

These minutes were approved at the 9/7/10 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
August 16, 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 John Smith 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, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Sandy Dimas was absent. 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, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Assistant Community Development Director John Fincham, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Rejuvenation Award: 413 Joliet.** Assistant Community Development Director Fincham said 413 Joliet Street had been a City code-enforcement nightmare when it was purchased and renovated. It is now a show piece, and the Historical Preservation Commission wished to recognize Thomas Cherrington of Cherrington Design and Building, Inc. with a *Rejuvenation Award*. City Museum Director Bombard said it is always heartwarming to see one of the old properties renovated. Steve Schneider of the Historical Preservation Commission presented the plaque to Mr. Cherrington. Mr. Cherrington said this was his first foray into West Chicago and Mr. Fincham provided him with the information he needed regarding City requirements. Mr. Cherrington said he could not say enough nice things about West Chicago. He plans to locate more houses here for renovation. He also said he liked the City's logo.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) John Kruser, CableCom, Channel 17, announced the following new programs: Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 pm, *National Night Out* from 2008 and 2007; Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm, *Paper Crafting Trends* and at 7:30 pm, *IRM-TV (Illinois Railway Museum TV)*.

2) David Sabathne, President and CEO, West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said besides the Chamber's role working with businesses, it also helps organize, plan, and manage the Railroad Days festival. It has been their pleasure to do this for the past four years, and this year was another success. This could not happen without the City, Fire Department, and Park District. The parade was a great success. Mr. Sabathne recognized the State Bank of Illinois and the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW as some of the sponsors, and John Kruser and the volunteers of CableCom for the tremendous amount of work they do. Mr. Sabathne recognized Merle Burleigh who had always opened up her yard for the parade judges. But this year she was the Grand Marshal. Mayor Kwasman presented her with the special Grand Marshal award, with pleasure. He said Merle was the Grand Marshal for the parade and for this City. The following awards were then presented by the Mayor to representatives of the respective organizations: Grand Marshal award to General Mills (General Mills was the inspiration for the theme of "Nifty at Fifty"); Heritage Award to the Park District for their production of *Annie*; Turner award to Faith Community Church; and two special awards were given to Greg Fichter and Tim Shelly for their work managing and coordinating the stage acts.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Radkiewicz provided an update on getting the Quiet Zone. Patrick Engineering is working on the Ann Street and Smith Road crossings and work should begin in spring 2011. The George Street underpass is proceeding and work should also begin in spring 2011. The Infrastructure Committee is working on the South Aurora Street reconfiguration and this should be presented at the first September City Council meeting. One piece of property needs to be acquired.

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

- August 17, 2010 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- August 23, 2010 Public Affairs Committee
- August 24, 2010 Historical Preservation Commission
- August 26, 2010 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- September 2, 2010 Infrastructure Committee

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the August 16, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 221,969.77. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, 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:**

**A. Resolution 10-R-0073** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement D. Lance Conkright, President of West Chicago Historical Society – 527 Main Street (in an amount not to exceed \$2,627.50) (removed and voted upon separately)

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

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

\* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley read and explained the following item:

**D. Ordinance 10-O-0058** – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 09-O-0067

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

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

**E. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2010

**F. Approve** – Change Order #1 and Final with Powell Tree Care, Inc., for the 2010 Forestry Maintenance Program, for an Increase of \$611.38

**G. Resolution 10-R-0071** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Engineering Services Agreement for the Bikeway – Geneva Spur and Great Western Connector Project with Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$119,742.58)

**H. Resolution 10-R-0075** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – State Bank of Illinois – 600 E. Washington Street (for an amount of \$10,000.00)

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

**9. Reports by Committees.**

From Item 8. A. **Resolution 10-R-0073** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement D. Lance Conkright, President of West Chicago Historical Society – 527 Main Street (in an amount not to exceed \$2,627.50)

Alderman Beifuss recused himself at 7:30 pm, because he is on the Board of Directors of the West Chicago Historical Society. He returned after the vote

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve Resolution 10-R-0073. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy,

John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**A. Denial - Ordinance 10-O-0061** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Section 8.6 of the Zoning Code

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to deny approval of Ordinance 10-O-0061. During discussion, Alderman Pineda said he had requested staff to research ordinances in other communities regarding play sets in the front yard that may be unsafe and unsightly. He would like the Development Committee to look at this item further. Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to table this item to the Development Committee. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, John Smith, Connelly, and Stout. Voting Nay: Aldermen Beifuss, Murphy, Gianforte, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Motion carried. The Mayor said the item will be sent back to the Committee.

**B. Ordinance 10-O-0072** – An Ordinance Denying Lot Coverage Variances for 1108 Elizabeth Street

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adopt Ordinance 10-O-0072. During discussion, the Mayor called upon Aaron Reinke, attorney for the applicant with Konenko and Associates, Ltd, 29W204 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago. Mr. Reinke explained how his client Tomasz Szacilowski, wished to obtain two variances. Mr. Szacilowski bought the house in 2004 at which time it was uninhabitable due to a fire. He has worked hard on it ever since. Unfortunately, he used the incorrect plat of survey when applying for permits. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner provided an update of the City's stance and said a final inspection was never requested. Alderman Pineda said there was extensive discussion on this matter in the committee last week. If a final inspection had been made, problems would have been avoided. Alderman Pineda said Mr. Szacilowski should come into compliance with all the issues. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said tonight saw how the City's Building Department has worked with a developer who bought a piece of property and made it into a pride of West Chicago. There are a lot of properties like this, old and new. The Mayor commended the staff for working and providing customer service, which is one of his goals. The Mayor said West Chicago is the best kept secret in DuPage County and the builder found this out. Everyone who comes to visit West Chicago finds that our assets are the people. They long to make West Chicago better.

The Mayor said they ask Mr. Sabathne every year to work on Railroad Days. Each year it is great and they ask him what he will do the next year. Mr. Sabathne has never failed the City. The Mayor said this is a great party town. People get together for free and meet with family and friends. The Mayor thanked the Chamber, especially Mr. Sabathne, for putting this together and making us proud.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:40 pm, Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, 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