

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 6/28/10

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 24, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy present.

Also in attendance were Chief of Police Donald Goncher, Luann Bombard, Director of Museum and Cultural Services, Wayne Lofton Jr., West Chicago Chamber, Don Early, City of West Chicago Treasurer and Anna Rosales, West Chicago Park District.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of April 26, 2010.** Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of April 26, 2010 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations

Kristin Zimmerman, 314 Fulton Street, West Chicago, asked about the possibility of using city owned lots as garden plots (on Chicago and Main Street) for citizens' use or as playgrounds.

Chairman Chassee stated that those locations might not be appropriate for these uses and that staff would look at what other towns were doing and what properties might be appropriate.

Jim Slater of the Willow Creek Home Owner's Association spoke about coyotes and the possibility of trapping them with City funding.

Rob Erickson of On Target Animal Control spoke about coyotes and how he might go about removing them. His bottom line was that he would not enter into a contract that would allow release of information concerning the contract and how the animals were

removed. Due to this stance it was decided the City could not provide funds for such an endeavor since all City contracts were public information.

4. Items for Consent

A. St. Mary's Great 88

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Mexican Independence Day

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. City of West Chicago Strategic Communication Plan

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2010-R-51 Andy Frain Crossing Guard Agreement for the 2010 -2011 School Year.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairmen Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Railroad Days Update – Mr. Sabathne informed the committee that event has been moving forward with the entertainment, licenses and vendors.

6. Unfinished Business.

None.

7. New Business.

None.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Traffic Management Report by Chief of Police. Chief Goncher reported the Traffic Report for the month of April 2010.

- 9. Adjournment.** Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Connelly. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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