

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 6/19/19

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 7, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Bob Blaus, Kris Zimmermann, John Symowicz, Joe Cavataio and Bethany Brown present.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox, and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Joe Munder.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. **Environmental Commission Minutes of April 9, 2019.** Commissioner Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2019.

There was one correction made to the minutes. On page two, under Rain Barrel Pick up and Paper Shredding section, line three, PW was changed to read Public Works.

**Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Brown, Cavataio, Symowicz, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: 0.**

#### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

Joe Munder provided a tour of the Water Treatment Plant facility.

#### 4. Items For Consent

- A. **Approve Recommendations for the Proposed 2020 Residential Solid Waste, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Contract.** Commissioner Blaus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve Recommendations for the Proposed 2020 Residential Solid Waste, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Contract.

**Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Blaus, Brown, Cavataio, Symowicz, and Zimmermann. Voting Nay: 0.**

#### 5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

- A. **Review current priority list**

## Waste and Recycling Contract

The list of recommendations was reviewed, some corrections were made and the item was approved by the group. Other discussion related to this topic involved the recycling of polystyrene, questions about what can be recycled and where. The trend of industry to switch from using glass to plastic, and reasons why glass and foam products are not being accepted for recycling by some companies.

The City's current leaf collection program was also discussed. Some Commissioners thought the free collection periods were too early in the fall and in the spring.

## Blooming Fest

The items Groot provided, reusable shopping bags and chip clips, were received and members collected these to bring to the event. DuPage County Storm Water Management program pamphlets were printed and will be distributed at the event as well. Chairman Beebe asked for everyone attending to be there by 8:00 AM to get the booth and everything else set up on time. The event starts at 9:00 AM. He will email everyone the booth assignment once he receives it.

Commissioner Zimmermann will bring the butterfly craft she created for the 2018 event. Chairman Beebe said he has the Environmental Commission banner and also milkweed seeds to distribute.

## Adopt a Highway

The clean up event scheduled for April 27, 2019 was rescheduled to May 4, 2019. Five bags of garbage were collected. There were lots of plastic bags and foam insulation collected.

### **B. Discuss new additions to priority list**

None.

### **6. Other Business**

None.

### **7. Adjournment**

At 9:06 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zimmermann seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works