognizes that they are in an historical building. With him were Ron and Trini Cantu.

3) Anni Holm and Sara Phalin, *People Made Visible*, 108 Sherman, West Chicago, along with Danish artists Heidi Hove and Jens Axel Beck, provided an update on their work since the last Council meeting. Ms. Hove said they are working on three projects inspired by the City's motto "*Where History and Progress Meet.*" They are finding interesting artifacts in their archeological dig across the street from St. Michael's Church on Washington Street. Their second project was to have a raffle at Bloomingfest in which the Herbst Family won a tree planting at the memorial place in Reed-Keppler Park. They felt it was important to recognize a random person. Mr. Beck said their third project is ongoing. They are working with Presidential campaign slogans. Acting Mayor Pineda confirmed that the found artifacts would be displayed on the second floor at the City Museum. The Acting Mayor thanked them and encouraged everyone to go see the exhibit. Ms. Phalin thanked the Council for supporting the program as well as the Park District for allowing them to plant the tree.

4) Nancy M. Smith, American Legion Post 300, 123 Main Street, West Chicago, announced three upcoming events:

a. The Legion's fundraiser, "Rockin' Oldies Tribute Show and Dance" will be held this Saturday, and she had tickets available. Acting Mayor Pineda encouraged everyone to support this fundraising effort to help out West Chicago's American Legion.

b. On August 4, 2012, Dwight Hora, a retired Marine, along with others, would be stopping in West Chicago riding their motorcycles from South Carolina to California and back to raise funds for Edge Alliance, a not-for-profit group that is building housing for homeless veterans. Their stop will be at the West Chicago American Legion Hall. The public is invited, and encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$25.00 and includes a catered dinner.

c. Next Monday, Memorial Day will be observed jointly by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6791 (West Chicago). Ceremonies will be held at Glen Oak Cemetery (8:00 am), Calvary Cemetery, and St. John's Cemetery in Winfield. At 10:00 am, the main program will be held at Oak Wood Cemetery. Acting Mayor Pineda is the featured speaker. The public is encouraged to attend.

A. Train town, USA Presentation/Union Pacific Railroad – 150th Anniversary.
The Acting Mayor said this item has been postponed.

B. Historical Preservation Award: St. Vincent DePaul. See speaker 2) above.

7. City Council Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2012. Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Abstaining were Aldermen Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the May 21, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 528,813.82. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy and Acting Mayor Pineda abstained. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** Acting Mayor Pineda read and explained the following item:

A. Ordinance 12-O-0011 – An Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of West Chicago Regarding Weed Control, Natural Landscaping Area, Weed Liens and Priority Liens for Cost of Removal, Securing and Enclosing Abandoned Residential Property.

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** No report

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business.

A. Approve – Use of 114 Chicago Avenue by Set Fee Initiatives for Filming.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to approve the above item. During discussion, Alderman Beifuss clarified that the dates would be from May 20, 2012, until August 20, 2012, as long as they provide the required insurance, portable toilet, washing station, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. The Acting Mayor asked if everything has been done, and City Administrator Guttman said everything is in order except waivers and the property needs to be inspected. Alderman Dzierzanowski asked about how the neighbors around this house feel about this project. Mr. Dave Libby (filmmaker) said he spoke to several neighbors and has not encountered any problems. They plan to film mostly in the daytime, perhaps at dusk, but not at night. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Aldermen Monroe and Dzierzanowski. Motion carried.

12. New Business. The Acting Mayor read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 12-R-0046 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., for Services Related to the 2012 Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$791,027.31) Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to approve Resolution 12-R-0046. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 12-R-0047 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Right-of-Entry Agreement between the City of West Chicago and Groot Industries, Inc., Related to the City's Illinois Route 64 Utility Relocation Project. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve Resolution 12-R-0047. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Acting Mayor Pineda reminded everyone again about the Memorial Day services to be held at 10:00 am at Oak Wood Cemetery, and said everyone is invited.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - May 24, 2012 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - May 22, 2012 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - May 29, 2012 | Public Affairs Committee |

13. Executive Session. At 7:30 pm, Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

15. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk