

These minutes were approved at the 2/21/2011 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2011

1. Call to Order. Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. “Associate Alderman” Jack Dzierzanowski 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., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present. .

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Interim Chief of Police Lazzro Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation. The following person spoke during public participation:

Interim Chief of Police Perez followed up on the recent press release about the crime rate reductions in West Chicago. From 2007, it has dropped 27% and violent crimes have fallen 17% since 2009. Property crimes have been reduced by 20%. West Chicago is enjoying the lowest crime rate in DuPage County. West Chicago is second only to Geneva in the Fox Valley area. Much of the drop is due to residents reporting crimes and the City’s supportive actions to include hiring more police officers while other towns are laying them off. Chief Perez believes he has the finest police department in DuPage County, if not the State of Illinois. There was a round of applause and the Mayor said this was great news and on behalf of the City Council and the City thanked the Chief and all the men and women of the Police Department.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Pineda announced that the 8th Annual Bowling for Diabetes event would be held on February 25, 2011. This has been a great fund raiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and appetizers. The event starts at 9:00 pm. Alderman Pineda said he partners with Len Mahony who lost a son to juvenile diabetes. The Mayor said people do not have to bowl, but they can still donate. He said it is a great cause and invited everyone to attend. Alderman Chassee said she is looking for participants for “Team Chassee.”

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- February 14, 2011 Development Committee
- February 15, 2011 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the February 7, 2011, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 933,569.85. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 11-R-0008 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with CH2M HILL/OMI, for Professional Services Related to the Reconditioning of Five (5) Tertiary Sand Filters at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00)

Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt the item on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

B. Approve - Use of City's Rights of Way; In-Kind Services; and Event Route for St. Andrews Church Procession – Stations of the Cross – Scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2011

C. Approve - 5K Road Route and Times and In-Kind Services for School District 33 5K Road Race for Charity – Scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2011

D. Approve - 5K Race Route and Time; Street Closures and In-Kind Services for Wheaton Academy 5K Race for Charity – Scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011

E. Approve – Use of City Streets at the DuPage Technology Park for Bike Trails on a Regular Basis for ABD Cycling Club Bicycle Training Races – Scheduled Wednesday Evenings from April 16 – September 28, 2011

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adopt the items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

F. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2011

G. Resolution 11-R-0012 – A Resolution Amending the City of West Chicago's Procedures for Responding to Requests for Added Traffic Control and Other Assistance by Police Department

H. Ordinance 11-O-0004 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2010 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$21,220,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2002, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois

I. Ordinance 11-O-0005 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Hereto Levied for the Year 2010 and 2011 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$2,290,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue), Refunding Bonds, Series 1998B, of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois

Alderman Gianforte made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor spoke of the major snowstorm of last week. He said the City came out with its best foot forward. There was a successful outcome and on behalf of this City Council he would like to thank the neighbors and people of West Chicago for helping each other. There has been an overflow of telephone calls and e-mails about how well the City responded to this storm. The Mayor thanked the road crew, the Police Department, and executive staff for all the hours they put in to making West Chicago what it is today - a great city.

13. Executive Session. At 7:24 pm, Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote, with all Aldermen present. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

15. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk