

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved October 5, 2015

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll Call found Earley, Banas, Hallett, and Birch.

Alderman Meissner joined the committee at 6:15pm.

Alderman Edwalds was not present.

Also in attendance were Mayor Pineda, City Administrator Michael Guttman; Rosemary Mackey, Marketing and Communications Coordinator; Valeria Lopez, Public Information Officer; Dave Sabathne, President of the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce; Sara Phalen, Museum Director/Curator; Fernando Ramirez, President of the Mexican Cultural Center.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Public Affairs Committee of June 22, 2015. Alderman Earley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting with no changes. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, and Birch. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. Final Railroad Days Report from the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce.

B. Marilyn Kroll, a resident of West Chicago, proposed to have an Open House for the Chief of Police Michael Uplegger at the police department possibly in the fall. Chairman Chassee thanked Ms. Kroll for the proposed idea and would look into it.

4. Items for Discussion.

A. Healthy West Chicago Initiative. The committee gave a recommendation to fund a facilitator for the first year of the program with 30K and to continue utilizing their time and efforts on behalf of the West Chicago.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, and Birch. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. 2016 Railroad Days. The committee gave direction to staff to proceed with the research of the two locations for the event and give preliminary costs at the next Public Affairs meeting.

5. Items for Consent.

A. Halloween Parade – City Museum. Alderman Birch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Meissner to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, Birch and Meissner. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Fall Fling Races – ABD Cycle Club. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, Birch and Meissner. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. Amendments to the 2015 Mexican Independence Day Event/Funding Agreement. Alderman Birch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, Birch and Meissner. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

D. ABD Cycle Club Bicycle Training Criteriums. Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Earley, Banas, Hallett, Birch and Meissner. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

6. Unfinished Business.

7. New Business.

A. Alderman Meissner asked if it was possible to put up more bike racks around the city. Rosemary Mackey informed staff that the Infrastructure Committee and Cultural Commission will be looking into this topic in the September meeting.

B. Chairman Chassee asked Chief Uplegger to research neighboring communities if they have encountered any parking concerns in residential neighborhoods where businesses are adjacent to them and what type of enforcement do they have, if any. Chief Uplegger informed staff that he would research this concern and present it at the next meeting.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Traffic Management Reports.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Earley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Meissner. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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