

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2021

The City Council meeting of February 1, 2021, 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 Beifuss led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Invocation. There was no invocation, but the City Clerk noted that it was Black History Month and that it was important to learn about Black history.

4. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.

Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Matthew Garling, and John E. Jakabcsin present remotely. Aldermen Heather Brown and Melissa Birch-Ferguson were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman and City Attorney Patrick Bond (remotely). Interim Chief of Police Chris Shackelford were present on site.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith also was present on site.

The Mayor moved up Item 11.A. Concur with the Mayor's Appointment of Joseph C. Morano for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2023 – Ward 7. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Joseph C. Morano for an unexpired term ending April 2023 – Ward 7. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Stout, and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The City Clerk then administered the oath of office to Joseph C. Morano. The Mayor and the Clerk congratulated Alderman Morano.

5. Public Participation. There was no public participation.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2021. Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve the minutes of January 18, 2021, with no changes.

Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Stout, and Jakabcsin. Aldermen Short and Morano abstained. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to accept the February 1, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$614,796.34. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

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

A. Resolution 21-R-0002 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of West Chicago, DuPage Airport Authority, West Chicago Library District, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Elementary District 33, Community High School District 94, and Crest Hill Investment LLC in Regard to a Property Tax Abatement Relative to the Development of the Greco/DeRosa Property

B. Resolution 21-R-0003 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Economic Incentive Agreement By and Between the City of West Chicago and Crest Hill Investment LLC

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout to approve Resolution 21-R-0002 and Resolution 21-R-0003. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Item Not Sent to Committee:

C. Concur with the Mayor's Appointment of Tony Banasiak to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2024.

Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to concur with the Mayor's appoint of Tony Banasiak to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for the Unexpired Term Ending April 2024. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees: None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business

A. Concur - With the Mayor's Appointment of Joseph C. Morano for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2023 – Ward 7 (moved up on the agenda)

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

February 2, 2021	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
February 4, 2021	Infrastructure Committee
February 8, 2021	Development Committee

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said he was sad to see former Aldermen Noreen Liginokubinski and Michael Ferguson leave. They were great aldermen and they will be missed. Mr. Ferguson grew up in West Chicago and had lots of information. Former Chief of Police Michael Uplegger retired as of yesterday. He had done many things for the City and had every job in the Police Department. The Interim Chief of Police is Chief Chris Shackelford, and the Mayor looked forward to working with him. The Mayor welcomed Alderman Morano, as another representative of the 7th Ward. The Mayor is also looking forward to working with him.

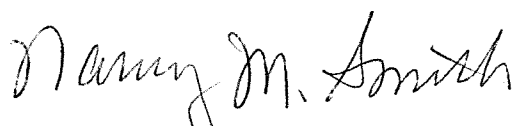
The Mayor spoke of the COVID-19 statistics. West Chicago has a few more cases at 3781 and up to 38 deaths. The Mayor said West Chicago is now in Tier 1, which means the restaurants can reopen for indoor dining, but the number of customers is limited to 25 or 25% whichever is smaller. The Mayor is looking forward to spring for outdoor dining. West Chicago is struggling, but going in the right direction. As far as vaccines, there is more demand than supply. He is working with DuPage County to see how to get on the list. People need to be registered

14. Executive Session. There was no need for an executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:15 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk