

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2020

The City Council meeting of December 21, 2020, was held partly remote (via Zoom) and partly on site due to the coronavirus pandemic.

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda (on site) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Mayor said it was determined that in person meetings are not practical and prudent at this time.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Swiatek 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, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Michael D. Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, John E. Jakabcsin and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present remotely. Alderman Matthew Garling was present on site. Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr. and Heather Brown were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance was City Administrator Michael Guttman (remotely), and on site were Chief of Police Mike Uplegger and Deputy Chief of Police Chris Shackelford. City Attorney Patrick Bond attended remotely.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith attended on site.

5. **Public Participation.** The Mayor called upon City Administrator Guttman who said he received a communication from Jason Harris who lives in the 400 block of Colford Avenue. Mr. Harris complained about rudeness of City officials in that his calls have not been returned. He has property damaged by the City. Mr. Guttman addressed this issue later in the meeting.

A. Public Hearing: 2021 Proposed Budget

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. Alderman Chassee said the staff has done a great job once again, and she appreciates their efforts. The Mayor agreed and he thanked all the staff for putting this together. It was a difficult year.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020, with no changes.

Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Sheahan, Ferguson, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Alderman Birch-Ferguson abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to accept the December 21, 2020, Corporate Disbursement Report for the amount of \$1,191,790.61. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda.

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

A. Ordinance 20-O-0028 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Article IV and Article X of the Zoning Code Relating to Private Garage Vehicle Condominiums

B. Ordinance 20-O-0029 – An Ordinance Granting a First Amendment to a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Repair Shop, a Self-Storage Facility, and Outside Storage – Frank's Automotive – 927 West Washington Street

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

* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Dimas read and explained the following items:

Upcoming Meetings

December 22, 2020 Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)
December 28, 2020 Public Affairs Committee (Alderman Chassee said
this meeting is also cancelled.)

The City Clerk announced that today was the last day of filing for the Consolidated Election on April 6, 2021. Twelve people have filed.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said everyone is familiar with the COVID-10 numbers. Now that the vaccine is out, he hoped West Chicago would get it soon. They have to take care of first responders first. The Mayor will keep everyone up to date on availability.

The Mayor wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He hoped 2021 would be a much better year, and 2020 would be put in the rear view mirror and we'll never look back.

The Mayor urged everyone to keep cautious and do not have big gatherings. Happy holidays.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:28 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Ferguson, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk