

These minutes were approved at the 12/6/10 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 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 Fuesting 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, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, and Marketing Assistant Krista Coltrin.

#### 5. Public Participation.

**A. Proclamation: Honoring Marianne King.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read a proclamation (copy attached) honoring Marianne King for her dedication to the arts and service on the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission. Ms. King thanked those who had helped throughout the years including Fredericka Howard for always being there, and Museum Director LuAnn Bombard who has been brilliant in her leadership. She thanked the Council, and she thanked the Mayor for his efforts in the formation of Gallery 200 which had been a big dream of hers. She enjoyed her time on the Cultural Arts Commission and only left because of family health issues. Museum Director Bombard then presented an original copy of the Proclamation to Ms. King on behalf of the City.

The following person spoke during public participation: Mr. Ron Ambrose, True Worth Energy, LLC, 184 W. North Avenue, West Chicago, who asked for a reconsideration of his request for a variance for the Shell Station on North Avenue and Route 59. He said the canopies he wished to install would replace the previous ones that were rusted and not safe for his customers. He said since there have been no canopies, business has dropped resulting in less tax money collected for the City.

**B. Presentation: Brilliance in Business Awards.** The Mayor said six outstanding businesses were chosen for 2010 Brilliance in Business Awards. These awards were developed to acknowledge successful projects and business practices, convey appreciation, and showcase them to the greater community. A commemorative video, produced by the City, to promote the contributions they have made to the community was then shown. Crystal vase awards were presented by the Mayor to Natural Healing Whole Dog Wellness, the Small Business of the Year Award, Buck Services, Inc., Economic Development Award, The Jel Sert Company, Green Initiatives Award, Casa Rios Bridal Boutique, Community Service Award, Ball Horticultural Company, Community Image Award, and We Grow Dreams, Outstanding Not for Profit Organization.

#### 6. Correspondence and Announcements.

The City Clerk announced that the *Holiday Celebration for the Community* would be held on December 11, 2010, at the American Legion. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The City Clerk announced that a Blood Drive would be held at the VFW on December 4, 2010, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and invited all to give the gift of life.

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

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| - November 16, 2010 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - November 22, 2010 | Public Affairs Committee                            |
| - November 23, 2010 | Historical Preservation Commission                  |
| - November 25, 2010 | Finance Committee (cancelled)                       |

- December 2, 2010                      Infrastructure Committee

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the November 15, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 691,541.17. 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:** No report

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following item:

**A. Resolution 10-R-0102** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Viking Brothers, Inc., for the Delivery of Aggregate Materials

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adopt the item 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.

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

\* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

**B. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2010

**C. Resolution 10-R-0101** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Wetland Conservation – 2381 Elm Road

**D. Resolution 10-R-0103** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease for 305 Main Street – Keith Parks

**E. Resolution 10-R-0104** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Viktor Domnenko – 108 Main Street

**F. Resolution 10-R-0105** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Ramon Geromini – 146 W. Washington Street

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, 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.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said people will soon be enjoying Thanksgiving dinner and football with their families, but there will be others not so fortunate. He urged everyone to think about them. The food pantries and Wayne and Winfield Township Offices are accepting packages, cash donations, and Adopt-a-Family sponsors. This is critical at this time of year. The more you can do, the more it is appreciated by the people, and you will feel good about it. Now there is something new: homeless veterans. For all they have done for us, they are in harm's way once again. If you go to [www.helpaveteran.org](http://www.helpaveteran.org) there is a list of things they can use in Wheaton at the veterans homeless shelter. There is also a short video of what it is all about. Anything you can do would be appreciated.

On behalf of the City of West Chicago, its Council and staff, the Mayor wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:40 pm, Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. 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. 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