

These minutes were approved at the 7/6/10 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 21, 2010

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 Fuesting 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, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey. Also from the Police Department were Officer Steve Laub, Detective Robbi Peterson, Commander Christopher Shackelford, and Sergeant Mike Zepeda.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Pioneer School Students Presentation – Detective Robbi Peterson.** Becky Koltz, Director of Community Relations for School District 33, thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the International Problem Solving Team from Pioneer School and their teacher, Ms. Kathy Grogan. Five of the students, Nayeli Lara, Lourdes Rosales, Gabby Gallegos (6th graders), D'riah McCarroll, and Guillermo Orizaba (5th graders) presented a summary of their project to place warning signs in English and Spanish by the railroad tracks where a little girl lost her life two years ago. Not in attendance this evening, but on the team, were 5<sup>th</sup> graders Theresa Carriveau, Taylor DeHaeseleer, and Christopher Reyes. Thirty-two states and seven different countries were represented at the international contest where the Pioneer School team took first place in their division. They were able to attend by initiating a fundraising campaign. When they were \$7,000 short, Detective Peterson was able to call upon his fellow officers and the Canadian National Railroad to obtain a grant, to obtain the needed funds. The students then presented a plaque of appreciation to Detective Peterson. Detective Peterson said he could not be more proud of the students. He had been one of the responders when the little girl was killed, and he never wanted to see such an occurrence again. The Mayor said the City knew there was a problem at that crossing and wanted to make sure it could provide safety. He said what is more interesting is the problem solving class. They are the next generation of West Chicagoans that will solve the problems of West Chicago. As a community, West Chicagoans have always solved their own problems from the beginning. On behalf of the City of West Chicago, the Mayor thanked them and the Police Department for their part. He said he was very proud of the Police Department.

**B. Proclamation: Mentor-Disciple Day 2010.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read a proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed July 3, 2010, as '**Mentor-Disciple Day**' in honor of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda's efforts to ensure the future by mentoring and fostering the development of youth and inspiring them to use their lives to create value and work for peace. A group of eight people thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation and said a peace festival for youth would be held on July 10, 2010,

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

- 1) Alderman Pineda announced that the Third Annual *Golf for a Cure* would be held at St. Andrews on July 23, 2010, starting at 11:00 am. The beneficiary will be the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- 2) John Kruser, CableCom, Channel 17, announced, in conjunction with the West Chicago Library, *The Cycling Sisters Ride the Underground Railroad*, would be shown on Tuesday (6/22/10) and Thursday (6/24/10) at 6:30 pm. *Artworks 2007*, a Community High School program would be shown on Wednesday (6/23/10) and Friday (6/25/10) at 7:00 pm.

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

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| - June 24, 2010 | Finance Committee (cancelled)      |
| - June 28, 2010 | Public Affairs Committee           |
| - June 29, 2010 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - July 1, 2010  | Infrastructure Committee           |

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the June 21, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 292,135.27. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James 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:** No report
- \* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report
- \* **Finance Committee:** No report
- \* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

**A. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2010

**B. Approve** – Appointment of Robert Mireault to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

**C. Ordinance 10-O-0053** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Section 3-10 – Classifications (removed and voted upon separately)

**D. Ordinance 10-O-0054** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-16 – Bring Your Own Liquor Regulations

**E. Resolution 10-R-0057** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 441 Main Street – Pedro Porcayo

**F. Resolution 10-R-0058** – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

**G. Resolution 10-R-0059** – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

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

**9. Reports by Committees.**

From Item 8.C: **Ordinance 10-O-0053** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Section 3-10 – Classifications.

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Ordinance 10-O-0053. During discussion Alderman Dzierzanowski expressed his displeasure at the lack of cooperation from the West Chicago Park District in a number of areas while the City cooperates with them. He has complained to them as a parent, not as an alderman. He said the Park District should be more proactive. Alderman Fuesting thought Alderman Dzierzanowski was right. He felt there should be more dialogue with the Park District Board to resolve problems. The Mayor directed staff to contact the Park District Board and set up a meeting with from the Park District Board and the Infrastructure Committee.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** Alderman Murphy requested the Mayor or City Administrator write a letter to the DuPage County Forest Preserves to state that West Chicago would not like to give up Kline Creek Farm. Winfield has asked for a change. It has been in West Chicago since its inception. It used to be in Turner Junction. It is a jewel and one of the City's many assets. The Mayor said a letter has been sent. There was also a comment in the newspapers, and he spoke with Mr. Pierotti this morning and expressed Alderman Murphy's

concern. He said West Chicago is against any change, especially when a community wants to change history.

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said all his comments previously.

**13. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:28 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk