

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 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 Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Michael D. Ferguson, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, George L. Garcia, Rebecca Stout, Bonnie A. Gagliardi, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present. Alderman Kurt Meissner was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, and Police Commander Julio Calabrese.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during Public Participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017.** Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017, with no changes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Hallett abstained. Motion carried.
7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the September 18, 2017, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$807,647.15). Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.
8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following items:

**A. Ordinance 17-O-0030** – An Ordinance Approving a Special Use for an Automobile Care Center and a Final PUD – Christian Brothers Automotive – 1650 N. Neltnor Boulevard

**B. Resolution 17-R-0055** – A Resolution Approving the CBA Resubdivision – 1650 N. Neltnor Boulevard

**C. Ordinance 17-O-0031** – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Landbank Required Off-Street Parking at 1760 and 1860 Western Drive – INX International Ink Co.

**D. Resolution 17-R-0054** – A Resolution Approving Kaylor's Resubdivision – 445 Belleview Avenue

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gagliardi, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

**E. Resolution 17-R-0052** – A Resolution Applying for Community Development Block Grants from DuPage County

**F. Resolution 17-R-0053** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Copenhaver Construction, Inc. for Services Related to the 2017 Main Street and Metra Station Sidewalk Project (for an amount not to exceed \$51,018.00)

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas,

Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

\* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Dimas read and explained the following item:

**G. Ordinance 17-O-0035** – An Ordinance Further Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2017, and Ending December 31, 2017, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 16-O-0042 – Third Quarter Amendment

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adopt the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

**H. Resolution 17-R-0056** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of West Chicago for STP Grant Funding for Construction Costs Related to the Powis Road LAFO Project (for an amount not to exceed \$48,250.00)

**I. Ordinance 17-O-0036** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

Alderman Ligino-Kubinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia, to adopt the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garcia, Stout, Gagliardi, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** Alderman Dimas said there was discussion in the Finance Committee to have CableCom go dark for six months to see if there is any concern for the Council meetings not being televised. The Mayor said CableCom will return after six months if there is interest.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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| - September 19, 2017 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals       |
| - September 25, 2017 | Public Affairs Committee (start time 6:00 pm) |
| - September 26, 2017 | Historical Preservation Commission            |

The City Clerk announced that the VFW 19<sup>th</sup> District is holding a Steak Fry at the West Chicago VFW in October. She will provide more information at the next meeting.

The City Clerk and Alderman Birch-Ferguson announced that the West Chicago Sister Cities would be sponsoring an Oktoberfest on October 14, 2017, at the West Chicago American Legion post. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Alderman Birch-Ferguson will bring in a poster for the event.

Alderman Stout said the Police Department, the Fire Department, and CERT will be starting classes on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information on the Police web site. Alderman Stout encouraged everyone to attend to learn what to do in emergencies.

Mayor Pineda said there is one more walk in the *Move with the Mayor* challenge, and it will be held at Reed-Keppler Park. He said a lot of aldermen and residents are doing a great job. He and Alderman Chassee have discussed continuing the walks with Team Pineda, calling the initiative, "*Keep Moving West Chicago*." The Mayor said September 29<sup>th</sup> is National Heart Day and they will be at Gary School. Right now, West Chicago is approaching four million steps. Although there is no competition this year, West Chicago has bragging rights as the closest other City is Indianapolis with 300,000 steps.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said the Mexican Independence Day Festival was great. There was only one incident and that is when a man came out of a tavern and pulled the giant piñata to his driveway, telling the guard that his girlfriend gave it to him for his birthday. The police retrieved it the next day and the man was very apologetic.

The City put together a mural on Main Street made with non-disposal cups in the form of a railroad train which will be in the Guinness Book of World Records. Museum Director Sara Phalen will ensure that it gets certified. It was a lot of work putting it up and taking it down.

The Mayor said there is going to be a great tape showcasing West Chicago and its unique festivals.

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

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:17 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