

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO - 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2020

The City Council meeting of August 17, 2020, was held partly remote (via Zoom) and partly in person due to the coronavirus pandemic.

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda (in person) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Mayor said it was determined that in person meetings are not practical or pertinent.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Brown led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** There was no invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne Short, John E. Jakabcsin, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present remotely. Alderman Matthew Garling was in person.

Aldermen Lori J. Chassee and Rebecca Stout were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance in person were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Chief of Police Mike Uplegger and Deputy Chief of Police Chris Shackelford.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Attorney Bond attended remotely.

5. **Public Participation.** There was no public participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020.** Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ferguson, to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020, with corrections made before the minutes were posted on the City's website.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Alderman Garling abstained. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the August 17, 2020, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of (\$519,054.87).

Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda.

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

A. **Ordinance 20-O-0014** - An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance for Signage - 808 Discovery Drive

B. **Ordinance 20-O-0015** - An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance for Signage - 250 South Neltnor Boulevard (removed and voted upon separately)

C. **Ordinance 20-O-0016** - An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance - 943 McCormick Lane

D. **Ordinance 20-O-0017** - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Extending the Police Officer Final Eligibility Register List Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions

Alderman Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch-Ferguson, to adopt the above items A, C, and D. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. **Reports by Committee: From Item 8.B. Ordinance 20-O-0015** - An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance for Signage - 250 South Neltnor Boulevard

Alderman Birch-Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to adopt Ordinance 20-O-0015. During discussion, Alderman Garling pointed out that the sign would be directly below a power line, which he would rather not see a variance for at this time. Aldermen Beifuss had questions about the height of the proposed sign. Alderman Brown would have liked to see this issue go to committee to make sure everything is up to standards that the City Council

would like to see. Alderman Beifuss also would have liked to see this matter go to committee. Alderman Dimas said staff looked at various avenues to make it conforming and none were available except to be in the same place, so she thought it should go forward. Alderman Jakabcsin agreed. Alderman Beifuss was concerned that it is right near the sidewalk where people walk and bike. He asked if the City Administrator could give reasons for the height of the sign. City Administrator Guttman said he and Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner worked on this and gave the dimensions. The Mayor said staff worked on this matter and this is the best option. Alderman Short asked if it could fall again. That would be unlikely. The Mayor said if the Council rejects the variance, the owner can keep the old sign in perpetuity. Alderman Beifuss said the new sign is an improvement and he feels satisfied. Alderman Ferguson said the new sign will not be detrimental because it is being restored to its original state.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: Alderman Garling. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business: None

11. New Business: None

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

August 18, 2020	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
August 24, 2020	Public Affairs Committee
August 25, 2020	Historical Preservation Commission
August 27, 2020	Finance Committee (cancelled)
September 1, 2020	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
September 3, 2020	Infrastructure Committee

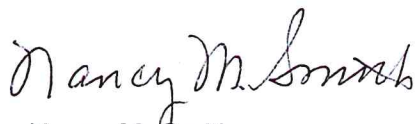
13. Mayor's Comments: The Mayor said everyone needs to be careful of the COVID-19 virus. He said he says this at every meeting because we do not want to go backwards. Businesses are open. He sent letters to some to make sure they are following the guidelines. Car shows cannot have more than 50 people, and no alcohol can be served. If we go back to Phase III it will jeopardize businesses in West Chicago. The Mayor said he is working with others and the county to get more information out to our residents. He thought perhaps a traveling van and educators could distribute informational handouts

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:25 pm. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk