

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2021

The City Council meeting of June 7, 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.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

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

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

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

5. **Public Participation.** There was no public participation.

A. Proclamation: Plant Trees for Communities. The Mayor read his proclamation in which he stated that West Chicago has accepted the challenge to plant a tree as part of the Chicago Region Trees initiative. The Mayor proclaimed that "We are partners in Plant Trees for Communities: A tree for every Chicago Region community in 2021."

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2021.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to approve the June 7, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$922,997.66. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

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

A. Ordinance 21-O-0015 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article V, Noise Control Regulation of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances (removed and voted upon separately)

B. Resolution 21-R-0037 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village Board of Tower Lakes, Illinois

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short, to approve Resolution 21-R-0037. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

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

C. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Colin M. Fleury as Chief of Police Effective June 28, 2021, and Approve Resolution 21-R-0045 – Employment Agreement

D. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Lori Chassee as Mayor *Pro Tem*

E. Ordinance 21-O-0013 – An Ordinance Providing for Real Estate Tax Abatement – Ball Horticultural Company

F. Ordinance 21-O-0014 – An Ordinance Providing for Real Estate Tax Abatement – Norix Group, Inc. and Norix Global Holdings, LLC

G. Ordinance 21-O-0016 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal or Sale of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

H. Resolution 21-R-0040 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Downtown Façade Grant Program Agreement – W.M. Lauhoff & Co. – 122 Main Street

I. Resolution 21-R-0041 – A Resolution Making a Determination Relative to the Release of Executive Session Minutes Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

J. Resolution 21-R-0042 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

K. Resolution 21-R-0043 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Master Pole Attachment Agreement with Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

L. Resolution 21-R-0044 – A Resolution Correcting a Scrivener's Error in Resolution 21-R-0039

M. Concur – With the Mayor's Appointment of Hannah Billingsley to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 2023

N. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of David Kasprak to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 2026

O. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Barbara Laimins to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Term Ending April 2026

P. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Richard Vignes to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Ending April 2024

Q. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Bill Andrews to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Ending April 2024

R. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Keith E. Letsche to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Term Ending April 2024

S. Concur – With the Mayor's Reappointment of Kristine Zimmerman to the Environmental Commission for a Term Ending April 2024

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

9. Reports by Committees: None

10. Unfinished Business: From 8.A: **Ordinance 21-O-0015** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article V, Noise Control Regulation of the West Chicago Code of Ordinances

Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch-Ferguson, to adopt Ordinance 21-O-0015. During discussion, Alderman Jakabcsin said he sent information in advance regarding the events that led to this ordinance amendment. The current ordinance deals with a mid-range of sound, but should also include a high treble and a deep bass range. This will benefit his ward, but also the rest of the City. Alderman Morano said other cities and towns have adopted similar measures. The Mayor said this would give the police more leverage as we go into summer with parties. The Mayor thanked Alderman Jakabcsin for bringing this up. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

11. New Business: None

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

June 14, 2021

Development Committee

June 15, 2021

Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

Aldermen Swiatek and Dimas said the Finance Committee would meet on June 9, 2021. City Administrator Guttman said the meeting would start at 6:00 pm.

Alderman Chassee reported that Alderman Hallett had an accident at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he fell and broke his L1. He is currently at Central DuPage Hospital. The Mayor wished the best for Alderman Hallett and urged everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor welcomed new Chief of Police Colin M. Fleury to West Chicago. The Mayor is proud of this community and proud of its police officers in town. He expects that will continue under Chief Fleury

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:22 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk