

These minutes were approved at the 6/15/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 1, 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 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, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. 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 and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

**5. Public Participation.** The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) Steve and DeAnna Klockenga, 308 Ashbury Court, #3, Roselle, IL 60172, spoke about their displeasure with the Red Light photo enforcement cameras in West Chicago. The Mayor said the cameras were placed for safety reasons. There has been a substantial decrease in fatal accidents since the cameras were installed. He said people could appeal the hearing officer's ruling.

2) Tim and Uhura Sasse, 120 Chicago Street, West Chicago, spoke about Ordinance 09-O-0037 regarding the purchase of 202 Chicago Street. They said the property is a nuisance and is dangerous for the children in the area. They are in favor of the City purchasing and demolishing the property.

3) Marianne Hinckley, 2241 Route 59, West Chicago, spoke in reference to Ordinance 09-O-0032 and said in the golf business people play early on Sunday morning. After playing 18 holes, they would like to have a beer so she is in favor of this ordinance being adopted.

4) David J. Sabathne, 155 Spencer Street, West Chicago, President and CEO of the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry, also spoke in favor of the City Council adopting Ordinance 09-O-0032. He said the owners of Fontana Blu and El Tesoro restaurants were also present. Mr. Sabathne felt the earlier service would not reflect poorly on the community.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Pineda said he attended the Relay-for-Life event on Friday. He wished to thank Alderman Murphy, who represented the City of West Chicago, for doing a fantastic job. The event was well attended, and very emotional. Alderman Murphy thanked him and said last year they raised over \$65,000 and think they may surpass that amount this year. In these tough economic times, this says great things about the community.

Alderman Dzierzanowski said he took his sons to the Touch-a-Truck event, which was held this past Saturday. He thanked the Police Department, Public Works, and Park District. The event gets better every year. Local businesses were also in attendance.

Alderman Dzierzanowski said this weekend the Cornerstone Lakes community would have a community garage sale on Friday and Saturday.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - June 2, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - June 4, 2009 | Infrastructure Committee (cancelled)                |
| - June 4, 2009 | Cultural Arts Commission                            |
| - June 9, 2009 | Development Committee (cancelled)                   |

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the June 1, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 709,725.02. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, John 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 Dzierzanowski read and explained the following item:

**A. Resolution 09-R-0039** – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for the Development Known as Cyber Continuity Center – 603 Discovery Lane

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

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report.

\* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

**B. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2009

**C. Ordinance 09-O-0037** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Commonly Known as “202 Chicago Avenue” for Assemblage Purposes as Part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

**D. Ordinance 09-O-0038** – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Known as “441 Main Street” for Assemblage Purposes as Part of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

**E. Resolution 09-R-0048** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Lease Agreement for 441 Main Street – Pedro Porcayo

**F. Resolution 09-R-0047** – A Resolution of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate

**G. Approve** – Use of City’s Rights of Way, In-kind Services and Event Route for Railroad Day’s 5K Run/Walk Scheduled for July 11, 2009

**H. Approve** – Appointment of Kenneth LeVey to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2013.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, amendments were made on the City Council meeting minutes of May 18, 2009, as follows: Item 4. Roll Call should show John C. Smith instead of Gregory D. Bunch, and Alderman Dzierzanowski’s name should be deleted from the vote for Item 7, Corporate Disbursement Report. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.**

**A. 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 A.M. on Sunday. Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adopt Ordinance 09-O-0032. During discussion, Alderman Beifuss made a motion to amend the ordinance to include language to allow liquor sales beginning in restaurants at 10:00 am on Sunday, but only in conjunction with food, i.e., meals served at a table and not at the bar. This is language from the Batavia ordinance. Alderman Chassee seconded the motion, and said she appreciates the comments and letters she has received and does want West Chicago businesses to be competitive, but she does not see a problem with this amendment and has no objection to it. There followed extensive discussion on the pros and cons of such an arrangement. Voting Yea on the amendment: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Jim Smith, and Dimas. Voting Nay: Aldermen Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Motion failed.

Voting Yea to adopt the Ordinance: Aldermen Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: Alderman Chassee and Beifuss. Motion carried.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said it is that time again when West Chicago's number one asset – its children, will be out of school and outdoors walking and playing. He urged everyone to slow down and look for these children. If a ball rolls into the street, there will be a child after it. He also requested that people come to a complete stop at red lights.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:50 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)].

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, 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