

These minutes were approved at the 10/5/15 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 21, 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 Sheahan 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., Donald F. Earley, Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, and John F. Banas present. Alderman Noreen Ligino-Kubinski arrived at 7:23 pm. Aldermen Mark Edwalds and Rebecca Stout were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Sean Conway, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Police Commander Eric Shipman.

5. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Marilyn Kroll, West Chicago, spoke of being a member of the League of Women Voters. She attended a League event downtown and rode in an elevator with Patrick Kennedy who said the League was instrumental in his re-election. He was very gracious. Ms. Kroll said she believes in bi-partisanship. She would like to organize an event to honor the new Police Chief. Ms. Kroll thanked the City Council and City Clerk. She has been in a learning process since she ran for Clerk in 2012. She wants to be a good citizen and make a difference in this great City of West Chicago.

A. Presentation: Sister Cities. Becky Hall, President of the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization, recited the mission statement of Sister Cities and said the organization facilitates relationships between West Chicago and Taufkirchen (Vils). The Mayor was part of the latest trip to Taufkirchen and had spoken about his trip to the Council at the previous meeting. She then presented a slide show of the visit. Ms. Hall thanked Uwe Gsedl for putting together the slide show. Ms. Hall said the Organization wants each member of the City Council and others to make a trip to Taufkirchen and have their own memories. The Mayor said he could not say enough about the Sister City which is absolutely gorgeous. He said he was fortunate to stay with the Mayor and his wife in their Bed and Breakfast. The Mayor then showed a large painting of the water castle in Taufkirchen which had been presented to him by an artist in Taufkirchen. The painting will be framed and hung in the hallway never the Sister City display.

B. Presentation: Strategic Plan – Community Outreach Summary. Drew Awsumb of Houseal Lavigne Associates presented a quick status report of what has been accomplished to date with the Strategic Plan. They have conducted extensive outreach. So far they have identified eleven main issues and opportunities. The next step is to draft goals and objectives and determine how to reach those considering finances and timeframes. They hope to have a document ready by the end of the year so the City could use the information for 2016 planning and implementation. When the Mayor asked for comments, Alderman Chassee said she was happy to see this initial step completed and was looking forward to digging deeper into the issues and going to the next step. Alderman Meissner said the process has generated a lot of conversation among people with whom he has spoken. It is good for the City. The Mayor said the plan will give the City direction and will consist of working with the downtown redevelopment and Healthy West Chicago. The Mayor would like the whole community involved and would like more input from the Latino population. Their opinions and ideas are needed to take the next step. The Mayor suggested knocking on doors and talking with them one on one. City Administrator Guttman said the business forum was not well attended, but good results were received from Latino businesses.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015. Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch,

Smith, Meissner, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Alderman Chassee abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to approve the September 21, 2015, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$575,374.74. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Ordinance 15-O-0032 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Cartage and Freight Terminal – 1201 W. Washington Street

B. Ordinance 15-O-0033 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for a Place of Worship – 113 Turner Court

C. Ordinance 15-O-0034 – An Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to the Preliminary PUD Plan of Lots 2 through 4 of the Jigged Ventures Subdivision and Approving a First Amendment to the Final PUD for Lots 1 through 3 in the Jigged Ventures Resubdivision – Roosevelt Road between Town and Pearl Roads

D. Ordinance 15-O-0035 – An Ordinance Granting a Certain Waiver to Section 7.13, Design Standards and Review, of the Zoning Code – 243 W. Roosevelt Road – Bowling Green Sports Center

E. Resolution 15-R-0048 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Community High School District 94 – 157 W. Washington Street

F. Resolution 15-R-0049 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – Hiren Patel of Salud Dental LLC – 334 S. Neltor Boulevard, Unit G

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch, to adopt the above items. During discussion, for item 8.D., Alderman Chassee said she had not been able to attend the Development Committee meeting, but wondered about the thought process that went into approving this waiver. Alderman Beifuss explained what the waiver was for and said it was in the best interest of the City to provide the waiver to the applicant. The applicant did appear twice and this is the third meeting. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

G. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Vince Malina to the Historical Preservation Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending in April 2016

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Earley, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Birch, Smith, Meissner, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - September 22, 2015 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - September 24, 2015` | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - September 28, 2015 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - October 1, 2015 | Infrastructure Committee |

Alderman Dimas read a letter (copy attached) directed to the West Chicago Police Department written by Julia Dimas praising the police. (Alderman Dimas said she did not have anything to do with the letter.) Mayor Pineda said it was a wonderful letter and directed that it be included in the minutes.

13. Mayor's Comments.

The Mayor said there was a great turnout for the Mexican Independence Day event – one of the better attended ones. It did not rain. The food vendors were back, there was a great parade, and a lot of things happening. Hopefully this event will continue on.

The Mayor was glad that the Sister Cities Organization came in. He would like to see more people involved, especially the younger crowd. German visitors will probably be here next year.

The Mayor praised the Strategic Plan presentation, saying we need to know what we need to do. He wants people to speak well of West Chicago and have people want to come live here and raise their families.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:55 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk