

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 8/27/12

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE July 23, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:59P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Meissner and Murphy present. Alderman Radkiewicz was not present but arrived at 7:51PM.

Also in attendance was Chief of Police Laz Perez; Rosemary Mackey, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, State Representative Mike Fortner (Former Mayor), and Alderman Beifuss.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of June 25, 2012.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations

#### 4. Items for Consent

##### A. St. Mary's Walk for the Poor

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, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

##### B. Frosty Fest

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

C. Annual Halloween Parade

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

D. Ordinance 12-O-0015 – Trade in of surplus equipment with Kiesler Police Supply Inc.

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

**5. Items for Discussion**

A. Ward redistricting

State Representative Fortner (Former Mayor) was asked by the City of West Chicago to assist in the redistricting of wards for the city. Ward redistricting is governed by both federal and state law. He reviewed the requirements for redistricting, the current status of the wards, and presented three potential plans for the new ward boundaries.

The Aldermen discussed and reviewed all three plans and agreed that the best plan for all Aldermen would be Plan B. Plan B is designed to reduce the population range from plan A and keep Ward 5 unchanged since it is within acceptable population limits. The current Ward 5 boundaries cause two additional precinct splits in Wayne precinct 39 for Westwood and in Winfield precinct 37 for Hickory Lane. That brings the total number of precinct splits to five.

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

**6. Unfinished Business**

**7. New Business**

**8. Reports from Staff**

A. Traffic Management Report for June 2012

**9. Adjournment.** Alderman Fuesting made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Meissner. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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