

CITY OF
WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 02/28/2021

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, January 24, 2022 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, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short.

Alderman Jakabcsin were not in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Public Affairs Committee Minutes of October 25, 2021. Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

A. Educare West DuPage – Alana Ferry gave a presentation on some safety issues with traffic that they would like to resolve before opening.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Blooming Fest – Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Fireworks at Summer Festival – Committee gave direction to staff to have the fireworks in conjunction with Railroad Days and increase the budget for fireworks. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

C. Pro-Life March - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

D. 2022 Railroad Days – Chairman Chassee suggested that as part of this contract that the City will contract directly with the firework provision and coordinate that with the Chamber as opposed to giving that budget item to the Chamber. This revision will be made before sending to City Council for approval. Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Food Festival - Committee gave direction to staff to change the time for the venue. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Swiatek and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

B. Educare West DuPage – Chief Fleury gave different options for a better flow of traffic for crossing and drop off sites. Chairman Chassee recommended for staff to continue working for safer options.

6. Unfinished Business.

7. New Business.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. West Chicago Police Department Monthly Report.

B. MID 2021 Final Report.

9. Adjournment. Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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