

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 04/26/2021

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2021 7:00 P.M.

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call found Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short (joined at 7:11pm) and Jakabcsin.

Rosemary Mackey attended via Zoom.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Chairman Chassee informed the Committee that Mayor Pineda has determined that in person meetings are not practical at this time, so Zoom meetings will continue.

B. Public Affairs Committee Minutes of February 22, 2021. Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations.

#### 4. Items for Consent.

A. Wheaton Academy Fireworks – Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion to deny this item due to lack of firework permit signed, seconded by Alderman Hallett. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Virtual Blooming Fest – Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 5. Items for Discussion.

A. 2021 Public Art Project Milkweed Art Campaign – The consensus of the Committee is for Ms. Mackey to go back to have the conversation about folding the

B. master plan development of Cultural Arts Commission into the City Planning process.

**6. Unfinished Business.**

**7. New Business.**

Chairman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson and Short addressed the concerns of speeding complaints in their ward area. Interim Chief Shackelford will look into speedy complaints.

**8. Reports from Staff.**

Interim Chief Shackelford reported to staff that coyotes are opportunist animals driven by their need for food, therefore residents should not feed these animals. Another option is apply for a permit with the Illinois Department of Resources and then hire a trapper and trap the nuisance coyote.

**9. Adjournment.** Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hallett. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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