

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
May 3, 2021

The City Council meeting of May 3, 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 Chassee 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, Christine Dettman, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Matthew Garling, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph C. Morano present remotely. The Mayor announced a quorum.

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

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

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Proclamation: River Sweep 2021.** The Mayor read his Proclamation on the 2021 River Sweep in which he encouraged everyone to make a difference in the quality of water in the area, and to support and participate in the River Sweep 2021 to be held on May 15, 2021.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2021.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to approve the minutes of April 19, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Alderman Dettman abstained. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to accept the May 3, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$284,495.57. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**8. Consent Agenda**

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee read and explained the following item:

**A. Resolution 21-R-0028** – A resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Letter of Agreement with RedSpeed Illinois, LLC for a Traffic Law Enforcement System

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to approve Resolution 21-R-0028. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

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

**B. Ordinance 21-O-0003** – An Ordinance Granting a Waiver to the Mandatory Water Connection for Property Located within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago – 1100 East North Avenue

**C. Resolution 21-R-0029** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain License Agreement with Chicago Title Land Company Trust 8002380575 for Use of City Right-of-Way Along Prince Crossing Road and Meadowview Crossing

**D. Resolution 21-R-0030** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago and Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority

**E. Resolution 21-R-0031** – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amusement Tax Rebate Agreement to Rebate Funds Payable to the City by Cascade Drive-In Pursuant to the City of West Chicago Amusement Tax (removed and voted upon separately)

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt Ordinance 21-O-0003, and approve Resolution 21-R-0029 and Resolution 21-R-0030. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Short, Stout, Garling, Swiatek, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees:** None

**10. Unfinished Business:** From Item 8E: **Resolution 21-R-0031** – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amusement Tax Rebate Agreement to Rebate Funds Payable to the City by Cascade Drive-In Pursuant to the City of West Chicago Amusement Tax

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve Resolution 21-R-0031. During discussion, Alderman Garling made a motion to table this item and follow the normal path by sending it to Committee. Alderman Short seconded the motion to table. Voting Aye: Aldermen Garling and Short. Voting Nay: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion failed.

Discussion continued on the original motion. Alderman Beifuss had a few questions regarding how the tax rebate would be balanced by the re-opening of the Cascade. City Administrator Guttman said the Cascade asked what the City could and could not do for them. The City could accommodate this one. The amount is insignificant, and does not affect the budget. Alderman Chassee said rebates are offered to new businesses, and she felt it was appropriate to take this action for a 40-year-old business that the public really wants. Alderman Jakabcsin also felt the re-opening of the Cascade was a great opportunity to bring back a classic business that will help other businesses in West Chicago. Voting Aye on the original motion: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: Alderman Garling. Motion carried.

**11. New Business:** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements**

**Upcoming Meetings**

May 4, 2021	Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
May 6, 2021	Infrastructure Committee
May 10, 2021	Development Committee

City Clerk Smith said this is Municipal Clerks Week and as such, she expressed gratitude for being the Clerk of West Chicago for the past 30 years. She appreciated being re-elected, and she congratulated all those who were reelected and the newly elected Alderman.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor congratulated the newly elected Aldermen and welcomed the new Alderman, Christine Dettman. The Mayor thanked them for their dedication and time in a job that involves a lot of work. He could not thank them enough for being here. Due to the COVID-19 situation, Oaths of Office were signed. The Mayor said an in-person swearing-in would be conducted at a future date.

The Mayor said he was happy to walk with grade school children last Friday. He visited every preschool and put on about 21,000 steps. It was a long day, but was wonderful. He went to his old school, Turner, and the children were very excited to see him.

**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 7:24 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk