

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 08/30/2021

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, July 26, 2021 7:00 P.M.

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call found Alderman Brown, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and.

Alderman Hallett was not present.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Public Affairs Committee Minutes of June 28, 2021. Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. Alan Gilbert, business owner of Bunker Bar Grill, Steve, representative from the VFW Legion and Todd Castaneda, owner of Twin Eagles. These owners expressed their concerns on having video gaming at their establishments. They want to stay competitive with surrounding towns that have video gaming so that they can bring in money to their business and the City.

#### 4. Items for Consent.

A. Wheaton Academy Homecoming Fireworks - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### 5. Items for Discussion.

A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Pricing – Chairman Chassee gave direction to staff to get additional information from the Chamber of Commerce what this partnership opportunity may mean to them. They would also like to have some further discussion on availability and cost. The Committee would like to obtain more information from the Chamber for consideration.

**6. Unfinished Business.**

**7. New Business.**

A. WGTK Back to School Event – WeGo Together for Kids and District 33 - Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Birch Ferguson, Swiatek, Short and Jakabcsin. Voting Nay: 0. Abstain: Alderman Brown. Motion carried.

**8. Reports from Staff.**

A. Video Gaming – Chief Fleury gave calls for service and revenue information obtained from the Gaming Board for fifteen local municipalities. Chairman Chassee requested to have a survey done with all the Liquor License holders within the City.

**B. West Chicago Police Department Monthly Report**

Alderman Brown brought up the traffic on Joliet Street, in which the police department will look into, and will address any findings at the next meeting. Chief Fleury did mention there would be additional traffic enforcement before and during when school starts.

**9. Adjournment.** Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Brown. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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