

These minutes were approved at the 1/3/2011 City Council meeting with one change.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - **AMENDED**

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2010

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dimas 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, and Rebecca Stout present. Aldermen Dzierzanowski and Fuesting arrived at 7:08 pm. 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Acting Chief of Police Laz Perez, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation.

A. Public Hearing: 2011 Budget. At 7:04 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to open the public hearing. Motion was carried by voice vote. No one spoke for or against the budget. At 7:05 pm, Mayor Kwasman closed the public hearing.

B. Public Hearing: Real Estate Transfer Tax. At 7:06 pm, Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to open the public hearing. Motion was carried by voice vote. No one spoke for or against the real estate transfer tax. At 7:07 pm, Mayor Kwasman closed the public hearing.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman John Smith said he attended a fundraiser for a deputy from the Sheriff's Department whose wife is ill with cancer. During the fundraiser, he found out that two West Chicago Police Officers came over with about \$1,000.00. Alderman Smith said that was great and he was proud to be associated with the West Chicago Police Department. The Mayor said it is well noted that West Chicago has the best police department in the County.

John Kruser, CableCom, Channel 17, announced the following new programs: Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 pm, *Paper Crafting Trends*, and at 7:00 pm, *IRM-TV (Illinois Railway Museum TV)*. On Wednesday at 7:00 pm will be the *Prayer Breakfast 2010*, and at 8:00 pm, *Local Music Night*.

Alderman Chassee had a save-the-date announcement. The Lion's Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in West Chicago. Everyone is invited to Prairie Landing on January 28, 2011, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm, to help observe this event. Official announcements will be forthcoming.

Mayor Kwasman **congratulated and** ^{Added per Alderman Dzierzanowski} thanked Alderman Dzierzanowski on his reappointment to the DuPage County Stormwater Committee. He did a great job and the Mayor is looking forward to more great things.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- December 21, 2010 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- December 23, 2010 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- December 27, 2010 Public Affairs Committee (cancelled)
- December 28, 2010 Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 20, 2010, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 1,061.145.91. 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:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 10-R-0100 – A Resolution Creating a Council Policy Regarding Postings of Letters of Credit or Other Development Security by Taxing Bodies

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, 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.

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

* **Public Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Earley commended and thanked the staff for a job well done in developing the budget. He said it has decreased 6.82% from 2010's budget. He then read and explained the following items:

B. Ordinance 10-O-0107 – An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011

C. Ordinance 10-O-0108 – An Ordinance Levying Taxes on Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 2, 2011, and ending December 31, 2011.

D. Ordinance 10-O-0106 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2010, and Ending December 31, 2010, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance No. 09-O-0067 – Third Quarter Budget Amendment

E. Resolution 10-R-0116 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Organization and Operation of the Railroad Days Festival

F. Resolution 10-R-0117 – A Resolution Providing for the Submission of a Certain Question to the Electors of the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Regarding the Elimination of the Office of City Treasurer and Assigning the Duties and Responsibilities thereof to City Staff

G. Resolution 10-R-0118 – A Resolution Providing for the Submission of a Certain Question to the Electors of the City of West Chicago, Illinois, for the Imposition of a Real Estate Transfer Tax for the General Fund to Offset the Administrative Costs of Debt Collection and to Assist in the Collection of Outstanding Fines, Delinquent Fees, and Judgments Due to the City

H. Ordinance 10-O-0109 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for Fiscal Year Beginning January 2, 2011, and Ending December 31, 2011, in and for the City of West Chicago Service Area No. 27

I. Ordinance 10-O-0110 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for Fiscal Year Beginning January 2, 2011, and Ending December 31, 2011, in and for the City of West Chicago Service Area No. 28

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. During discussion, the Mayor said the budget includes money for the Police Pension Fund, The City wishes to contract with the Chamber of Commerce for Railroad Days because it has been so successful. He also said the Special Services areas are winding down. The Mayor said the decrease in the budget is an amazing feat in today's economy, and he is very proud of the staff and the Finance Director who have made this happen. 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.

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

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K. Resolution 10-R-0119 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Declaration of Deed Restriction for Lot 1 of the North Industrial Park Subdivision

L. Resolution 10-R-0120 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Management, Inc., for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FY 2011

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said let the spirit of this holiday fill our homes and be thankful of what we have around us, our family and friends. He said we look back at a year of challenges and of accomplishments and look forward to a year of peace. In the meaning of this season we should exchange hellos and good tidings with strangers and make them your friends. This is a season known for miracles and he prays to the Lord to protect those who represent freedom in a far off country. He prays for tolerance to those who judge people because of their color, race or religion. Last of all, the Mayor's Christmas wish to West Chicago is health, love, and happiness, not just today, but all year long.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:23 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