

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved March 14, 2019

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE December 13, 2018 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, Chassee, Sheahan, Stout, Ferguson, Swiatek and Ligino-Kubinski present.

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Michael Guttman, Administrative Services Department Director Linda Martin, Community Development Department Director Tom Dabareiner, Public Works Department Director Rob Flatter, Police Chief Mike Uplegger.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Finance Committee Meeting of August 15, 2018.

Alderman Ligino-Kubinski moved and Alderman Stout seconded a motion to approve. The minutes were approved as presented by voice vote.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Ordinance No. 18-O-0061 - An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, IL for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 17-O-0046 – Fourth Quarter Amendment.

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to approve Consent Item (A.) Voting Aye: Aldermen Stout, Chassee, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Swiatek and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 18-O-0062 - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois for Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019.

City Administrator Michael Guttman gave a brief overview of information contained in the proposed budget document. He stated that one of the fiscal year 2018 budget goals was to work

towards bridging the deficit, and the City did succeed in moving in that direction. He stated that in fact, the revenue decisions that the Finance Committee and City Council made have turned out well for the City. Although the City's entire deficit has not been erased, the City is in a better place than expected.

Summer building permits were a large part of raising revenue. Home rule sales tax and natural gas use tax were both raised slightly, and revenues have been moved between two funds, i.e., electric use tax revenue was moved from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Guttman then stated that Committees have made purchasing decisions over the course of the year for certain fiscal year 2019 expenditures, such as body cameras for police officers and the costs associated with the construction of the new facility for DUCOMM.

Mr. Guttman stated that currently, there are salaries allocated in the TIF Fund in order to have money for City property purchases within the General Fund, and the City is now reimbursing itself. He further stated that some Facilities Management personnel salaries have been shifted from the TIF Fund to the General Fund to take care of the City's rental properties. This will continue in future years so if the City re-TIFs, it will receive the full benefit of 23 years when there is redevelopment in the downtown area to provide the appropriate incentives.

In closing, Mr. Guttman stated that water and sewer rates have not increased since 2008. He is not proposing an increase as part of this year's budget, but suggested discussions begin and decisions be made regarding this issue in fiscal year 2019.

Chairman Dimas thanked staff for their work on the 2019 budget. She further stated that it was important to recognize the amount of time and work that goes into preparing the annual budget.

Alderman Swiatek moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to approve Consent Item (B.) Voting Aye: Aldermen Swiatek, Chassee, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Stout and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion. None.

6. Unfinished Business. None.

7. New Business.

City Administrator Guttman stated that the Committee will begin discussions in 2019 regarding water/sewer rates and financing a new City Hall. The next meeting agenda will include a vote to select a Finance Committee Vice-Chairman.

8. Reports from Staff. None.

9. Executive Session (if needed). None.

10. Adjournment.

Alderman Stout moved and Alderman Chassee seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Fisher