

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 2, 2019

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** The 3A Championship Soccer Team 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, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne M. Short, and Rebecca Stout present. Aldermen Matthew E. Garling and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger, Deputy Chief of Police Chris Shackelford, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey.

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation: Honoring Community High School District 94 Soccer Team. The Mayor read his Proclamation (copy attached) honoring the District 94 soccer team. The team received a standing ovation. The Mayor said many of the players had been with community clubs, but decided to be a part of the high school team this year. He also said every one of the coaching staff had attended West Chicago Community High School. The Mayor said the team also was honored at the County last Tuesday.

B. Presentation: People's Choice Award Winner – 2019 Art Banner. The Mayor announced the winner of the People's Choice Award was Kathy Kuchler. The Mayor read a brief biography of Ms. Kuchler. Her winning picture was of two love birds. The Mayor presented the banner to her. He said the banner program has been going on for several years and he is very proud of the talented people in town. Ms. Kuchler said she was much honored to receive this honor. This Friday is the beginning reception at Gallery 200.

C. Presentation: DuPage Monarch Project. The Mayor invited Connie Schmidt of the River Prairie Sierra Club Chapter to speak. She said four organizations sponsored the Monarch and other pollinators' project: Sierra Club, Conservation Foundation, Wild Ones, and the Forest Preserve. Here with her this evening was Lonnie Morris, DMP Coordinator from the Conservation Foundation. The group was encouraging habitats for Monarchs. West Chicago was the one of the 33 cities who stood up and was outstanding in this effort. The group saw the need to recognize the City and so for the first time, they have an award for West Chicago's outstanding commitment for Monarchs and pollinators. When the Mayor took the Monarch Pledge, the City built a wayside at City Hall of milkweeds and other pollinator friendly plants. Residents followed and 36 artists designed outdoor butterflies. The program was called the Butterfly Effect wherein a small change can make a difference. City staff worked with Gallery 200 and the high school for showing the film, "The Guardians." West Chicago also won the American in Bloom Pollinators Award. She said they did not intend to honor Cities, but West Chicago was so outstanding. She then presented a plaque to the Mayor. The Mayor told the history of our involvement. A large population in West Chicago is from Michoacán, Mexico, where the Monarch butterflies spend the winter.

No one else spoke during public participation.

D. Public Hearing: Pre-Annexation for Pulte Home Company. The Mayor said the public hearing was pulled from the agenda this evening since there are still issues to be resolved with Pulte.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2019. Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch-Ferguson, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, and Stout. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the December 2, 2019, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$390,119.40. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, and Stout. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

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

A. Approve – St. Mary’s Pro-Life March Event Scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2020.

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, and Stout. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

B. Ordinance 19-O-0040 – An Ordinance Providing for Real Estate Tax Abatement – Discovery Drive Investors LLC

C. Resolution 19-R-0062 – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

D. Resolution 19-R-0063 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown, to approve the above items. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, and Stout. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

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| - December 3, 2019 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - December 5, 2019 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - December 9, 2019 | Development Committee |
| - December 12, 2019 | Finance Committee |

The City Clerk reminded everyone of the Community Holiday Party to be held at the American Legion on December 14, 2019. Alderman Birch-Ferguson said the party starts at 6:00 pm and costs \$20 per person or two for \$35. Children under 3 are \$10.00. Food by Pal Joey’s.

13. Mayor’s Comments. The Mayor said Frosty Fest would be held this week-end. In conjunction with the essay contest for Frosty Fest, he visited all the schools today. There were about 50 essay entries. He spoke of the talented projects the students put together to show how they will celebrate the holidays. The Frosty Fest Parade starts at 4:00 pm. He hoped the soccer team would be in it. He’ll be in the sleigh with his beautiful wife. The Mayor hoped everyone could be there. It should be 40 degrees and sunny. The Mayor said that for 10 years Kramer Tree Service has donated or decorated trees. The owner, Joe Kramer, who passed away is missed, but his family is keeping up the tradition.

City Administrator Guttman said the first meeting next year is on January 6, 2020. Normally it is just to pay bills and approve minutes. A show of hands had the majority of the Council approving a time change to 7:30 am.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:33 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



Mayoral Proclamation

Honoring the West Chicago Varsity Boys Soccer Team – IHSA Class 3A State Champions

WHEREAS, from their very first game of the season where they tied the three-time state championship team Naperville North, the West Chicago Varsity Boys Soccer Team declared they were state-bound; and

WHEREAS, after winning the Upstate Eight Conference Championship, the Wildcats went strong into post season action, beating Hoffman Estates 4-2 in the Regional Semifinal on October 22, then went on to win the Regional Championship on October 25 by beating Glenbard North 3-1; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats earned the #1 seed for the St. Charles East Sectional. They beat St. Charles North at the Sectional Semifinal on October 29 with a score of 2-0; won against York in the Sectional Championship on November 2 – the final score 1-0; and obtained another victory at the Super-Sectional on November 5: Wildcats 2, Jacobs 0; and

WHEREAS, down to just four of the best teams in the state, the State Semifinal was on November 8 against Edwardsville and after two overtime periods the Wildcats won 2-1; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats concluded their amazing season at the State Final on November 9 against a very physical Morton team, the Wildcats crushed Morton with a score of 2-0, making history by winning the first state soccer championship in West Chicago Community High School history; and


WHEREAS, the efforts of these students have brought honor and recognition to the West Chicago Community High School and the City of West Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ruben Pineda, recognize the achievements of the West Chicago Varsity Boys Soccer Team members:

David Kuehn	Tristan Alfaro	Alonso Salinas	Juan Herrera
Luis Parra-Mendez	Diego Cortes	Brayam Barrios	Lukas Stary
Bryan Bonilla	Moises Morfin	Alexander Chegue	Roberto Mendoza
Benjamin Suddeth	Brian Nieves	Alejandro Cadena	Carlos Ramirez
D'Marcus Marin	Jessie Hernandez	Isaias Palacios	Diego Martinez
Jahir Martinez	Jonathan Sanchez	Alexis Arroyo	Armando Garcia

along with their Head Coach, Jose Villa, their assistant coaches Daniel Ballines, Dorian Carrasco, Roberto Hurtado, Victor Lopez and its team managers Juana Centeno-Andrade, Alma Garcia and Monserat Vargas for fostering the dedication and encouragement needed to achieve this outstanding record in Boys Soccer. I urge all West Chicago residents to join with me and recognize these students and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of December, 2019.


Mayor Ruben Pineda

