

These minutes were approved at the 11/2/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

**CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Regular Meeting

October 19, 2009

- 1. Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dimas 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, 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. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. arrived at 7:13 pm. 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, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Krista Coltrin, also with Marketing and Communications.

At 7:03 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], pending litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Alderman Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately. The regular meeting resumed at 7:18 pm. Roll call found Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Joey Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting present.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Proclamation 503 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of West Chicago Sister Cities Partnership with Taufkirchen (Vils), German.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation 503 (copy attached) in which the Mayor proclaimed recognition, respect, and congratulations to West Chicago Sister Cities on the auspicious occasion of its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in partnership with Taufkirchen (Vils), Germany.

**B. Proclamation 504 – The Illinois Prairie Path.** At the Mayor's request, Alderman Murphy read Proclamation 504 in which the Mayor and the Environmental Commission recognized a rising public discourse regarding the aggressive tree trimming and the elimination of swaths of native vegetation along the Illinois Prairie Path by Commonwealth Edison and its contractor, Asplundh, and that the City of West Chicago supports efforts to protect the trees and trails and with its citizens calls for Commonwealth Edison and the County of DuPage to promptly develop a management plan for IPP vegetation with an emphasis on native plantings and addressing invasive species, and further, the City petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission for a public hearing to be held to discuss and resolve these matters.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

- 1) John Kruser, CableCom, said the Mexican Independence Day Parade would air at 7:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday this week and three times next week.
- 2) Mary Lee Geraghty, Athletes by Design (ABD) Cycle Club, 27W181 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL 60190, thanked the City for supporting the 2009 ABD Fall Fling Bicycle Races. She said she was proud to showcase West Chicago. She said the Prairie was spectacular.
- 3) Don Smith, President, West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, said he was there with Vice President Sandy Buckles, Secretary Melissa Burch, Treasurer Phil Bachelor, and many members of the organization. He reported on the visit to Taufkirchen/Vils October 1-10, 2009, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He said a representative from the US Consulate in Munich attended the celebration and spoke of the virtues of citizen diplomacy. He said there are four Taufkirchens in Germany and provided an explanation of the name, "Taufkirchen/Vils" as meaning the church where baptism occurs and that this particular Taufkirchen is on the River Vils. Taufkirchen/Vils has built a new City Hall and will have a stone plaque commemorating the relationship between West Chicago and Taufkirchen. Mr. Smith said the relationship gets better every time there is a visit, and he thanked the Mayor and Aldermen for this great honor.

## 6. Correspondence and Announcements.

1) Alderman John Smith commended the West Chicago Police Department for its rapid response to a break-in at his garage at 3:00 am in the morning. The three who responded were Officers Rich Langelan, Rick Sauseda, and Adam Reavley.

2) Alderman Dzierzanowski said DuPage County Stormwater would have an Expert Green Building Expo this Friday from 8:00 – 12 pm, at Building 421 of the County complex. Anyone with an interest in green building should plan to attend.

3) City Clerk Smith announced “A Journey Through the 40's, A USO Canteen & Variety Show” to be held this Saturday at the First Congregational Church Building. Veterans from all branches of service will be recognized.

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

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| - October 20, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals      |
| - October 22, 2009 | Finance Committee (cancelled)                |
| - October 28, 2009 | Public Affairs Committee (starts at 6:00 pm) |
| - October 27, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission           |

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to approve the October 19, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 607,628.50. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

## 8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

**A. Ordinance 09-O-0053** – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from ER-1 Estate Residential District to the B-3 Regional Shopping District – 771 W. North Avenue

**B. Ordinance 09-O-0054** – An Ordinance Granting a Variance to Reduce the Minimum Required Lot Size – 771 W. North Avenue

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adopt the 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.

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following item:

**C. Approve** – Frosty Fest 2009 Hours of Operation, Closure of City Streets, and Parade Route

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adopt the 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.

\* **Finance Committee.** No report.

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

**D. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2009

**E. Ordinance 09-O-0052** - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Section 3-10 – Classifications

**F. Ordinance 09-O-0057** - An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment Owned by the City of West Chicago

**G. Resolution 09-R-0098** – A Resolution Providing for the City's Repair of State Highways in West Chicago Which are Opened by the City of West Chicago

**H. Approve – Purchase** of Asphalt Materials, through the DuPage County Joint Purchasing Program, from Plote Construction, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$14,400.00)

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, 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.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** Alderman Radkiewicz provided an update on negotiations with Canadian National.

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor congratulated the Sister Cities Organization, and said what started out as small has grown to where it is now. He said trading ideas across the pond is very admirable, and West Chicago should be very proud. This relationship is about our history and their future and together we can bring peace. That is what Sister Cities was founded for and hopefully we will see it in our lifetime. The Mayor thanked those who went to Taufkirchen/Vils.

**13. Executive Session.** The executive session was held earlier.

**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 Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk