

These minutes were approved at the 10/5/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2009

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 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 H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., and Ruben Pineda were 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. **Public Participation.** The following persons spoke during public participation:

1) Executive Director Sara Phalen and Secretary Anni Holm of *People Made Visible, Inc.*, were there to present Berit Norgaard, the City Museum's third Artist-in-Residence. Ms. Norgaard said *People Made Visible* and the City Museum sponsored her. She spoke of her project, "*If I can Do It, You Can Do It, Too*" wherein she connected people and resources to fulfill wishes. She invited all to the City Museum to submit their wishes.

2) Dirk Enger, DuPage County Board Representative from District 6, provided an update of events and programs at the County level. He also praised the West Chicago Police Department, Chief Goncher and the officers who last week apprehended the escaped convict being searched for by many law enforcement agencies.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

The City Clerk announced the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tales Tombstones Tell program presented by the West Chicago City Museum to be held Friday, October 2, 2009. The program is based on historical fact. Tours start at 6:30 pm.

Alderman Dzierzanowski said he has received e-mails from residents praising the West Chicago Police Department for the apprehension of the convict last week. He said it was so great to see West Chicago in such a beneficial way.

The City Clerk announced that representatives from the West Chicago Sister Cities group would be visiting the Sister City (Taufkirchen/Vils) starting October 1, 2009, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City partnership.

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

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| - September 22, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - September 24, 2009 | Finance Committee                  |
| - September 28, 2009 | Public Affairs Committee           |
| - October 1, 2009    | Infrastructure Committee           |
| - October 2, 2009    | Cultural Arts Commission           |

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to approve the September 21, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 381,803.19. Voting Yea: Aldermen Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, 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:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

**A. Approve – Façade Improvement Funds – 179 W. Washington Street – Not to Exceed \$734.33**

**B. Ordinance 09-O-0048** – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – Railroad Right of Way

**C. Ordinance 09-O-0049** – An Ordinance Approving the Final PUD Plan and Final Plat of Subdivision for Prestonfield Subdivision – Unit 1A

**D. Resolution 09-R-0081** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Easement Encroachment Agreement – 4N113 Doral Drive

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

- \* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report.
- \* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report.
- \* **Finance Committee:** No report, but the Committee will meet this Thursday.
- \* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

**E. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2009

**F. Waive** – The Letter of Credit Requirement for the West Chicago Park District – Pioneer Park Splash Pad Project

**G. Resolution 09-R-0086** – A Resolution of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate

**H. Resolution 09-R-0089** – A Resolution Applying for Community Development Block Grants from DuPage County

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** Alderman Radkiewicz provided an update on Patrick Engineering's plan for noise abatement in connection with Canadian National Railroad.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor spoke about West Chicago's police officers. He said most people do not think of suburban police officers doing what transpired this past Thursday. They are generally thought of in terms of speeding tickets and answering complaints about loud dogs. They do not realize they are well trained, and wake up every morning and go into a dangerous process. They put their lives on the line every day. The training provided under this administration is at a standard that most departments cannot comprehend. These police officers are the same ones that go to domestic situation and make sure children are safe in the schools. The Mayor said individuals who see a West Chicago police officer should shake his hand and thank him for the job he is doing. The Mayor said his career started with helping Alderman John Smith to increase the number of policemen in our town. The Mayor said all the police officers are heroes, not just the three who captured the fugitive. If an individual sees the Chief, thank him for ensuring the police officers are trained well.

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

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:32 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk