

These minutes were approved at the 12/17/12 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2012

1. **Call to Order.** Acting Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Jim Smith 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, Kurt Meissner, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. The Acting 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, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Krista Coltrin with Marketing and Communications, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, HR Coordinator Carol LeBeau, City Attorney Keith E. Letsche, Deputy City Clerk Valeria Lopez, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, Chief of Police Laz Perez, Community Development Director John D. Said, and Deputy Police Chief Mike Uplegger.

5. Public Participation.

The following people spoke during Public Participation:

- 1) Kristen Jungles, Illinois Association of Realtors, 216 Douglas Avenue, Naperville, Illinois, thanked the Mayor, City Council and staff for changing the cash requirements in realty sales and for making the turnaround from inspection to re-inspection down to five days. She suggested that the funds collected be put into a realty program rather than the General Fund.
- 2) Jeff Stibal, 424 Highland Avenue, West Chicago, spoke about the Wiant House on Washington Street. He read from the City's web page about the importance of history. The Wiant House is no different from a family's heirlooms. He would like the City to use TIF funds to stabilize the Wiant House. He said the City repaired the roof on the old train station for \$17,000.00 and spent \$35,000.00 demolishing the Santos Restaurant. The money spent for demolition could be used for the stabilization costs. He said the Historical Preservation Commission would be having a public hearing tomorrow evening to discuss the Wiant House. People can go to the web site www.wianthouse.org for more information. He would like the City to show that it lives by its motto, "Where History and Progress Meet."

A. Swearing in of Valeria Lopez – Deputy City Clerk. City Clerk Smith administered the oath of office for one of the Deputy City Clerk positions to Valeria Lopez. Clerk Smith noted that Ms. Lopez has been performing the duties of Deputy City Clerk excellently for a number of years. Acting Mayor Pineda said Deputy Clerk Lopez keeps him on schedule, and she works hard on many things including the Mexican Independence Day celebration.

B. Proclamation: Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read *Proclamation Number 10, National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2012*, in which the Acting Mayor declared December 2012 as such in West Chicago, and called upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, and to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year. Acting Mayor Pineda added that this is very necessary during the holidays, and he appreciates this coming out at this time of year.

C. Proclamation: Honoring LuAnn Bombard. Acting Mayor Pineda read the *Mayoral Proclamation Honoring LuAnn Bombard On the Occasion of Her Retirement as Director of Museum and Cultural Services*, in which he praised Ms. Bombard for her 23 years of dedicated services to West Chicago. A copy of the Proclamation is attached. The Acting Mayor said he could not thank Ms. Bombard enough. On behalf of the City, he said she would be greatly missed. He invited people to a reception in Ms. Bombard's honor after the

meeting. Ms. Bombard thanked the Mayor and gave an eloquent farewell speech, a copy of which is attached.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2012. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman John Smith, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2012, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 3, 2012, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 458,614.67. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, James Smith, Radkiewicz, Dimas, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy and Acting Mayor Pineda abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Development Committee:** No Report

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No Report

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

A. Ordinance 12-O-0049 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Chapter 4; Buildings and Building Regulations

B. Resolution 12-R-0088 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Authorized Provider Agreement with the American Red Cross

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Finance Committee:** No Report

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

C. Approve – The Appointment of Melissa Birch to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for an Unexpired Term Ending April 30, 2015

D. Ordinance 12-O-0050 – An Ordinance Granting a First Amendment to a Special Use for a Church – 464 and 466 Ann Street – Apostolic Assembly Church

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Chassee, Monroe, Jim Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, John Smith, Meissner, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. Alderman Dzierzanowski said he has been approached by a man who wants to move food trucks through our municipal limits. The City does not have rules on this, and Alderman Dzierzanowski would like to see rules put in place so they can co-exist with existing businesses. DuPage County, Chicago, and several suburban communities have regulations on them. He suggested there might be back ground checks on the drivers, and perhaps put some restrictions in place during City festivals like Railroad Days and Mexican Independence Day. Per the Acting Mayor and City Administrator Guttman, this will go to the Public Affairs Committee.

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- December 4, 2012

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)

- December 6, 2012

Infrastructure Committee

- December 10, 2012 Development Committee (cancelled)
- December 11, 2012 Finance Committee (as stated by City Treasurer Early)

The City Clerk announced again that the annual *Holiday Party for the Community* would be held on December 8, 2012, at the West Chicago American Legion Post starting at 5:00 pm. This is also sponsored by the West Chicago VFW Post. Although sponsored by the community's veterans, everyone is invited to attend. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00 in advance or two for \$35.00; \$25.00 or two for \$45.00 at the door.

The Mayor called upon Sue Stibal to announce the District 94 Foundation fundraiser at St. Andrews Church on December 8, 2012. This will start at 6:00 pm with a sing-a-long followed by a showing of "Holiday Inn" at 7:00 pm. A special Wildcat will be on hand. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Refreshments will be served.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:30 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk

Farewell Speech of LuAnn Bombard
City Museum and Cultural Services Director
December 3, 2012

"Thank you. I am very honored.

As you know, history is my passion and I am very grateful that I was able to pursue that passion in a community so rich in history.

You see, I see history as a verb...as Faulkner said, 'History is not was, history is.' We live and make history everyday.

I have had the opportunity to work with numerous businesses and organizations as well as six Mayors and dozens of Aldermen over the years. I have had the honor and privilege to have had the support and friendship of countless residents and former residents too numerous to mention tonight except to say to each of you a very heartfelt, 'thank you.'

Through your continued support, I am sure that the Museum will remain a viable part of this community. You have a wonderful and unique history that is chronicled by an awesome collection of historical materials and objects at the Museum whose care will be in the very capable hands of Sara Phalen. Please give her the same wonderful support that you have given me over the years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my wonderful family. I would not have been able to do this job without their love and support. They have worked their schedules around the countless night meetings and weekends that I have worked over the years and have always been there to help whenever I needed them.

I am indeed, very blessed.

As I was cleaning out my desk, I found a quote that I had saved that I would like to share with you.

In 1976, as we celebrated our nation's bicentennial, the President of the West Chicago Historical Society, Willis Milar, printed this statement in the Historical society's newsletter. I think it bears repeating, and I quote,

'...it is well to recognize that the history of a nation is more than a chronology of important events. A knowledge of the lives of common people in a prairie community may illuminate our past in a manner enabling us to face the present with understanding and the future with a greater tranquility. It seems to me that the quality of life in a community is weakened to the extent citizens fail to accept that they are as dependent upon the past as the future is dependent upon them.'

Again, thank you....it's been great!"