

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
475 MAIN STREET, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Invocation**
- 4. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum**
- 5. Public Participation**
 - **Presentation of Four Lifesaving Awards**
 - **Officer Jonathon Jones**
 - **Officer Jeffrey Moos**
 - **Jacob Schroeder**
 - **Brian Donlan**
 - **Certificate Presentation on Behalf of Special Olympics**
- 6. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2015**
- 7. Corporate Disbursement Report
- March 2, 2015 (\$463,355.05)**
- 8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote:**
 - **Public Affairs Committee:**
 - (A) Ordinance No. 15-O-0008 – An Amendment to the City Code Regarding the Licensing of Precious Metals Dealers – Reducing the Number of Licenses.**
 - (B) Approve the 2015 Blooming Fest Event on May 16, 2015, including the closure of Galena Street from Main Street to Tye Court on May 15, 2015, the closure of Main Street from West Washington Street to Chicago Street on May 16, 2015, Allowing Event Signs in the Right-of-Way and Providing Police and Public Works Labor Services at No Charge.**
 - (C) Approve St. Mary's Parish's Stations of the Cross Event on April 3, 2015.**
 - (D) Resolution No. 15-R-0012 – A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for the 2015 Railroad Days Festival – Parade and Fireworks.**

- **Finance Committee:**

(E) Ordinance No. 15-O-0007 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2015 and Ending December 31, 2015 and Adopted by Ordinance No. 14-O-0030 - Project Carryover.

(F) Ordinance No. 15-O-0009 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Economic Incentive Agreement – Wise Plastics Technologies.

- **Items Not Sent to Committee**

(G) Resolution No. 15-R-0013 – A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) and Authorizing the City Administrator to Approve a Contract with the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider.

9. **Reports by Committee**

10. **Unfinished Business**

11. **New Business**

12. **Correspondence and Announcements**

March 2, 2015 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
March 5, 2015 Infrastructure Committee
March 5, 2015 Cultural Arts Commission
March 9, 2015 Development Committee

13. **Mayor's Comments**

14. **Executive Session**

- A. Land Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5) (6)
- B. Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11)
- C. Personnel Matters – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)
- D. Review of Official Record – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21)

15. **Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session.**

16. **Adjournment**

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2015

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., Donald F. Earley, James Smith, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Mark Edwalds, John F. Banas, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, Kurt Meissner, and Rebecca Stout were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during Public Participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2015.** Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.
7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Edwalds, to approve the February 16, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,021,616.78. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

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

- A. Purchase of One Henderson FSH2 Dual Auger 304 Stainless Steel V-Box Salt Spreader with Dual 75 Gallon Tank Mounted Pre-Wet Dispensing System and One Henderson SnowFoe® RSP 11' Reversible Snow Plow from Henderson Truck Equipment— Illinois of Gilberts, Illinois (for an amount not to exceed \$36,262.00)
- B. **Ordinance 15-O-0005** – Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-5, of the Municipal Code for the Purpose of Excluding Ginkgo, Pear, and Ash Trees from the City's Approved Tree Planting List
- C. **Resolution 15-R-0006** – A Resolution for the Maintenance of Streets and Highways by the City of West Chicago Relating to the FY 2015 MFT Estimate of Maintenance Costs
- D. **Resolution 15-R-0007** – Contract Award – Swallow Construction Corporation for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project – Stage 1 (for an amount not to exceed \$186,862.10)
- E. **Resolution 15-R-0008** – Contract Award – RJN Group, Inc. for Construction Oversight Services Related to the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - Stage 1 (for an amount not to exceed \$25,050.00)
- F. **Resolution 15-R-0009** – Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Development Security – Ball Horticultural Premier Laboratory Building Addition Project, 622 Town Road
- G. **Resolution 15-R-0010** – Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Development Security – AutoZone, 314 S. Neltner Boulevard

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

H. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of John Symowiez to the Environmental Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2018

I. Concur - with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Michael Ferguson to the Environmental Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2018

J. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Kristine Zimmerman to the Environmental Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2018

K. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of David Faught to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Expiring in April 2019

L. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Michael Schafer to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Expiring in April 2019

M. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Heidi Morris to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2019

N. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Bill Andrews to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2018

O. Concur – with the Mayor's Re-appointment of Richard Vigsnes to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Expiring in April 2018

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, James Smith, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, John Smith, Edwalds, Banas, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 17, 2015	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- February 23, 2015	Public Affairs Committee
- February 24, 2015	Historical Preservation Commission
- February 26, 2015	Finance Committee

The Mayor announced the Bowling for Diabetes fundraiser for childhood diabetes would be held at Bowling Green on February 27, 2015, with rounds at 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The cost of \$20.00 per person covers shoe rental, unlimited bowling, and food. There will also be raffles. He urged everyone to come out.

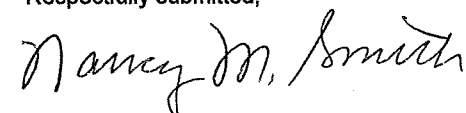
13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor noted that the weather was extremely cold out this week. He wanted to ensure that everyone would be careful and stay indoors as much as possible, but there should be emergency gear in vehicles. There are warming stations in West Chicago, one of them being the Library. If anyone has an emergency, they should call 911.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:12 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance No. 15-O-0008 - Amendment to the City Code Regarding the Licensing of Precious Metals Dealers

AGENDA NO. 8A

FILE NO. _____

AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2015

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2015

STAFF REVIEW: Michael Uplegger, Acting Chief of Police

SIGNATURE _____

APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR Michael Guttman

SIGNATURE _____

ITEM SUMMARY:

In 2012, the City Council adopted an Ordinance requiring pawnbrokers and precious metals dealers (e.g. cash-for-gold establishments) to become licensed. Periodically, the City Council has adjusted the number of licenses to reflect the number of precious metals dealers operating within the City. While there were two precious metals dealers businesses at the time the Ordinance was last amended, one of the two remaining, Flash Enterprises, has since chosen not to be a precious metals dealer.

Since there is currently only one precious metals dealer operating within our corporate limits, staff recommends amending Chapter 9, Article IV, Section 9-67 (Number of Licenses; fees) by reducing the number of available precious metals dealers' licenses to one. The remaining precious metals dealer is: Gloria's Jewelry.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 15-O-0008

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Affairs unanimously recommends approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-0008.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE: 2015 Blooming Fest

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 813

FILE NUMBER: _____

COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2015

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2015

STAFF REVIEW: Krista Coltrin

SIGNATURE Krista Coltrin

APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

SIGNATURE _____

ITEM SUMMARY:

West Chicago Blooming Fest is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include the West Chicago Garden Club's plant sale, other plant vendors, a craft sale, local music/entertainment, food vendors, a car display and more.

The Blooming Fest Committee is proposing a revision to the event layout which is different than previous years. The event boundary on Main Street would be extended southeast to include the Fox Community Center, 306 Main Street, as a location for the 2nd Annual Arteculture Exhibit. The extended road closure would also include the location of the car show, additional vendor booth spaces and children's activities. These activities were previously located on Fremont Street.

Several measures have been taken to address parking concerns. To accommodate access to parking for downtown residents, Library patrons and visitors to the event, proximity to the entertainment stage for participants and re-entry onto Main Street for vendor booth removal, access to Turner Court will be available via W. Washington Street during the hours of the event. On-street parking will be available again this year along one side of the detour route (Chicago Street and Fulton Street), with restrictions near intersections where clearance is necessary for emergency vehicles. Permission has been granted again this year for the use of the Water's Edge Bible Church parking lots at Chicago Street and S. Oakwood Avenue. The City-owned lot on Fremont Street as well as the Metra and City Hall lots will also be marked as event parking. Permission has also been received from Republic Bank to make several handicapped parking spots available in the Bank's parking lot along Tye Court as well as several additional handicapped spots positioned on Main Street between Chicago and Center Streets.

Additionally, representatives of Healthy West Chicago (HWC) will officially launch the campaign at Blooming Fest by hosting a booth to provide information gathered from the community through surveys and forums which resulted in the HWC Action Plan. Health and wellness enthusiasts/service providers, with an emphasis on community gardening, a new Farmer's Market and opportunities for increased physical activity will be on-hand. Partnering organizations will be invited to participate, free of charge, as representatives of the HWC initiative. A series of kiosk-type booth spaces coordinated with HWC initiative signage will be dotted throughout the event and will not impact the traditional revenue-producing vendor spaces.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

- approval to close Galena Street from Main Street to Tye Court from 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015. The Fire District does not object to the closure provided there is an emergency lane available adequate for fire truck access.
- approval to close Main Street from W. Washington Street to Chicago Street on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 5:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. ~ again, keeping adequate clearance for emergency vehicles to navigate.
- permission for City and the West Chicago Garden Club to use the public right-of-way for the posting of signs promoting the annual plant sale in conjunction with Blooming Fest.
- use of City services; police and public works.
- approval to be contingent on the satisfaction of liability issues and an emergency plan.

A map of the proposed street closures is included.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends approval of Blooming Fest as proposed.

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Public Affairs Committee AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE: St. Mary's Church Living Stations of the Cross

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8C

FILE NUMBER: _____

COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2015

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2015

STAFF REVIEW: Krista Coltrin

SIGNATURE Krista Coltrin

APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

SIGNATURE _____

ITEM SUMMARY:

St. Mary's Church is organizing a procession – Stations of the Cross - beginning at noon until approximately 5:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3, 2015. Participants will gather in front of the Church and gradually move to the vacant lot on Garden Street. (see attached map)

St. Mary's is requesting the closure of N. Oakwood Avenue between E. York Avenue and Virgie Place. St. Mary's requests the drop-off of barricades by Public Works for their volunteers to position on the route. They are anticipating approximately 500 participants.

A certificate of insurance naming the City of West Chicago as additionally insured has been received from St. Mary's Church.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Recommend for approval:

- 1) The route and times of the procession
- 2) Use of City right-of-way including street and sidewalks
- 3) Public Works barricades

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends approval of St. Mary's Church Living Stations of the Cross as proposed.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE: Railroad Days 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8D

FILE NUMBER: _____

COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2015
COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: March 2, 2015

STAFF REVIEW: Krista Coltrin

SIGNATURE _____

APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Michael Guttman

SIGNATURE _____

ITEM SUMMARY:

At the January 26, 2015 Public Affairs Committee meeting, staff was directed to work with the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce to draft a proposal for Railroad Days 2015 reduced to one day of entertainment followed by a fireworks display on Saturday, and a parade on Sunday.

Subsequent discussions with representatives from the Park District and the Police Department resulted in a determination that no suitable venue currently exists for entertainment. Details of the considered locations follow:

- **Reed-Keppler Park:**

1. An open area directly north and adjacent to the ARC Center was initially discussed and agreed upon, but later rejected by the Park District due to the significant expense of ongoing turf restoration following the construction of the ARC Center.
2. The proposed option of the southeast corner of the Park at Arbor Avenue and National Street was rejected by the Park District.

- **Kress Creek Farm (Manville Oaks Park):**

After further consideration of the open area west of Joliet Street and north of Wilson Street, Police Department management staff raised significant concerns related to safety due to the lack of pedestrian access, lack of parking, traffic along Joliet Street, and proximity to Kress Creek.

Discussion of the presentation of a fireworks display, which contractually must take place on or before July 12, 2015, yielded the following options pending Park District Board approval and issuance of a fireworks permit:

- Same location as proposed in 2014 (the southwestern portion of Reed-Keppler Park adjacent to the Illinois Prairie Path and near the anticipated construction of the indoor training facility)
- City-owned property located West of Fremont Street and north of West Washington Street

Associated costs with coordination and management of a fireworks display by the Chamber are estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for insurance and between \$1,250 and \$2,000 for labor.

There are no issues relating to the parade component of the Committee's directive. While the original funding agreement specifies Sunday, July 12, 2015, there are no constraints in rescheduling it to another date, if preferred. The Chamber indicates that the associated costs would include approximately \$8,000 for participating units. Labor costs associated with coordination and management of the parade by the Chamber are estimated to be between \$6,250 and \$7,500.

The Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce has provided a proposal for fireworks and a parade, which is attached. Also included, per Committee direction, is documentation of Chamber expenses incurred to date for Railroad Days 2015.

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ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Provide direction to staff regarding:

- Does the Committee concur that elimination of the entertainment component is necessary in light of there not being a location available for such?
- When does the Committee want the fireworks display to take place and at which of the two locations detailed earlier? If a date other than the traditional Saturday date in July is chosen, staff could talk to other taxing bodies to see if such could be done in conjunction with one of their events. Does the Committee concur with paying the \$4,500 in expenses projected by the Chamber to coordinate the fireworks display? If not, how much is recommended or should another coordinator be sought?
- Does the Committee still want to provide a parade and, if so, when should it be held and is the \$15,500 cost proposed by the Chamber acceptable?
- Does the Committee agree to pay the \$15,000 in expense that the Chamber indicates is due to it for costs it has already indicated prepaying for the four-day 2015 Railroad Days event? If not, how much does the Committee recommend be paid?

The Committee's recommendations will be discussed by the City Council at its March 2, 2015 meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee unanimously recommended approval of the parameters detailed in Resolution No. 15-R-0012.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-0012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE
2015 RAILROAD DAYS FESTIVAL – PARADE AND FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce (hereinafter the "Chamber") and the City of West Chicago (hereinafter the "City") entered into a Funding Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") in 2012 that provided for the Chamber coordinating the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Railroad Days Festivals (hereinafter the "Festival"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement dictated that the Festival take place at Reed-Keppler Park; and

WHEREAS, the Festival cannot take place in Reed-Keppler Park in 2015; and

WHEREAS, there is not another acceptable location for the Festival to occur and contain all of the required components as contained in Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the West Chicago City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the community to at least pay for a parade and fireworks (for which have already been paid due to their cancellation in 2014).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, as follows:

- (1) The fireworks display will be scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2015 with a rain date of Sunday, July 12, 2015 and will be held at Reed-Keppler Park. The City will find volunteers to assist. The Chamber shall provide an invoice and copy of its check for the added insurance costs associated with this event. The City will reimburse the Chamber for this cost.
- (2) The parade will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015. The City will reimburse the Chamber up to \$8,000 for parade participants. The Chamber shall provide invoices and copies of its checks for the paid parade participants. The City will pay the Chamber \$7,500 to coordinate this component of the Festival in August 2015.
- (3) The City will pay the Chamber \$9,750 for its labor to date associated with coordinating the Festival in March 2015.
- (4) The City will reimburse the Chamber up to \$1,000 for work already completed by Flying Dinosaur Entertainment to secure entertainment. Once the Chamber provides an invoice and copy of its check, it will be reimbursed after a subsequent City Council meeting.

- (5) The Chamber will use its best efforts to cancel its contract with the Ides of March. However, should the Ides of March hold the Chamber to paying 50% of the contract value, then the City will reimburse the Chamber \$4,250. Once the Chamber provides an invoice and copy of its check, it will be reimbursed at a subsequent City Council meeting.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March 2015.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Mayor Ruben Pineda

ATTEST:

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance No. 15-O-0007 – Project Carryover Budget Amendment

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:8E**FILE NUMBER:****COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE:** February 26, 2015**COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** March 2, 2015**STAFF REVIEW:****SIGNATURE** _____**APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR:****SIGNATURE** _____**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The attached Budget Amendment accounts for eleven projects that the City Council approved but were not completed during the 2014 fiscal year (listed in Exhibit A), eight vehicles that were ordered but have not yet been received as well as the settlement of litigation.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 15-O-0007.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Finance Committee unanimously recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 15-O-0007.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:

Economic Incentive Agreement
1601 W. Hawthorne
Wise Plastics Technologies

Ordinance No. 15-O-0009

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 8F**FILE NUMBER:** _____**COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE:** February 26, 2015**COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** March 2, 2015**STAFF REVIEW:** John D. Said**SIGNATURE** _____**APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR:** Michael Guttman**SIGNATURE** _____**ITEM SUMMARY:**

The subject company, Wise Plastics Technologies, is requesting economic incentives to financially assist its plans to open a manufacturing facility at 1601 W. Hawthorne. The Economic Incentive Agreement, as prepared by City staff with the concurrence of Wise Plastics, includes building permit fee exemptions and municipal utility tax rebates.

The duration of the Agreement is ten (10) years, with stipulations that the agreement will only begin once final occupancy is granted for the building. The municipal utility tax rebates will be provided in two stages. The City will provide a 100% rebate for the first five years of the agreement, and a 50% rebate for the remaining five years. Total benefits for all incentives shall not exceed \$200,000.

In order to ensure the long-term presence and success of Wise, and to ensure appropriate use of incentives, the Agreement also includes stipulations that Wise must adhere to. Wise must maintain an ongoing business presence in West Chicago, including active operations of at least 50,000 square feet. While they will locate at 1601 W. Hawthorne, the Agreement allows Wise the flexibility to locate anywhere within West Chicago. Wise will also be required to create sixty (60) full-time equivalent positions to work at the West Chicago location. Wise will be required to provide documentation to verify their compliance with these stipulations.

Wise Plastics Technologies is a privately-held company that currently employs approximately 250 people at its facility in St. Charles. Wise, which has been in business since 1974, is a manufacturer of custom injection molding, providing products to the medical industry, electronics, lighting, defense, automotive and other areas. Their continued expansion, especially in the medical industry, necessitates growth into an additional facility and recruitment of a large new workforce in West Chicago.

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 15-O-0009 regarding an Economic Incentive Agreement with Wise Plastics Technologies.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

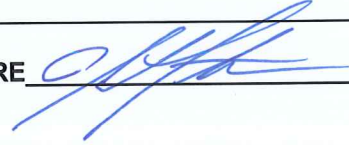
At its February 26, 2015 meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval of Ordinance No. 15-O-0009.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution No. 15-R-0013 - Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Supply of Electricity

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:8G**COMMITTEE AGENDA DATE:****COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** March 2, 2015**STAFF REVIEW:** Robert E. Flatter, P.E., Public Works Director**SIGNATURE****APPROVED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR:** Michael L. Guttman**SIGNATURE****ITEM SUMMARY:**

Since January 2007, as a result of the electric utility deregulation law passed by the State of Illinois in 1997, the City of West Chicago has contracted for the supply of electricity from a third party supplier for electric to be supplied to the City's Water Treatment Plant, all Well Stations, and all Sanitary Lift Stations. The distribution of electric continues to be provided by ComEd.

Working with David Hoover, who formed a collaborative known as NIMEC that represents multiple municipalities; alternative pricing is obtained via competitive bid from three third party electric suppliers. In the past, the competitive bids were then compared with ComEd's rates to determine which pricing yields the most significant savings for the City. Now, however, ComEd no longer offers fixed rates for medium and large accounts like ours. Therefore, the City is forced to seek competitive bids or pay ComEd's floating rate, which is not recommended, as the floating rates are inflated and change hourly.

As a result of NIMEC's services, in October 2006 the City executed a 17 month contract (January 2007 thru May 2008) with Constellation NewEnergy. In August 2008 the City executed a three year contract (June 2008 thru May 2012) with Exelon Energy Company. In March 2012 the City executed a three year contract (June 2012 thru May 2015) with Exelon Energy Company for 0.04374 \$/kWh; the existing contract expired on May 31, 2015.

Again, NIMEC is representing the interest of several municipalities and seeking alternative pricing from three third party electric suppliers. As electricity is now a commodity that is market driven, it can change from day to day and hour to hour. Therefore, once the competitive bid prices are received, the City will need to make an immediate decision and enter into an agreement with the lowest cost supplier on the day of the bid. What this means is that the City Council, like it did on the previous three occasions, would need to authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract with the lowest cost supplier. The Infrastructure Committee would then subsequently review and the City Council would then have to formally approve the low bid award afterwards (similar to an emergency purchase). In addition, this pricing would just be for electricity for the Water Treatment Plant, all Well Stations, and all Sanitary Lift Stations. CH2MHill OMI is now responsible for electric service at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant; however, it has also participating in the NIMEC bidding process.

NIMEC has indicated that they will seek bids in March 2015, with the exact date of the bid being dictated by market conditions. NIMEC has indicated that they plan to seek bids within days of receiving authorization from the City; however, if rates are flat and dropping, NIMEC will postpone the bid date in

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hopes of obtaining the lowest possible rates for the City. If rates appear to be turning upward, NIMEC will provide a four day notice and seek bids. NIMEC will seek and receive bids from three pre-qualified suppliers (i.e., Dynegy, Constellation, and MC Squared); one for twelve months and one for 24 months. The City will then be able to choose the best term. In the past, NIMEC has sought 36 month pricing, but regulated costs jump precipitously in year 3 so the 2 year pricing is much more attractive.

Based on other bids NIMEC has recently received, the yearly rate is approximately 0.057 \$/kWh and the 2 year fixed rate is approximately 0.054 \$/kWh. Given the multi-year trend for lower yearly fixed pricing, but pending the results of the actual NIMEC bid, staff will likely recommend that the City Council approve a contract with a third party supplier for the 2 year period of June 2015 thru May 2017 (24 months).

ACTIONS PROPOSED:

Approve Resolution No. 15-R-0012

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

This item could not go to Committee due to the timing of NIMEC's bid and the need to gain Council authorization to enter into a contract with a third party energy supplier prior to such.

With approval from the Infrastructure Committee Chairman, this agenda item is being presented directly to City Council for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R-0013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE A CONTRACT
WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2007, the State of Illinois implemented a plan to deregulate the electricity supply business in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, under the aforementioned deregulation plan, Commonwealth Edison will no longer generate fixed rate electricity for its medium and large customers, but will continue to provide electric power through its distribution system; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this deregulation, electricity will be purchased based on market price and Exelon, the parent company of Commonwealth Edison, will no longer be the sole supplier of electricity in Northern Illinois, resulting in new electricity suppliers being able to compete with Exelon, and competitive market forces dictating the price of electricity; and,

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2014, the City of West Chicago (hereafter "City") spent over \$445,000 on electricity for water production, distribution and treatment and sanitary lift stations; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Illinois are looking at ways to enter the market to purchase electric power in order to mitigate some of the economic impact of these rising rates, which on a practical basis, can best be accomplished by using a third party who will serve as a broker for the municipalities and has the knowledge and experience to seek bids from the various electricity providers; and,

WHEREAS, since our existing contract with Exelon Energy Company is due to expire on May 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, if the City does not select a third party provider, Commonwealth Edison will become the default provider of electricity under a floating rate that changes hourly; and,

WHEREAS, the City had been working with the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) and for a one time previously paid fee of \$100, the City has no further obligations to this broker, which company's fees are built into the prices bid by the electricity supplier and equal approximately \$0.00125 per kilowatt hour (as would be the case with any broker); and,

WHEREAS, due to the bidding procedures required for commodities such as electricity, the City Administrator will need to have the authority to sign a contract with the electricity provider which is deemed most favorable for the City within hours of being received by NIMEC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST CHICAGO, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That NIMEC is hereby appointed as the City's broker for purposes of obtaining a supply of electricity for the City's needs, and the City Administrator is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to establish said broker relationship.

Section 2. That NIMEC, as broker for the City, is authorized to discuss and negotiate energy rates directly with suppliers in an effort to secure the lowest energy cost for the City of West Chicago.

Section 3. That in light of the time constraints applicable to the acceptance of a competitive bid for a supply of electricity, once the bids are received by NIMEC, the City Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the contract with the lowest bidder.

Section 4. That, if the criterion in Section 3 is met, the City Administrator shall place said contract on the Consent Agenda at the first available Infrastructure Committee and subsequent City Council meeting following his execution of the documents, so that the City Council can then officially approve the contract.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2015.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk