

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street - **AMENDED**  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 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 Garling 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, Christine Dettmann, Alton Hallett, Sandy Dimas, Christopher Swiatek, Matthew E. Garling, Jeanne M. Short, John E. Jakabcsin, and Joseph G. Morano present remotely. Alderman Birch-Ferguson arrived (remotely) at 7:05 pm. Alderman Rebecca Stout was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith was also present.

Also in attendance remotely were City Attorney Mary Dickson, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Chief of Police Colin Fleury, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, and Public Works Director Mehul Patel.

**5. Public Participation.** City Administrator Guttman read pro and con communications from the public regarding video gaming. The following people (all of whom either live or work in West Chicago) were in favor:

Mark Stilin, Tom Gustafson, Linda Mertes, Amanda Tomaszewski, Laura OMalley, Wayne Martin, Carol McLeod, Clinton Whiteway, and Alan Gilbert (two communications)

The following people (all of whom either live or work in West Chicago) were opposed:

Bradley Kimme, Heidi Kuharich (with an attached internet petition with 78 names), Bob Vishanoff, Jamie Wilson, Tori Libby, Julie Odom, Liz Garling, John Wilson, Brian Kiel, Jerry Dimas,

City Administrator Guttman said he has read them all and the elected officials will get copies this week.

**6. City Council Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2021, and October 4, 2021.**

Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to approve the revised minutes of September 20, 2021, and to approve the October 4, 2021, minutes. During discussion, Alderman Garling said he attended the 9/20/2021, meeting in person, not on the phone. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Below is the revised paragraph 9A of the September 20, 2021, minutes:

**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. Alderman 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.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the October 18, 2021, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$718,045.77. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Pineda said he would like to revise the agenda by bringing forth items 10 A and 10 B. at this time.

## 10. Unfinished Business.

**A. Ordinance 21-R-0027** – An Ordinance Permitting Video Gaming in the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, and Providing Regulations Therefore

**B. Ordinance 21-R-0028** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages to Provide for Licensing of Video Gaming Establishment Where Alcohol is Permitted

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to table the above items so the City can get information out to the public and bring back on November 1, 2021 for a decision. This would give new opportunities to make sure the public knows.

Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

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

\* **Development Committee:** Alderman Birch-Ferguson read and explained the following items:

**A. Ordinance 21-O-0026** – An Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit and a Final PUD for a Motor Vehicle Care Center – 440 W. North Avenue

**B. Resolution 21-R-0093** – A Resolution Approving the Belle Tire Subdivision – 440 W. North Avenue

**C. Resolution 21-R-0092** – A Resolution Approving the Final Development Plan for Midwest Industrial Funds, 537 Discovery Drive – DuPage Business Center

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

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following items:

(Amended) **D. Approve** – The Purchase of One 2022 Ford F-250 F-350 (per Alderman Swiatek) Super Duty 4wd Pick-Up Truck Chassis from Bob Ridings, Ford, Inc. (for an amount not to exceed \$37,592.00)

**E. Approve** – The Purchase of One Forestry/Brush Cutter 60" Attachment for Skid Steer (Bobcat) with Engine Compartment Seal Kit, 700 Series and Tier 4 Forestry Application Kit M Series from Atlas Bobcat (for an amount not to exceed \$31,900.00)

**F. Resolution 21-R-0081** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Pursuant to the Illinois Adopt-A-Highway Act Between the City of West Chicago and Ball Horticultural Company for Roosevelt Road (Illinois Route 38) Between Town Road and Washington Street

**G. Resolution 21-R-0086** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Layne Christensen Company for Professional Services Related to the 2021 Well Station No. 7 Rehabilitation Project (for an amount not to exceed \$153,646.00)

**H. Resolution 21-R-0087** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Crystal Maintenance Services Corporation for 2022 Janitorial Services for Municipal Buildings (for an amount not to exceed \$69,653.00)

**I. Resolution 21-R-0088** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Polydyne, Inc. for the Procurement of Dry Anionic Polymer for Fiscal Year 2022 (for an amount not to exceed \$22,680.00)

**J. Resolution 21-R-0089** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with MacCARB, Inc. for the Procurement of Liquid Carbon Dioxide for Fiscal Year 2022 (for an amount not to exceed \$37,500.00)

**K. Resolution 21-R-0090** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Rowell Chemical Company for the Procurement of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite for FY 2022 (for an amount not to exceed \$109,200.00)

**L. Resolution 21-R-0091** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Mississippi Lime Company for the Procurement of Hydrated Lime for Fiscal Year 2022 (for an amount not to exceed \$419,729.00)

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

**\* Item Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor explained the following item:

**M. Concur** – With the Mayor's Appointment of Crystal Noland-Riani to the Historical Preservation Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2022

Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, to table this item to the next City Council meeting. Voting Aye: Aldermen Brown, Sheahan, Garling, and Short. Voting Nay: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Motion failed

Alderman Jakabcsin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Crystal Noland-Riani to the Historical Preservation Commission for an Unexpired Term Ending April 2022. During discussion, Alderman Brown said she had concerns with this appointment as Ms. Noland-Riani has been seen on social media to bash the City and Code Enforcement. Alderman Brown has 20 different screen shots that people have sent to her. Alderman Garling said it appears she would be a greater asset to the Cultural Arts Commission. Mayor Pineda said she asked for either position so Deputy City Clerk Perez contacted her and she went with the Historical Preservation Commission. Alderman Chassee said the agendas are sent out early enough that it would have been better that this information had been shared with the Aldermen before the meeting. Alderman Chassee said she is disconcerted by what Alderman Brown said about this candidate. She was not aware of this information. Mayor Pineda said he was not aware of these activities either. Alderman Dimas suggested this appointment be postponed until these allegations can be investigated.

City Attorney Dickson said since a motion to table already failed, it would take a member of the prevailing side to move to reconsider.

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

Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, to table this item until the November 1, 2021, City Council meeting. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Correspondence and Announcements.**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- October 19, 2021 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- October 25, 2021 Public Affairs Committee
- October 26, 2021 Historical Preservation Commission
- October 28, 2021 Finance Committee (cancelled)

City Clerk Smith announced that Lois Mastaler, long time Deputy City Clerk, past president of the Post 6790 VFW Auxiliary and past president of the VFW 19<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary, passed away last week and her services were held this evening. She had been a wonderful civic-minded person. Mayor Pineda agreed.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said he went to a DuPage Symphony Orchestra concert on Saturday. The Orchestra has partnered with West Chicago. He was surprised to be honored as a Distinguished Guest. Out in the hallway where everyone could see was the premiere showing of photos and drawings from the West Chicago Community High School students. There will be other showings here in West Chicago. The Danada group asked if the students would be interested in showing at their annual October event. Winfield has a

new band shell on their River Walk and may be interested in concerts and showings of the photos and drawings. The Mayor thanked all the high school students for putting this show together on a short time frame.

The Mayor said he attended a Celebration of Life for Chuck Scheckel. The Mayor wished he had 30,000 Chuck Scheckel's in town. Everything he did, he worked hard on. He worked with Mayor Kwasman on Honor Flight. Honor Flight involves a grueling day for veterans to leave early in the morning to go to Washington, D.C. and return late at night. The Mayor felt Mr. Scheckel was at the Celebration of Life because he never missed a good party.

(Added later) The Mayor said there would be a Special City Council meeting on October 20, 2021, 7:00 pm. Aldermen should confirm their attendance with City Administrator Guttman.

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

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

**16. Adjournment.** At 7:52 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Dettmann, Hallett, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Swiatek, Garling, Short, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk