

These minutes were approved at the 9/8/09 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

August 17, 2009

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Monroe 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 H. Ronald Monroe, James Smith, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Alan Murphy, John C. Smith, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., and Sandy Dimas were absent.

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

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. Public Participation.

A. Swearing In of Jennette Siebens – Deputy City Clerk. City Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office to Jennette Siebens as the new Deputy City Clerk.

John Kruser, CableCom, 411 Main Street, West Chicago, thanked Pat Kramer for his work during the Railroad Days parade. Mr. Kruser also spoke about a new program, *Grill Dog*, to be shown this week and next. This program came from another public access channel in California. Lastly, Mr. Kruser introduced his daughter Frances Kruser who has been working the second camera during Council meetings. This is her last meeting, as she will be going to college. She received a round of applause.

B. Fine Arts Fiesta Awards Presentation. Museum Director Bombard introduced Heidi Morris, Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission, who presented the People's Choice awards, with the assistance of Mayor Kwasman, to the winners:

Fine Arts: 2-D, Sculpture:	Fine Arts Photography:
1 st – Christine Rakow	1 st – Cindy Voelz
2 nd - J.E. French	2 nd – Britta Renwick
3 rd - Jason Fico	3 rd – Philip Weibler
Student:	Craft:
1 st – Jessica Hansen	1 st – Diane Gage
2 nd – Molly McGhee	2 nd – Mandy Rakow
3 rd – Ann Skorupski	3 rd – Thomas Fessler

The Mayor thanked all who participated and said this was a fine representation of artists in and around West Chicago.

C. Mayoral Proclamation – 2010 Census Complete Count Committee. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 501, Formation and Support of 2010 Census Complete Count Committee, in which the Mayor proclaimed his support of the nationwide campaign to form a volunteer Complete Count Committee charged with developing and implementing a plan designed to target the unique characteristics of West Chicago and to make sure that each resident is aware of the importance of an accurate census count.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Pineda publicly and personally thanked Courtney Voelz, who took it upon herself to ensure that his handicapped brother, a resident of the DuPage Convalescent Center, could attend the 2009 Railroad Days events. The Mayor said she has a big heart.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - August 18, 2009 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - August 20, 2009 | Special Infrastructure Committee |
| - August 24, 2009 | Public Affairs Committee |
| - August 25, 2009 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - August 27, 2009 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - September 3, 2009 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - September 3, 2009 | Cultural Arts Commission |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to approve the August 17, 2009, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 237,466.81. Voting Yea: Aldermen Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, John Smith, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried. .

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 09-R-0065 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Guadalupe Perez – 118 Main Street (for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00)

B. Ordinance 09-O-0045 – An Ordinance Granting a Second Special Use Amendment to Landbank Required Off-Street Parking – 444 Charles Court, Jel-Sert Company

C. Ordinance 09-O-0046 – An Ordinance Granting a Front Yard Setback Variance for 216 W. Blair Street

D. Ordinance 09-O-0047 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Articles 10 and 11 of the Zoning Code.

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

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** No report

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

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F. Resolution 09-R-0066 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc., for Service Related to the 2009 Crack Sealing Program

G. Resolution 09-R-0069 – A Resolution Modifying Agreement CD09-16A Between the County of DuPage and the City of West Chicago for a Community Development Block Grant for the Riverwoods Neighborhood Resource Center

H. Resolution 09-R-0071 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Addendum to the Contract with DeSignGroup Signage Corporation Which Outlines Changes in the Contract to Reflect an Extended Delivery Date for One LED Sign and Eight Gateway Signs, Caused by Delays Beyond Both Parties' Control

Alderman Gianforte made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, 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. Alderman Radkiewicz said he has received questions about what is being done, and when, to abate the noise from Canadian National. Alderman Radkiewicz outlined the Federal rules concerning this matter and said an engineering firm will prepare a report. The process will take 12-16 months, and should be completed by the end of 2010.

Alderman Murphy said the beautiful lake/retention area on DuPage Forest Preserve property along Prince Crossing Road has disappeared due to a dam break. This occurred in May and the Forest Preserve has not done anything to remedy the situation. The area is now devoid of wildlife. There are dead fish causing a terrible stench. Alderman Murphy said he wants the

City to urge the Forest Preserve to provide a remedy. Mayor Kwasman said this matter would be turned over to the Infrastructure Committee.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said on August 29, 2009, 11:00 am, West Chicago will again make some history with the dedication of the new airplane in front of the VFW. He said he understood how important this is to those men and women who served in the armed forces. He said the VFW and the American Legion are the homes of heroes, whether they were in battle or wore the uniform. He said this is a great project and anyone who has seen it knows how spectacular it is. The Mayor asked all of West Chicago to come to the dedication and meet some of West Chicago's heroes. He said it would be a fun time and people would be a witness to history in a community known for its history and progress.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:35 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk