

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
June 21, 2021

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Hallett 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, Alton Hallett, Jayme Sheahan, Christine Dettmann, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph C. Morano present. Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, and Matthew Garling were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

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

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

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

**A. Swearing in of Colin M. Fleury, Chief of Police.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Colin M. Fleury to the position of Chief of Police. The Mayor then presented a wallet and badge to the new Police Chief, and thanked him for being here. Chief Fleury introduced his family in the audience. He said he was excited and honored to be the Chief of Police in West Chicago and said it was his hope never to let the City down.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Sheahan, Dettmann, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Alderman Hallett abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to approve the June 21, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$786,706.39. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Hallett, Sheahan, Dettmann, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Short, Stout, Swiatek, 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-0046** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of West Chicago, DuPage Airport Authority, West Chicago Library District, West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago Elementary School 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-0047** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Updated Economic Incentive Agreement by and Between the City of West Chicago and OSI Industries, LLC

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to approve the above Resolutions. During discussion, Alderman Dimas said along with these two items, the Committee went over the budget and she would like to commend those that worked on it. It was so well done that we came out of the audits with flying colors. She thanked Mr. Guttman and all the staff. Mayor Pineda was glad she commended them as they work very hard and do a good job. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Hallett, Sheahan, Dettmann, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

9. **Reports by Committees:** None

10. **Unfinished Business:** None

11. **New Business:** None

12. **Correspondence and Announcements**

**Upcoming Meetings**

June 22, 2021	Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled)
June 28, 2021	Public Affairs Committee
July 1, 2021	Infrastructure Committee

City Clerk Smith announced that Sunday bingo was open once again at the VFW with doors opening at noon and play beginning at 2:00 pm.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor announced his thanks and excitement for having on board new Police Chief Fleury. The selection process went well. The Mayor said he is always proud of the police force and he thinks it will stay that way. The Mayor thanked Interim Chief Shackelford for running a smooth operation. Interim Chief Shackelford thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

The Mayor said this was the first meeting back in person. However, he cautioned that we still need to be careful. He believes a booster shot may be coming. However, we still need to be careful and make sure we are safe. Summer is here and the kids are out on their bicycles and skateboards so people need to be aware when out there.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:13 pm, Alderman Birch-Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn into executive session to discuss review of official record 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(21) and personnel matters 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1). Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Sheahan, Hallett, Dettmann, Birch-Ferguson, Dimas, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano.

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

**16. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk