

These minutes were approved at the June 20, 2011, City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2011

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 Beifuss 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, Kurt Meissner, 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, Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Welcome Home 2011. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 11 in which the Mayor proclaimed June 17-18, 2011, as "Welcome Home 2011" in the City of West Chicago, and urged all citizens of West Chicago to attend "Welcome Home 2011" events and to recognize the service of our Vietnam, Iraqi, and Afghanistan Veterans and those currently serving our country. The Mayor then said that he considered the Vietnam War as the war for his generation, and the way the Vietnam veterans were treated was not the American way of treating veterans. When asked if there is "overkill" in dealing with Vietnam veterans today, the Mayor said any time you honor veterans, there is no such thing as "overkill." He emphasized again the need for the veterans' stories to be told over and over so the generations will never forget what those people did for their country and for our freedoms. He said he wholeheartedly endorsed this Proclamation, and when people see veterans, they should take a few minutes to thank them.

No one spoke during regular public participation.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Murphy spoke about the Honor Flight fundraiser to be held on October 1, 2011, starting at 11:00 am, at the DuPage Airport. There will be many interesting activities and World War II displays. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. Honor Flight takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. for a day long visit. This is a way to give honor to a generation rapidly disappearing. There are about 4,000 WWII veterans still in DuPage County. Alderman Murphy hoped everyone could attend. Alderman Pineda said there is a web site where WWII veterans can be registered. Mayor Kwasman praised Honor Flight and would like to see WWII veterans use the DuPage Airport. Each flight costs about \$55,000.00, and the goal is to sponsor two flights. The Mayor said anything an organization or individual can do to help out would be appreciated.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - June 2, 2011 | Infrastructure Committee (cancelled) |
| - June 7, 2011 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - June 13, 2011 | Development Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the June 6, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 720,836.34. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** No report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No report
- * **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 11-O-0026 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 17, Article XIV, Stopping, Standing and Parking.

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt Ordinance 11-O-0026. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 11-O-0034 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix G – Fee Schedule – Building and Development Fees

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adopt Ordinance 11-O-0034. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

C. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011

D. Resolution 11-R-0052 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention – 501 Conde Street

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said school is out so be watchful for children playing. Take three minutes longer to get to your destination and save a life.

The Mayor spoke of Father's Day and those who are parents are a work in progress. Being a father is a special treat: those who have daughters get the love and affection and those with sons will see themselves in their eyes. Enjoy your fathers. It is a legacy he left you, and one you will leave your children. Those here and not here will always affect your life forever. Happy Fathers' Day.

13. Executive Session. At 7:15 pm, Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote. 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