

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 12/10/15

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE November 12, 2015 6:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen Dimas, Sheahan, Stout and Grodoski present. Aldermen Chassee, Meissner and Kubinski were absent.

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Michael Guttman, Administrative Services Department Director Linda Martin and Assistant Administrative Services Director Nikki Giles.

Also in attendance: Matt Beran, Lauterbach and Amen LLP.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Finance Committee June 9, 2015.

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Grodoski seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. The 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) was distributed to each Committee member. Matt Beran, representative from the auditing firm of Lauterbach and Amen, gave a short presentation highlighting important aspects of the 2014 CAFR. He welcomed questions regarding the audit document. The Committee had no questions and was satisfied with the presentation. Committee Chairman Dimas thanked staff for the hard work that was put into producing the 2014 audit document.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Resolution No. 15-R-0053 – A Resolution Renewing a Lease Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Fire Protection District for 509 Church Street.

B. Ordinance No. 15-O-0038 – 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 Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 14-O-0030.

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Sheahan seconded a motion to recommend to City Council the approval of Consent Items A. and B. The motion was approved by voice vote.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Impact and Permit Fees for West Chicago Environmental Response Trust (WCERT) Project.

Alderman Grodoski spoke of the hardship residents in her District felt, as the fees for sanitary sewer hook-up would be costly. She asked, on behalf of her constituents, if the City could possibly waive the fees. Alderman Dimas stated that the hook-up was not mandatory and therefore the decision to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system is the responsibility of the homeowner. Fees should not be waived. The Committee agreed that waiving fees would set a precedent, as they have not been waived in the past, and the cost incurred would be unfairly passed on to all City residents.

Alderman Dimas also stated that as part of the Kerr-McGee cleanup, the installation of a new water main enabled drinking water to be supplied to these properties and that cost was not passed on to the property owners. She further stated that the option of a sanitary sewer hook-up would be available in the future, but should remain the responsibility of each individual homeowner.

Alderman Dimas asked for a motion to waive the fees of the water main connection (work completed). A motion was made by Alderman Stout and seconded by Alderman Grodoski. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Alderman Dimas asked for a motion to place the cost incurred for sanitary sewer hook-up, as the sole responsibility of the homeowner. A motion was made by Alderman Stout and seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Alderman Grodoski abstained. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

B. Property Tax Abatement Program.

After a short review of the proposed Tax Abatement Program by City Administrator Michael Guttman, the Committee directed him to continue to pursue interest of participation in the current project. The Committee also agreed that the concept of this Program for property tax abatement should be used as a tool for future projects.

- 6. Unfinished Business. None**
- 7. New Business. None**
- 8. Reports from Staff. None**
- 9. Executive Session. None**
- 10. Adjournment.**

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Grodoski seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Fisher