

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

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dimas 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, Christine Dettman, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Matthew E. Garling, Jeanne M. Short, Rebecca Stout, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph G. Morano present. Alderman Jayme Sheahan was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Sean Conway, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during Public Participation.
6. **City Council Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2021.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021, with no changes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Dettman, Hallett, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Dimas and Garling abstained. Motion carried.
7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to approve the July 19, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$622,305.85. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

\* **Public Affairs Committee:** Alderman Chassee said this item went to the Development Committee so Alderman Stout read and explained the following item:

**A. Ordinance 21-O-0018** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Article VI of the Zoning Code Relating to Not-for-Profit Mobile Food Vehicles

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

9. **Reports by Committees.** The Mayor read and explained the following item:

**A. Resolution 21—0056** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Kane McKenna and Associates, for the De-TIF/Re-TIF of the West Chicago Downtown TIF District

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to approve the above item. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: Alderman Garling. Motion carried.

10. **Unfinished Business.** None
11. **New Business.** None
12. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

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



The City Clerk said the West Chicago VFW is sponsoring a Car Show on August 1, 2021, at the Post on Route 59 (Neltner Boulevard). The public is welcome to attend. The Auxiliary is preparing breakfast and lunch items.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said he was excited about the downtown TIF that will allow the downtown to be developed.

The Mayor said that two years ago a reporter asked him what his two main goals were. One was the business park on Roosevelt Road. Looking at it now, it is filling up with great businesses, such as Amazon, Sun Cast, Norix, and many others. The Mayor is working with State Senator Villa and with the County Board to make Fabyan Parkway into four lanes because, there will be 1000 trucks coming out of there in the next 2-2 ½ years. He is also working with the Department of Transportation for a light at Technology and Roosevelt.

His second goal was the downtown area. He feels that if we do not start doing something now our downtown will not survive. The Mayor said we want to be West Chicago, not Geneva or St. Charles.

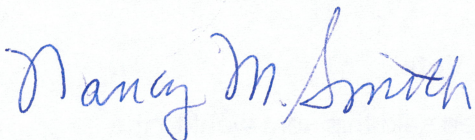
The Mayor said that this Saturday we have partnered with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra who will be working with students to get them excited about music. They are also working with our Mariachi Band. The Cultural Arts Commission is working with the children to make banners. The concert will start at 6:30 pm. The theme is Christmas in July.

**14. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:11 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk