

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 1/24/11

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 22, 2010, 7:00 P.M.

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy present.

Also in attendance were Rosemary Mackey, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications and Joanne Kalchbrenner, Director of Community Development.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of September 27, 2010.** Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting of September 27, 2010 with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations

#### 4. Items for Consent

##### A. **Ordinance No. 10-O-0099 – Revisions to Red Light Automated Traffic Law Enforcement**

Ordinance would be revised to reflect the changed in the law that will take place January 1, 2011.

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 10-O-0100 – Proposed Ordinance Amending the Code to include properties with Rent-to-Own Agreement as Rental Property.**

This ordinance will revise the rental license regulations to include “rent to own” or “contract for deed” agreements in the definition of rental property, and that property owners in these situations would be required to obtain a rental license.

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**C. Resolution No. 10-R-0106 – Authorization to execute a contract with B&F Technical to provide plan review and inspection services**

B&F Technical Codes Services is up for renewal with the new fiscal year. They propose no fee increase in the contract inspection services and will commit to no increase in 2012 if the City agrees to a two year contract. The contract does include a \$35 increase per plan review for a single family homes and additions to cover the cost of reviewing plans for compliance with the energy code.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**D. Resolution No. 10-R-0107 – A Resolution to enter into an Agreement with District #33.**

The Twenty First Century Grant is a program taught by West Chicago Police Department officer to the fifth grade students from School District 33 and Norton Creek Elementary. These funds teach the “Too Good for Drugs” program to at risk students during an after school program. The five (5) year grant provides approximately \$5000 a year in funding. This funding will allow a West Chicago Police Department Too Good for Drugs instructor to deliver the program 2.5 hours a week for 30 weeks each school year during the life of the grant.

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**E. Ordinance No. 10-O-0101 – Ordinance modifying sections of Chapter 4 and Chapter 9, relating to Special Events.**

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**F. Resolution No. 10-R-0112 – Resolution stating the City of West Chicago's Special Events Policy**

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve and direct this item to City Council. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Fuesting, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Smith and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried

**5. Items for Discussion.**

**A. Canadian National Railroad Noise Mitigation Program – 220 George Street, Santiago Residence**

Joanne Kalchbrenner, Director of Community Development, did inform the committee that there is currently \$100,000 left in the program. Chairman Chassee gave staff direction to hold this request until all other pending applications have been reviewed and if any money is left over after twelve months then this request will be revisited.

**B. Crosswalk Memo**

The new crosswalk law in Illinois requires vehicles to stop for pedestrians within the crosswalk. It is not required that a yellow warning sign be placed within any crosswalk for a driver to be in violation of this new law. After further research on crosswalk signs on Main Street at Galena Street and Center Street, it was concluded that these signs would make it difficult for semi-tractor/trailers to maneuver and the signs can easily become damaged.

Rosemary Mackey, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications, suggested to launch a Public Educational Safety Campaign, advertise on the LED sign and address the topic in the Newsletter.

Chairman Chassee asked Joanne Kalchbrenner, Director of Community Development, to reach out to Rob Flatter, Director of Public Works, and inquire about alternative signs and cost for the crosswalk of Main Street.

Updates will be given at the next Public Affairs Meeting on the information and the efforts of promoting Pedestrian Safety.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None.

7. **New Business**

None.

8. **Reports from Staff**

**A. Traffic Management Report by Chief of Police.** Traffic Reports for the months of November and December 2010.

**B. Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety**

9. **Adjournment** Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Fuesting. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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