

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2021

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 to the Flag. Alderman Swiatek led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Invocation. The City Clerk gave the invocation on site.

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, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Christopher Swiatek, Jeanne M. Short, Rebecca Stout, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph G. Morano present remotely. Alderman Matthew E. Garling was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance remotely were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Colin Fleury, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

5. Public Participation. There was no public participation.

A. Proclamation: Arts DuPage Month. The Mayor read his Proclamation, which outlined how valuable the arts are in improving the economy, enriching our civic life, driving tourism and commerce, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children. While the COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on DuPage County's creative sector, the arts lifted our spirits, unified communities, and provided entertainment. Now with the move to Phase 5 of Illinois' COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, the arts will play a vital role in rebuilding our communities, jumpstarting the economy, and leading us back to normalcy. The Mayor then proclaimed October 2021 as Arts DuPage Month in West Chicago and called upon community members to celebrate and promote the arts in DuPage County.

6. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2021. Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021. During discussion, Alderman Jakabcsin said item 9A second sentence, used the word, "consensus" which he felt was inappropriate since a roll call vote was taken. City Attorney Bond said since this was a direction to staff, and not a final action, it only needed a majority. Aldermen Dimas and Chassee agreed with changing the word to "majority." Alderman Beifuss wished the minutes to show a roll call vote and reflect that he was opposed to video gaming. City Attorney Bond suggested that he work with staff to rewrite Paragraph 9A to reflect which Aldermen wanted staff to proceed with drafting Ordinances to allow video gaming. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to table the minutes. Voting Aye: Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the October 4, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$662,285.27. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

* **Finance Committee:** Alderman Dimas read and explained the following items:

A. Ordinance 21-O-0024 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2021, and Ending December 31, 2021, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 20-O-0021

B. Resolution 21-R-0083 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Updated Terms to a Certain Labor Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the Fraternal Order of Police

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

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

C. Approve – The Frosty Fest Event Scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021

D. Approve – The Frosty Fest 5K Walk/Run Scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021

E. Resolution 21-R-0082 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$75,749.97

F. Resolution 21-R-0084 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Law Enforcement-Related Virtual Reality Training System in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00

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

9. Reports by Committees. None

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings

- October 5, 2021 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- October 7, 2021 Infrastructure Committee
- October 11, 2021 Development Committee

Alderman Dettmann said Judy Knack in her Ward proposed an idea to do banners of West Chicago veterans down Main Street. Marketing Coordinator Rosemary Mackey is working on this project. Alderman Dettmann encouraged people to put forth names of veterans. Mayor Pineda said this sounds like a great program.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor spoke of the COVID-19 numbers in our area. There has been an uptick of cases, but there have been no more deaths. He urged everyone to be careful and he is looking forward to booster shots for those under 65 years of age and those with no underlying conditions. The Mayor said there is COVID-19 information on the City's Website.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:31 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk