

These minutes were approved at the 12/17/18 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
December 3, 2018

**1. Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Mayor mentioned the loss of President George H.W. Bush, who was involved in service all his life starting in his teens when he joined the Navy. During World War II his plane was shot down. Everything he has done should bring our nation together to celebrate his life.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** The Mayor called upon the military veterans to lead 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., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman Matthew E. Garling was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, Community Development Business Development Coordinator Pete Kelly, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

**5. Appointment of Jeanne M. Short** for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2019 for Alderman – Ward 6. Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Jeanne M. Short as Alderman in the Sixth Ward. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

While Pastor Dean Klapatch of Glen Arbor Church held the Bible for Ms. Short, the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to her, after which Alderman Short took her seat at the City Council.

**6. Public Participation.**

**A. Presentation: Brilliance in Business Awards.** Mayor Pineda said it was very exciting to visit the businesses and go behind the scenes. Two are downtown and one has grown to over 200 employees. Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mackey and Business Development Coordinator Pete Kelly showed brief films of each of the 2018 winners. After each film, Mayor Pineda congratulated and presented the award to the winner(s) and thanked them for being in West Chicago.

1) Royal Polish Nail Salon & Spa, 116 Galena Street. Owner Kristin Ramirez has established the core value of offering an unsurpassed level of customer service that has rewarded her with a steady, loyal clientele and five star reviews on social media. Ms. Ramirez' passion for education in the field of cosmetology, specifically nail care, is clear the moment one steps into the clean, serene shop. It is an intimate space that exudes the ultimate in pampering. The Mayor told Ms. Ramirez that her location downtown was great and there are plans to make the area even better.

2) Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS), 1655 Powis Road. LRS is an established leader in the industry of waste diversion, with its ability to reclaim 40% recyclable material from the conventional waste stream. LRS has demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability through its continuous investment in sophisticated equipment and new technology. LRS is the largest privately owned waste diversion company in Illinois. LRS is also known for its development of a strong safety culture and commitment to the health and well-being of its employees and the community and was recognized as both the Overall Safety Award winner and the Biggest Safety Improvement Award recipient by the Solid Waste Association of North America for its Live Safety initiative. The Mayor said it was nice to see a business like this. He said we try to save our world one day at a time, and LRS takes so much out of the landfills by salvaging materials and making them useful. The Mayor was impressed that the company has never received a violation. He said he would like them to be a part of next year's *American in Bloom* program.

3) Kindred Coffee Roasters, 148 West Washington. The business was started by Ryan Hammer, his sister Sarah Harms, and her husband Patrick Harms, as an online specialty roaster. Their dreams of a café were realized when they found their present location, and after remodeling, opened as a café and a community space. From the beginning they were committed to the community of West Chicago. By embracing the unique characteristics of the City's culture, Kindred Coffee has built not just a coffee shop, but a place for residents to gather, exchange ideas, hold play-dates for their children, host First Friday art receptions, and build relationships. Mayor Pineda said Marketing Coordinator Mackey was very impressed with the designs that Mr. Hammer can make in the coffee cups. The Mayor said Kindred Coffee is an amazing asset to West Chicago. People come from all over, not just West Chicago, to visit the café. They keep expanding and now have a back patio. The Mayor was pleased that the café is right downtown.

No one spoke during regular Public Participation.

**7. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2018.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Short abstained. Motion carried.

**8. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the December 3, 2018, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,027,247.10. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following items:

**A. Resolution 18-R-0096** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract Between the City of West Chicago and B&F Construction Code Services, Inc. for Plan Review/Inspection Services and Code Enforcement Services (for an amount not to exceed \$355,350.00)

**B. Deny** – The Mexican Independence Day Festival Request for Increased City Funding 2019 by the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage and Continue with the 2018 Financial Support and In-Kind Donations for the 2019 Event

**C. Approve** – The St. Mary's Catholic Church Pro-Life March – Scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 2019

**D. Approve** – The West Chicago Food Festival Event Summary and the 2019 Event to Take Place on Saturday, October 12, 2019

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**E. Resolution 18-R-0097** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and Community High School District 94 – Possession of 157 West Washington Street

**F. Ordinance 18-O-0058** – An Ordinance Updating the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago so it Matches Past Practice and Policy

Alderman Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**10. Reports by Committees.**

**A. Resolution 18-R-0095** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract Between the City of West Chicago and Phalen Consulting Inc. for City Museum Management Services (for an amount not to exceed \$88,400.00)

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the above item. During discussion, Alderman Chassee said she was at the Public Affairs Committee and there was not unanimous approval to put this item on the Consent Agenda. The Museum Director could not attend that meeting. Alderman Chassee said the reports from the Museum have been very well done. The issue is that the City is in a very difficult budget cycle. Every two years the Museum asks for a 5% increase. Alderman Hallett said right now the City has to be careful about the amount of money for anything. He did not see enough justification to approve this raise, but if they could talk to the Museum Director this may change. He suggested this matter be looked at later. Alderman Beifuss asked if this were a 5% or 3% increase, and City Administrator Guttman said he would check. Alderman Beifuss said his understanding is that the increase is every two years, but here is usually no increase in the second year so the amount every year is close to the CPI/inflation rate. He felt this was in line with the other items in the budget. He said in the past, the budget was about \$300,000.00. There were two professionals and one part-time. Now it is down to \$88,400.00 which is a substantial discount. He said the Museum is run quite well and the programs are good. He would support an increase. Alderman Dimas asked for the reason for an increase and noted that a lot of companies have cut back. It would help the City as a whole to withhold extra money. Alderman Brown said the Museum is only open three days a week – 16 hours total. Based on that, she felt the amount seemed high for the hours it is open, and believed the money should be saved for the rest of the budget. Alderman Chassee clarified that the Museum was open all the time and the budget was higher. She felt the Museum is very important.

Alderman Ligino-Kubinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to table this item and bring back to the Committee. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Short, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. . Voting Nay: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch-Ferguson, and Swiatek. Motion carried. The Mayor said this item would go back to the Public Affairs Committee.

**11. Unfinished Business.** None

**12. New Business.** None

**13. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - December 4, 2018  | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - December 6, 2018  | Infrastructure Committee                |
| - December 10, 2018 | Development Committee                   |
| - December 13, 2018 | Finance Committee                       |

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the Holiday Party for the Community to be held at the VFW this Saturday, December 8, 2018. Cost is \$15.00 per person and that includes dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. Doors open at 5:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

The City Clerk announced that nominating petitions would be accepted for filing starting next Monday, December 10, 2018 at 8:00 am. The last day to file is December 17, 2018, until 5:00 pm.

**14. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor wished the State of Illinois a Happy Birthday – it is 200 years old today. The governor had sent the City a flag commemorating the State's Bicentennial.

The Mayor said Frosty Fest was wonderful in spite of it being a little wet and cold. Because of the ice, he walked the parade route with the essay winners. One essay winner rode with the Aldermen. He said the public address system was amazing.

The Mayor said he was very emotional in that he lost his good friend Joe Kramer. He was an amazing person who will not be forgotten. Mr. Kramer never wanted to be any place else but in West Chicago. His sons will be putting up a plaque for him at Reed-Kepler Park.

**15. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**17. Adjournment.** At 7:51pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk