

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2021

The City Council meeting of April 19, 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 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, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph C. Morano present remotely. Alderman Matthew Garling was present on site. Alderman Melissa Birch-Ferguson was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance remotely were City Administrator Michael Guttman, City Attorney Patrick Bond, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Public Works Director Rob Flatter. Interim Chief of Police Chris Shackelford was present on site.

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

5. **Public Participation.** City Administrator Guttman read three letters from residents objecting to the new short-term rental ordinance: Liuan Huska, 217 Church Street, Jeff Beaird, 329 Barber Street, and Katie Holden, 442 East Washington Street. Mr. Guttman said he would address this issue under old business.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to accept the April 19, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$576,637.37. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda**

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

A. **Ordinance 21-O-0011** – An Ordinance Providing for Real Estate Tax Abatement – Midwest Industrial Funds Property

B. **Resolution 21-R-0025** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain License Agreement with the County of Kane for Use of City Right-of-Way Along Technology Boulevard and Discovery Drive

C. **Resolution 21-R-0026** – A Resolution Approving Midwest Industrial Funds Final Plat of Resubdivision – 1000 Harvester Road

D. **Resolution 21-R-0027** – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement Between DuPage County and the City of West Chicago for Participation in CDBC Grant Funding in the Maximum Amount of \$400,000.00 for Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements Associated with Project Number CD21-03 and Known as the Fair Meadows Subdivision Rehabilitation Project

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

9. **Reports by Committees:** None

10. **Unfinished Business:** City Administrator Guttman said when the short term rental regulations were making their way through the committee, the City would have preferred to engage interested parties, but there was no way the City could know who they were. Mr.

Guttman suggested that a working group be formed to work with the committee. The Mayor said Alderman Beifuss had said it would come back for more needed direction, and the Mayor agreed that the City would head in that direction.

11. New Business: Alderman Jakabcsin said there is a DJ playing every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night in his ward. The City's noise ordinance does not speak to the sound of the bass. He would like the noise ordinance reviewed for bass sounds. The Mayor said this was a good idea, and directed that the matter should go to committee. City Administrator Guttman said staff would look at it and present it to the Public Affairs Committee.

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

April 20, 2021	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
April 22, 2021	Finance Committee (cancelled)
April 26, 2021	Public Affairs Committee
April 27, 2021	Historical Preservation Commission

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor congratulated Alderman Chassee on her election as District Governor-elect of District I-J Lions Club.

The City's State of the City report has been posted to the City's website said Mayor Pineda. It is also up on YouTube.

The Mayor said he is excited about what the redevelopment starting in the downtown. He thanked the Council and staff for making this happen. The City is going in the right direction.

The Mayor announced that Healthy West Chicago is partnering with SmartAmerica which is launching the Spring Fit City Challenge in West Chicago. This initiative will encourage residents to get up and move. Activities of any kind will be tracked. There are many other partners such as the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce and WeGo for Kids. The Mayor said the Walk with the Mayor is being geared up. He hopes to have people walking with him this September.

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 7:20 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk