

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 9/24/12

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE August 27, 2012 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. Roll Call found Alderman Connelly, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy present. Alderman Fuesting was not present.

Also in attendance were Chief of Police Laz Perez; Rosemary Mackey, and Marketing & Communications Coordinator; Dave Sabathne, Executive Director of the West Chicago Chamber and LuAnn Bombard, Museum Director and Cultural Services.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Public Affairs Committee of July 23, 2012.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting with no changes. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations

#### 4. Items for Consent

A. Ordinance No. 12-O-0032 – Amending Chapter 5, Emergency Services Disaster Agency

Alderman Meissner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 12-R-0074 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Professional Service Agreement with District 33 – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Elementary Community Learning Center Grant

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. ABD Cycle Club Races

ABD Cycle Club is requesting permission to use City streets for the purpose of holding three (3) bike races. ABD is a not-for-profit organization which all proceeds go to help young riders pursue their dream of riding competitively.

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Yea: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Connelly, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Meissner and Murphy. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**5. Items for Discussion**

**6. Unfinished Business**

**7. New Business**

**8. Reports from Staff**

A. Traffic Management Report for July 2012

B. Railroad Days Final Report

The Chamber submitted the final report and financial summary for the 2012 Railroad Days Festival. Per the contract, the City received the revenue from the Chamber for the City's share of the carnival, beer garden, and sponsorships.

Due to the severe drought conditions the fireworks show scheduled for Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, were cancelled. Per the contract signed, the City has one year to reschedule. The Chamber is requesting to work with City staff to set a date for the fireworks show. If the fireworks show is rescheduled, a new permit process would need to be completed since this would no longer be part of the 2012 Railroad Days Festival. Also, the Council should consider whether a fireworks show should be scheduled separately or as part of another event. Although not a stated option in the Chamber's contract with the fireworks company, the Chamber also suggested contacting the fireworks company to determine if they would consider a buy-out offer. Mr. Sabathne requested direction from Committee to reschedule or seek a buy out from the fireworks company. It was the

Committees recommendation for Mr. Sabathne to ask the West Chicago Park District and report back to the Committee with his findings.

**9. Adjournment.** Alderman Connelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:24P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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