

These minutes were approved at the 12/20/10 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 6, 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 Beifuss 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 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 Lori J. Chassee was absent. Alderman Sandy Dimas arrived at 7:01. 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 Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Acting Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read the proclamation in which the Mayor proclaimed December 2010 as the Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in West Chicago and called on everyone to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding alcohol and other drugs, not only this holiday season, but throughout the year.

B. Presentation: 4 the People. City Treasurer Earley and Alderman Murphy announced that the *4 the People* just sponsored their 8th Annual Prayer Breakfast. They thanked many who helped out and included a donation to Wheaton Academy (accepted by Nikki Daniels, Director of Development and Communications) to use as a scholarship or however the Academy so chooses. They also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the speaker, Troy Vandyke, and Joel Visker, director of the choral group. The Mayor said the *4 the People* organization started fifteen years ago to help a police referendum pass. It has since grown to collect food for the food pantries and other organizations within West Chicago. The Mayor was proud of friends and neighbors who have taken an interest in *4 the People*.

The following person spoke during public participation:

Marc Poulos, Executive Director of the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting, 6170 Joliet Road, Suite 200, Countryside, IL 60525 (815-254-3332), spoke against the contract the City recently entered into with Municipal Management, LLC. He felt the City entered into the agreement under the incorrect Illinois Statute and did not engage in proper competitive bidding procedures.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

The Mayor announced that the 2011 Friends of the City Museum calendars were now available for sale at \$10.00. They feature all the schools, past and present, in West Chicago.

The City Clerk announced that the 2010 Friends of the City Museum ornaments were for sale. One features St. Michael's Church on the occasion of its 140th anniversary. The other features the West Chicago Fire Department's "The General" the old fire truck that recently carried Santa Claus in the Frosty Fest Parade on Saturday.

The City Clerk announced that the City Museum has opened their exhibit, *All Aboard*, featuring West Chicago railroad depots. The exhibit will be on display for a year and is one that everyone should attend. There is a special area for children that include a ticket booth and other activities of interest to children.

The City Clerk announced that the Holiday Celebration for the Community would be held at the American Legion Hall this Saturday starting at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The City Clerk announced that she attended the State Championship finals for Illinois Cheerleading and Pom Pom squads yesterday in which her great niece was a pom pom participant (and winner). But also in the finals were the 3rd grade cheerleaders from the West Chicago Park District, who won the State Championship in their class.

Alderman Murphy announced that today was Alderman Dimas' birthday. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to her. The Mayor said Alderman Pineda's birthday was coming up soon and he would receive a special present, a new dog. Alderman Pineda said the dog's name would be Vivian for Vivian Vance. Their other dog is Lucy, for Lucy Ricardo.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- December 7, 2010 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- December 13, 2010 Development Committee
- December 14, 2010 Finance Committee (6:00 pm)

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 6, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,264,189.04. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 10-R-0110 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Public Improvements for the Reserves of Prince Crossing Subdivision

B. Resolution 10-R-0111 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Public Improvements for the Manville Oaks Park Watermain Improvement Project

C. Resolution 10-R-0114 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc., for the 1.5MG Elevated Water Storage Tank #1 Project

D. Resolution 10-R-0115 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Between the City of West Chicago and the Illinois Department of Transportation for STP Grant Funding for the Washington Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project

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

* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Radkiewicz read and explained the following items:

E. Ordinance 10-O-0099 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending Chapter 17, article XX Concerning Red Light Automated Traffic Law Enforcement

F. Ordinance 10-O-0100 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Code of Ordinances to Include Property Subject to Rent-to-Own Agreements within the Definition of Rental Property

G. Resolution 10-R-0106 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract between the City of West Chicago and the B&F Technical Code Services Inc., for Plan Review/Inspection Services and Property Maintenance Inspections

H. Resolution 10-R-0107 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with West Chicago Elementary School District #33 for the Teaching of the "Too Good for Drugs" Program After School to At Risk Students

I. Ordinance 10-O-0101 – An Ordinance Modifying Sections of Chapter 4 and Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Special Events

J. Ordinance 10-O-0112 – An Ordinance Stating the City of West Chicago's Special Events Policy

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

* **Finance Committee:** No Report

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

K. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2010

L. Approve – Appointment of Frank J. Lannes to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for Term Ending April 2015

M. Resolution 10-R-0108 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Watermain – 300 Charles Court

N. Resolution 10-R-0109 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Easements for Stormwater Detention Watermain and Utilities – 643 E. Washington Street

O. Resolution 10-R-0113 – A Resolution Approving a Plat of Right-of-Way Vacation – Portion of Alley between Ann and Blair Streets West of Sherman Street

P. Ordinance 10-O-0105 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Property – Vacated Alley Right-of-Way between Ann and Blair Streets West of Sherman Street

Q. Ordinance 10-O-0102 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1S260 Joliet Street

R. Ordinance 10-O-0103 – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1 Estate Residential District to the R-3 Single Family Residence District – 1S260 Joliet Street

S. Ordinance 10-O-0104 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Planned Unit Development and Church – 1S260 Joliet Street – Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen 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. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk administered the oath of office to Frank J. Lannes to be on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for Term Ending April 2015.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said this past week-end was Frosty Fest and he thanked Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey and her staff for such a successful event. He also thanked the City of West Chicago workers for the lighting show and ensuring a beautiful event in downtown. There were three winners of the essay contest and the Mayor read the essays from Wegner School fifth grader Emily Pictura who

said her favorite wintertime activity in West Chicago is sledding. Pioneer School fifth grader Dayanne Romero said her favorite wintertime activity is building a snowman, and Wegner School second grader Christina Champagna said her favorite wintertime activities are at Frosty Fest: sleigh rides and the Christmas tree.

The Mayor said he visited their classes and a class assignment was to write to the Mayor. The Mayor had each Aldermen and the City Clerk read a letter from the children. Some of the ideas expressed were suggestions for more places for children's activities, and an ice ring; one said she loved the activities at the Library. One enjoyed living in the same neighborhood as the Mayor and wanted to be like him when he grew up. Another wanted a network where it tells where food can be found; he also wanted to help with Toys for Tots, Run for the Children, and have places for the homeless and *4 the People* food pantries. Other items the children wanted were a Kite Day at Reed-Keppler Park, better school education, a community garden, more trees in downtown, a basketball court in west Chicago, a dog park, an annual marathon arranged by the City Council, a fishing pond or lake, more plants in West Chicago, healthy food in the cafeteria, and a hill for snowboarding. One promised to be a good citizen. The Mayor said the results of the letters really show that the children are interested in West Chicago. These fifth graders will be the replacements for the City Council. He wanted the Council to see what they these children are interested in, and to see the City through their eyes. He said the City will be in great hands. The children care.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:45 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk