

These minutes were approved at the 8/20/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2012

1. **Call to Order.** Acting Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dzierzanowski 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, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Sandy Dimas was absent. The Acting 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, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Laz Perez, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

5. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Ms. Fredericka Howard, 449 Elite Avenue, West Chicago, said she has been involved with the Fine Arts Fiesta for 19 years, and she thanked the City Council for making the Fine Arts Fiesta possible. It is a unique program and she is proud of it; however, she was here tonight to thank City Museum Director LuAnn Bombard. With her organization and skills, she has worked tirelessly for the Fine Arts Fiesta. She thanked Ms. Bombard for her 25 years of wonderful service. Acting Mayor Pineda also thanked Ms. Bombard, saying she has done such a fabulous job, and he could not say enough. Everyone here appreciates what she has done. Ms. Bombard said it has been an honor and a privilege.

A. Train Town, USA Presentation/Union Pacific Railroad – 150th Anniversary.

Mr. Adrian Guerrero, Union Pacific Railroad Director of Public Affairs – Illinois and Metra, Corporate Relations, was happy to recognize West Chicago, (with a locomotive in its City Seal and its long history of involvement with the railroad: Galena and Chicago, to Northwestern, to merger in 1995 with the Union Pacific), as a Train Town for its participation and cooperation with the railroads. He then presented to Acting Mayor Pineda a Train Town sign, a resolution signed by James R. Young, Chairman, granting the title of “Train Town” to West Chicago, and a commemorative coin. Acting Mayor Pineda read the resolution, and thanked Mr. Guerrero for West Chicago being designated a Train Town.

B. Presentation: Railroad Days Parade Winners. The Acting Mayor called upon David Sabathne, President and CEO of the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sabathne thanked all who came out to Railroad Days. He said it takes about a year of planning and he thanked the many volunteers. He and Acting Mayor Pineda presented checks (\$825.00 each) to the West Chicago Lion’s Club, accepted by Fred Bucholz, President; the West Chicago Rotary Club, accepted by Marianne Manna, who thanked the City Council for working with the Chamber and thanked the Chamber on behalf of all the not-for profits; West Chicago Sister Cities, accepted by Melissa Birch, President; and the Fire Foundation, accepted by Deputy Chief Dennis Keefe. These were the not-for-profit organizations that sold pop and water. Mr. Sabathne then presented the Grand Marshall of the Parade, Pearl Marziani, saying they were honored to have her there. He presented her with the Grand Marshall award. Ms. Marziani said she was very honored and really enjoyed the parade. She said it was the first time she did not see all of it as she led the parade and so did the Mayor.

Mr. Sabathne and Acting Mayor Pineda presented the following awards: The Grand Marshal Award was given to the Friends of the City Museum, which was accepted by Peggy Krauch, President. Ms. Krauch invited everyone to the Museum; The Heritage Award was given to the Community District 94 High School Pom Pom Squad, which was accepted by Krystal Kost and four of the Pom Pom Squad members; The Turner Award was presented to the West Chicago Lion’s Club, which was accepted by President Fred Bucholz. He said the Lion’s Club has a long tradition of participation.

Mr. Sabathne said T-shirts this year commemorated the two Mayors who recently passed away: A. Eugene Rennels and Michael B. Kwasman.

The Acting Mayor thanked Mr. Sabathne for all his work.

C. People's Choice Award Winners. The Acting Mayor called upon Heidi Morris, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. Ms. Morris thanked the City Council for their continuing support. She and Ms. Bombard presented ribbons and congratulations to the following winners of the People's Choice Awards:

Fine Arts Photography: 1st Uwe Gsedl*; 2nd Christine Rakow*; 3rd David Toney*
Fine Arts: 2-D Sculpture: 1st LeRoy Fennewalt*; 2nd Tom Obright*; 3rd Wesley Watanabe*
Student: 1st Joe Fabia; Diana Beltran; Molly McGhee
Craft: 1st Dorothy Andrews*; 2nd Tom Obright*; 3rd Judith Horsley*

* Present or represented

Ms. Morris said the artworks would be on display at City Hall. Ms. Bombard said she was proud that the *Chicago Tribune* cited the West Chicago City Museum as the "Pick of the Week."

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2012. Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of July 16, 2012, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the August 6, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,258,387.13. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Acting Mayor Pineda and Alderman 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 item:

A. Approve – The Use of City Right-of-Way, Traffic Control Assistance, Route and Time of the Procession for St. Mary's Walk for the Poor – Scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2012

B. Approve – Frosty Fest Hours of Operation; Closure of City Streets; In-Kind Services and Parade Route – Scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012

C. Approve – The Closure of Main Street, Turner Court and Washington Street and Providing City Staff Support to the Annual Halloween Parade – Scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012

D. Ordinance 12-O-0015 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Trade of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago with Kiesler Police Supply, Inc.

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, 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:

E. Ordinance 12-O-0027 – An Ordinance Approving the City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Tree Removal and Brush Collection Services After the July 1, 2012, Storm Event and Allocating Reserves to Pay for Those Services. Acting Mayor Pineda said the City's costs were \$428,035.49 and the Park District's costs were \$83,277.50 for a total of \$511,312.99.

F. Resolution 12-R-0066 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention - 530 Industrial Drive

G. Resolution 12-R-0067 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain and Stormwater Detention – 1651 Atlantic Drive

H. Resolution 12-R-0068 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain and Stormwater Detention – 1080 Commerce Drive

I. Resolution 12-R-0069 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for West Chicago Assisted Living – 1996 Franciscan Way

J. Resolution 12-R-0070 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Stormwater Detention – 1645 Downs Drive

K. Resolution 12-R-0071 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Geneva Construction Company for Services Related to the Smith Road Quiet Zone Project (for an amount not to exceed \$ 124,911.85)

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, 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. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Stout announced that the National Night Out event would be held tomorrow at Reed-Kepler Park, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. She said there would be a lot of nice displays and we should all “vote crime out of our community.” Acting Mayor Pineda said this has been a successful event for many years and Alderman Stout has been a part of that and he is proud of her. He said our community has done a great job, and people should come join us.

City Clerk Smith said there will be an elections training session on September 7, 2012, at 2:00 pm at the County auditorium. She would like to know who would like to attend.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 7, 2012
- August 13, 2012

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
Development Committee

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:37 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk