

These minutes were approved at the 5/21/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2012

1. Call to Order. City Clerk Nancy M. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to appoint Alderman Pineda as Temporary Chair. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Alderman Monroe led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Invocation. The City Clerk read the letter (copy attached) from the Mayor of Sister City Taufkirchen (Vils), Bavaria, Germany, sending condolences on the passing of Mayor Michael B. Kwasman.

4. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum. Roll call found Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Kurt Meissner, and Nanette B. Connelly present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting were absent. Temporary Chairman Pineda announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present. City Treasurer Donald F. Earley was absent.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. Resolution 12-R-0035 – A Resolution Electing, Declaring, and Confirming Ruben Pineda as Acting Mayor of the City of West Chicago.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to approve Resolution 12-R-0035.

Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

6. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: National Historic Preservation Month. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation 2012-P-0004 (copy attached), in which Acting Mayor Pineda proclaimed May 2012 as National Historic Preservation Month and called upon the people of West Chicago to recognize and participate in this special observance.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

1) Frank Fokta, Amity Lodge #472, 181 W. Washington Street, West Chicago, said the Amity Lodge was established in 1866, making it the oldest organization in West Chicago. In light of the proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month with its theme of "*Discover America's Hidden Gems*" Mr. Fokta requested that the City Council consider finding a solution to keep the Wiant House at 151 W. Washington Street.

2) Maria Romero, 610 Kenwood Avenue, West Chicago, expressed her sorrow at the passing of Mayor Kwasman. She then spoke about the traffic by Pioneer School and how the people turn around in her driveway and the children cross the street at many different points. She requested that a police officer be there between 8:30 – 8:45 am to deal with this dangerous situation. She also congratulated Acting Mayor Pineda on his new position. He is a great resident to handle West Chicago. At Acting Mayor Pineda's request, Police Chief Perez said they will take care of the traffic situation.

3) Michael Westerhausen, Vice-Commander, West Chicago American Legion Post 300, 123 Main Street, West Chicago, announced that former Mayor A. Eugene Rennels has passed away. A visitation will be held this Friday at St. Andrews Church from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. There will be a service on Saturday at 10:00 am. A luncheon will be held at the American Legion from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

4) Sara Phalin, *People Made Visible*, 108 Sherman, West Chicago, said working in collaboration with the West Chicago City Museum and the Cultural Arts Commission, they

have two artists from Denmark: Heidi Hove and Jens Axel Beck, who arrived yesterday. They will be here through the end of the month. They are home based at the Museum, but they will be out by St. Michael's Church Community Garden. They are really inspired by the City's motto "*Where History and Progress Meet.*" They will do an archeological dig under the grass. The community is invited to join them. There will be a raffle at Bloomingfest for a plaque at Reed-Keppler Park. They will report back to the City Council at the end of their project. Acting Mayor Pineda welcomed them to West Chicago and hoped they enjoy themselves.

5) Dave Libby, 321 Allen Avenue, West Chicago, requested a stay of demolition of 114 Chicago Street in consideration of using it for a student film and as a prop in three productions. This is his former home and the scripts are based on using it. The first production involves immigration, the second is a story of young men living years ago and today, and the third looks at the history of railroads. They would like to use the home for 90 days from May 15 to August 15, 2012.

B. Video Produced by West Chicago Community High School Students. Acting Mayor Pineda said he received a copy of this video via e-mail, and felt everyone should be able to see it. He called upon District 94 Superintendent Lalo Ponce who in turn introduced Mr. Jennings, the teacher of the video class who introduced the students who were present. The film is on-line and has over 17,000 views from around the world including Japan and Korea. The film exceeded all expectations, and it was a pleasure to make and to share. The video was shown. Mr. Jennings said he tried to feature everyone: teachers, students and clubs. Acting Mayor Pineda said it was very impressive, and that Mayor Kwasman would have loved it.

7. City Council Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2012. Alderman John Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2012, with no changes. Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the May 7, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 929,097.19. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda, Meissner, and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 12-R-0036 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement Between DuPage County and the City of West Chicago for Participation in CDBG Grant Funding in the Maximum Amount of \$191,865.00 – Old Heidelberg Collector Street Area Improvement Project

B. Resolution 12-R-0037 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Alaniz Landscape Group, Inc., for Landscape Maintenance Services Related to the 2012 Right-of-Way Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$110,528.00)

C. Resolution 12-R-0038 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute Documents BLR 14230, BLR 14231, and BLR 09150 Regarding the Use of Motor Fuel Tax Funds and Submit Them to the Illinois Department of Transportation

D. Resolution 12-R-0039 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Terminate the Existing Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Environmental commission and to enter into a New Agreement with the Commission for Litter Collection Along Illinois Route 64 between Timberline Drive and Illinois Route 59

E. Resolution 12-R-0040 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Fox Excavating for Services Related to the Clayton Street Reconstruction project (for an amount not to exceed \$567,617.00)

F. Resolution 12-R-0041 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Metalmaster Roofmaster, Inc., for Services Related to the 2012 Police Station Roof Replacement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$183,320.00)

G. Resolution 12-R-0042 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Stipulated Agreement 1619 Between the City of West Chicago, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company and the Illinois Department of Transportation Defining the Payment Obligations and the Construction Timeline for Certain Improvements Related to the George Street Pedestrian-Rail Underpass Project

H. Resolution 12-R-0043 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Approval/Acceptance Form Related to the Illinois Urban Forest Restoration Grant Awarded by the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus to Address the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

I. Resolution 12-R-0044 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with R.A. Mancini, Inc., for Services Related to the Illinois Route 64 Utility Relocation Project

J. Approve – The Purchase of Three 2012 Chevrolet Caprice Police Pursuit Vehicles from Miles Chevrolet, Inc, Through the Illinois State Joint Purchasing Contract (for an amount not to exceed \$81, 525.00)

K. Waive – The Competitive Bidding Process and Approve the Purchase of Asphalt Materials from Allied Asphalt Paving Company (for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00)

L. Reject – All Bids for the 2012 Well #12 Well House Project

M. Ordinance 12-O-0012 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal and Sale of Personal Property

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt the above items. Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

N. Approve – The West Chicago Park District's Request for Police Services and Rolling Street Closures for its 5K Run/Walk on July 14, 2012

O. Approve – David Rivera's Request to Film a Movie on City Streets and to Allow Street Closures to Through Traffic at Kammes Court on May 25 and 26, 2012, and at Easton Avenue, South of Blair Street on May 27, 2012

P. Approve – A Change to the Request to Close Streets for 2012 Blooming Fest to Extend the Street Closure on Fremont Street to York Street

Q. Resolution 12-R-0034 – Approve an Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement Dated February 6, 2012, Between the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce and the City of West Chicago – Insurance Clarification

Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt the above items. During discussion, Acting Mayor Pineda said the hours for Bloomingfest have been extended and will be from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Also, the car show will be on Fremont Street. Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No report

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. Acting Mayor Pineda read and explained the following items:

A. Approve – The Reappointment of John Keeney to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Term Ending April 2016

B. Ordinance 12-O-0014 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Establishing a Police Mutual Aid Agreement

C. Ordinance 12-O-0013 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for Outside Storage at 430 Industrial Drive – Mapei Corporation

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to adopt the above items. Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Other New Business:

Alderman Beifuss said a lot of municipalities had referenda to aggregate electrical service. A number of them got considerable cost savings for their residents. Acting Mayor Pineda directed City Administrator Guttman to put this on the Public Affairs Committee's agenda.

Alderman Beifuss asked about the request of Dave Libby to delay demolition of 114 Chicago Street. He wanted to know if staff thought that might be feasible. Acting Mayor Pineda asked City Administrator Guttman to provide information. Mr. Guttman said the house currently has no electricity, water or gas. There is a signed contract to demolish the house, which is scheduled for May. If the City Council would like to hold off the demolition, then portable toilets, water, and smoke alarms would have to be brought to the site. To Alderman Radkiewicz' question, no other building would be suitable. Alderman Murphy suggested giving them two weeks to come up with information. Acting Mayor Pineda asked Mr. Dave Libby to set up a meeting with City Administrator Guttman to get things in order. Mr. Guttman said this will be on the next agenda under Unfinished Business.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - May 8, 2012 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - May 14, 2012 | Development Committee |
| - May 15, 2012 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |

The City Clerk announced that West Chicago American Legion Post 300 would be hosting a fundraiser, "Rocking with the Oldies" on May 26, 2012, starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and include the show and a pizza dinner. She said the American Legion hall is a valuable asset to West Chicago in the center of downtown. Acting Mayor Pineda strongly urged everyone to come out and support this effort to keep the Legion going.

13. Executive Session. At 8:00 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, 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)].

Voting Yea: Alderman Beifuss, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, and Connelly. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

15. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk