

These minutes were approved at the 4/3/17 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2017

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Ligino-Kubinski 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 James E. Beifuss, Jr., Jayme Sheahan, Laura Grodoski, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Ferguson, John C. Smith, George L. Garcia, John F. Banas, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, Kurt Meissner, and Rebecca Stout were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and West Chicago Police Sergeant Julio Calabrese.

5. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during Public Participation:

Mr. Dan Johnson, Friends of District 94, 0N073 Preserve Court, Winfield IL 60190, spoke in favor of the upcoming referendum for District 94 to be voted upon at the April 4, 2017, Consolidated Election. He asked for the City's support in spreading the word.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2017.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Grodoski abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to approve the March 20, 2017, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$672,018.55. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Banas, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

\* **Infrastructure Committee:**

**A. Resolution 17-R-0016** – A Resolution Providing for Support of the National Wildlife Federation's Efforts for the Preservation of the Monarch Butterfly and Other Pollinators and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. (removed from the consent agenda)

9. **Reports by Committees. Resolution 17-R-0016** – A Resolution Providing for Support of the National Wildlife Federation's Efforts for the Preservation of the Monarch Butterfly and Other Pollinators and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve Resolution 17-R-0016. During discussion, Alderman Banas asked if there was a commitment of funds. City Administrator Guttman said there were none at this time, but if so, they would be in the annual budget and the Alderman will have time to discuss this expense.

Mayor Pineda said 90% of the Monarch butterflies are gone. They feed off of milkweed plants and we want to bring them back and support them. There is a person in Warrenville who grows 9 different types of milkweed (for profit) so they are available. Both the Forest Service and the Sierra Club asked for help.

Alderman Beifuss said this was approved in the Infrastructure Committee which came out of the Environmental Commission which has worked hard on this. They recommended items to do such as educate the public about milkweeds which are what the larvae eat. He said we all grew up with Monarch butterflies and we would like to pass these beautiful butterflies on to our children. The butterflies overwinter in the mountains of Michoacan (from where a lot of folks in West Chicago came from). Their breeding areas are being reduced. In 20 years the Monarchs went from a billion to 60 million. Pollinators are needed for crops and wild flowers thus making them good economically for the State and the United States

Alderman Garcia asked if the City has set aside any land to plant milkweed. The Mayor said people can plant milkweed in their yards. City Administrator Guttman there is no effort now, but when the downtown areas get developed, this is something to keep in mind.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Sheahan, Grodoski, Hallett, Dimas, Ferguson, Smith, Garcia, Banas, and Liginio-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - March 21, 2017 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - March 23, 2017 | Finance Committee                                   |
| - March 27, 2017 | Public Affairs Committee                            |
| - March 28, 2017 | Historical Preservation Commission                  |

Mayor Pineda said this being the first day of spring, and the days getting warmer, it won't be long until the children are out and about playing and more people riding motorcycles. Motorists should be aware of the children and motorcycles.

**13. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**15. Adjournment.** At 7:17 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk