

These minutes were approved at the 10/3/16 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2016

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Grodoski 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., Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, Rebecca Stout, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman Kurt Meissner was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum. City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Community Development Director John D. Said.

5. **Appointment of George L. Garcia for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2017 for Ward 6.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of George L. Garcia to fill the unexpired term of Alderman for Ward 6. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Meissner, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Garcia. Mayor Pineda congratulated Alderman Garcia and showed him to his place at the Council. The Mayor thanked Alderman Garcia for being willing to step up and take this position. Alderman Garcia thanked the Mayor and City Administrator Guttman for assisting him in learning about the position, and passing on "pearls of wisdom" as did former Alderman Edwalds.

6. Public Participation.

The following person spoke during Public Participation: Marilyn Kroll, 1602 Canterbury Court, Apt. 1F, West Chicago, expressed her concerns.

7. **City Council Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2016.** Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2016, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Chassee and Stout abstained. Motion carried.

8. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the September 19, 2016, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,789,624.58. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Stout, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 16-O-0030 – An Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to the Bowling Green Business Center Planned Unit Development – 245 W. Roosevelt Road

B. Ordinance 16-O-0031 – An Ordinance Approving a Special Use for an Outside storage Yard at 187 W. Grand Lake Boulevard

C. Resolution 16-R-0044 – A Resolution Approving the 430 Industrial Drive Plat of Consolidation

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

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

D. Resolution 16-R-0045 – A Resolution Applying for Community Development Block Grants from DuPage County

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

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. None

13. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - September 20, 2016 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - September 22, 2016 | Finance Committee |
| - September 26, 2016 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - September 27, 2016 | Historical Preservation Commission |

Alderman Chassee announced that this Wednesday at the Currier School dedication of their new Health and Wellness Family Center, the Lions Club will be conducting free eye screenings for children down to age 6 months.

Alderman Ferguson said on Saturday, October 1, 2016, the West Chicago Sister Cities Organization will be sponsoring an Oktoberfest at the American Legion from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 and tickets will be available at the door.

Aldermen Ferguson and Ligino-Kubinski and the Mayor all announced that the West Chicago Fire District would be sponsoring a Chili Cook Off for the Cure (breast cancer) on October 1, 2016, at Hawthorne's.

The City Clerk announced that petitions can begin circulating for the April 4, 2017, Consolidated Election. Offices up for election are Mayor, City Clerk, and Aldermen in all seven wards. All terms are for four years. The City Clerk has election packets ready to go at 8:00 am tomorrow. Packets can be picked up until the end of the filing period. The filing period is from December 12 through 16, 2016, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on December 19, 2016.

The City Clerk also announced that the West Chicago VFW post is planning to place approximately 960 wreathes on veterans' graves in West Chicago this winter. Fundraisers for this project include a 5K run on November 5, 2016, at Reed-Keppler Park, and chances for a "Fairy Basket" created by Ethel Moorhouse (a Gold Star mother).

14. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said the Mexican Independence Day celebration was awesome. Sunday was very festive with the parade, music, dancers, food, and dancing horses. The El Grito ceremony went well. The biggest thing was a 600 pound piñata that was raised 40-50 feet and then lowered to 20 feet. The Mayor pulled the string and out fell toys and candy. The Mayor said he is looking forward to next year's event.

The Mayor talked about the Healthy West Chicago walks every week this month for the Move with the Mayor event. The walks start off with yoga and then 30 minutes of walking. The one this Saturday will start at Reed-Keppler Park at 8:30 am. A party will be held at Pioneer Park on September 29, 2016, at 5:00 pm for all the participants. The Mayor encouraged everyone to log in their steps on the City's web site.

This Saturday, Coffee with the Mayor will start at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am.

15. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

17. Adjournment. At 7:25 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk