

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 6/25/12

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 29, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Also in attendance was Chief of Police Laz Perez; LuAnn Bombard, Museum Director and Cultural Services; Dave Sabathne, Executive Director of the West Chicago Chamber; Don Earley, City Treasurer; Business Owners Tom and Deena Perez, Action Pawners & Jewelers, 206 S. Neltor Ave; Representative Amanda Conder of Gold Rush Girls, Gold Parties; Business Owner Don Deutsch of Deutsch's Truck & Diesel Repair; Business Owner Maria Villa, Almacenes Teka.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of March 26, 2012.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations

4. Items for Consent

A. Resolution No. 12-R-0045 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Modification Agreement

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

B. Railroad Days 2012 Special Event

The Fine Arts Fiesta was changed from the Cabin Scout to Reeds Place because the Park District is having their Summer Program.

The Committee discussed and approved the following proposed actions with modification and additions:

- Beer tent hours are contingent on the application and issuance of liquor license. Beer tent costs can include donations given to service organizations. The Committee requested itemized documentation of all costs and the costs are to be based on actual expenses.
- The approval of the carnival is contingent on the receipt and acceptance of insurance and completion of background checks of workers.
- The approval of entertainment ending at 10:00PM on Thursday and 9:00PM on Sunday.
- The approval of fireworks is contingent on receipt and approval by the Fire Protection District and City.

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

5. Items for Discussion

A. Resolution No. 07-R-0086 – A Resolution Creating An Emergency Line of Succession for the Position of Mayor

The mayoral emergency line of succession is outdated and per the City's Emergency Operations Plan and Code of Ordinances the City is required to have an updated mayoral emergency line of succession.

City Treasurer Don Early proposed that an amendment should be made to Resolution No. 07-R-0086 and Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-45 to read "elected alderman" not "elected officials". This will require a new resolution and ordinance number with the modifications.

The Public Affairs Committee suggested this item of discussion should be given to the Mayor with the recommendation that he modifies the language to reflect "alderman of the city" and that he make his selection.

B. Ordinance No. 12-O-0007 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois Amending Chapter 9, Concerning Licenses, Permits, and Business Regulations by adding Article IV Entitled "PAWNBROKERS AND PRECIOUS METALS DEALERS"

Chief Perez informed the staff and participants that this ordinance is not a target against any business. It is an ordinance that will help the police department and the business have a reporting system to solve crimes and provide additional documentary evidence during a criminal proceeding. LeadsOnline is a secure website and the cost for this software will be covered by the police department not the business. Chief Perez also spoke to Kim Jones, Illinois State Inspector for Pawnshops. She informed Chief Perez that there are over 280 registered pawnshops in the State of Illinois that she is required to visit at least once within two (2) years but along with that she is also responsible for processing applications, renewals, and hearings.

The Owners of Action Pawners & Jewelers, 206 S. Neltor Ave, expressed their concerns and objection to LeadsOnline. A representative from Gold Rush Girls, a small family-owned business, explained that they do not do business in West Chicago but their office is located on 490 E. Roosevelt Road in West Chicago and wanted to know how this ordinance would affect a home base business.

Chairmen Chassee asked Chief Perez to gather more information on these types of businesses and also proposed that the Committee review the packets of information given to them and return next month with suggestions, proposals, and ideas of acceptance or dismissal.

6. Unfinished Business

None.

7. New Business

8. Reports from Staff

A. Traffic Management Report for March and April 2012

9. Adjournment. Alderman Meissner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Fuesting. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:37P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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