

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2021

The City Council meeting of September 20 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 Morano 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, Alton Hallett, Christine Dettmann, Sandy Dimas, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Matthew Garling, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin, Matthew Garling and Joseph C. Morano present remotely. Alderman Melissa Birch-Ferguson was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance remotely were City Administrator Michael Guttman, City Attorney Patrick Bond, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Public Works Director Mehul Patel. Chief of Police Colin Fleury was present on site.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was absent.

**5. Public Participation.**

The following residents are against video gaming (public participation form or email sent):

Joel Carrera  
Clara Matecki  
Bharat Dave  
Melanie Young  
Cindy Hallett  
Sarah Bass  
Susan Ward  
Amy Carrera  
Tori Libby  
Debbi Rovtar  
Becky Charleston  
Raymond Walsh  
Erica Rinde  
David Patricoski  
Heidi Appleton  
Jamie Wilson  
Julie Odom  
Kevin Maloney  
Jim Rakow  
Hank Betts  
Dawn Betts  
Bob Vishanoff  
Sarah Harms  
Mike Minor  
Heidi Kuharich  
Bradley Kimme  
Kurt Lebo  
Ralph Weaver  
John Wilson  
Brendan McCormack  
India Dooley  
Darcie Kimble  
Julie Owens  
Joe Watson

Jonathan Whitherton  
Adam Giraldo  
Alecia Lenertz  
Margaret Bangert  
Janna Williamson

The following business owners (all provided signature pages) and resident are in favor of video gaming:

Allan Gilbert  
Steve Doggett  
Jeton Kashanjeva  
Greg Miller  
Michael Libert  
Steve B

The following residents support Alderman Heather Brown:

Jeton Kastanjeva  
John Guarrine  
Sharon Miner  
Allan Gilbert  
Ana Hernandez  
Diane Wemple  
Elizabeth Calderon

All documentation will be archived with the minutes.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2021, with no changes.

Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee to accept the September 20, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$719,304.66  
Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

### **\* Infrastructure Committee:**

**A. Resolution 21-R-0074** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Amendment with RJN Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Design and Bid Assistance Services Related to the Sanitary Lift Station #5 Replacement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00).

**B. Resolution 21-R-0076** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Matocha Associates of Hinsdale, Illinois, In An Amount Not to Exceed \$38,000.00, for Architectural Design Services Related to the 200 Main Street Rehabilitation Project.

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling, to adopt and approve the above items. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettman, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Short, Stout, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion carried.

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

**C. Ordinance 21-O-0022** – An Ordinance Approving a Special Use for a Car Wash and a Final PUD Amendment at 511 E. Roosevelt Road.

**D. Resolution 21-R-0079** – A Resolution Approving a Plat of Easement for Watermain with CICF II – IL1B05, LLC – 555 Innovation Drive.

**E. Resolution 21-R-0080** – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the CDBG Grant Applications as Well as Funding Agreements for Participating Streets for FY 2022-24 Community Development Grant (CDBG) Funding.

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

**9. Reports by Committees:**

**A. Video Gaming** – There was discussion amongst the Aldermen regarding the pros and cons regarding video gaming. Aldermen Chassee, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Swiatek, Stout, Short and Morano, expressed their opinions on video gaming and then support to direct Staff to prepare a draft Video Gaming Ordinance to be returned to City Council for discussion and Council action. Aldermen Beifuss, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, and Jakabcsin, expressed their opinions on video gaming and their opposition to video gaming and did not concur to direct staff to prepare a draft Video Gaming Ordinance to be returned to City Council for further Discussion and Council Action.

**10. Unfinished Business:** None

**11. New Business:** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements**

**Upcoming Meetings**

September 21, 2021 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals  
September 23, 2021 Finance Committee  
September 27, 2021 Public Affairs Committee  
September 28, 2021 Historical Preservation Commission

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor announced that he and Carly Smitherman, Healthy West Chicago Program Administrator, met with OSI Industries, a 50+ year West Chicago Business. They discussed the Healthy West Chicago initiative and how OSI can help keep it going. The business pledged to give \$5,000 per year, for the next three years. More meetings were held with other businesses including Ball Horticultural, who pledged to give \$10,000 per year, for the next five years. There are many good businesses getting involved and if the City can help keep their employees healthy, it benefits both. Mayor Pineda is very happy to have had that meeting with OSI Industries, who is constructing a second building in the City in the business park. This business is here to stay.

**14. Executive Session.** There was a need for an executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 8:51 pm, Alderman Morano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Garling, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman  
City Administrator

