

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 8/22/19

## MINUTES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 7, 2019

#### 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 Chassee, Dimas, Ferguson, Ligino-Kubinski, Sheahan, Stout and Swiatek present.

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

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

##### A. Finance Committee Meeting of March 14, 2019.

**Vice Chairman Chassee moved and Alderman Swiatek seconded a motion to approve. The minutes were approved as presented by voice vote.**

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations - None

#### 4. Selection of Vice Chairman

This item moved to the next meeting also including the selection of Chairman.

#### 5. Items for Consent

##### A. Ordinance No. 19-O-0019 – Second Quarter Budget Amendment

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

##### B. Ordinance No. 19-O-0018 – Water and Sewer Rates

Vice Chairman Chassee requested this item be removed for discussion. She would like to clarify the number of households that are caught up on water billing. City Administrator Guttman said that 65% of households are currently caught up. This rate increase will only apply to those households that are caught up for bills issued on or after August 1, 2019. The 35% that are still catching up will not see the rate increase until they are caught up in billing with a usage date of August 1, 2019. Residents that final their water bills (for sale of property or by request) will then be billed at the new rates as of August 1, 2019.

The new rate information will be communicated on the water bills and residents will be directed to our website for further information.

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

## **6. Items for Discussion**

### **A. Residential Hauling Contract**

City Administrator Guttman reminded the committee that the contract with Groot will expire at the end of this year. He is looking for direction from the Finance Committee to either negotiate with the two local haulers in town or to go out to bid, and here are the options:

- a. Renegotiate with Groot (easiest option). The city has lost some customer service since they have moved out of West Chicago. Groot has changed some of their route times which has led to resident frustration. Alderman Chassee also noted that her neighbors have complained that they are leaving the cans in the street as well as driving while emptying the cans which can cause the garbage to fly out.
- b. Negotiate with the other hauler in West Chicago which is Lake Shore Recycling. They have submitted their pre-application to be a host hauler and their host fees are better. There will be a one year lag in receiving those host fees of approximately \$25,000 which will be a loss to the general fund revenues during the first year.
- c. The last option is to go out to bid and give some other companies the chance to work with us.

The Aldermen present would like City Administrator Guttman to negotiate with both Groot and Lake Shore Recycling.

Alderman Chassee would also like to see the option of metered cans. Only Lakeshore Recycling offers this option.

City Administrator Guttman will report back to the committee.

**7. Unfinished Business - None**

**8. New Business - None**

**9. Reports from Staff – None**

**10. Executive Session (if needed) – None**

**11. Adjournment**

Alderman Ferguson moved and Alderman Ligino-Kubinski seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jacki Stern*