

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2022

The City Council meeting of March 7, 2022, 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 Garling led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** None
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Aldermen James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Melissa Birch-Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Jeanne Short, Rebecca Stout, Christine Dettmann, Christopher Swiatek, Matthew Garling, John E. Jakabcsin, Matthew Garling and Joseph C. Morano present remotely. Aldermen Lori J. Chassee 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, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Chief of Police Colin Fleury.

5. Public Participation.

A. Chad H. asked about the development plan and indicated a concern about apartments in the historic district. Staff will get back to him this week.

6. **City Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2022.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin, to approve the minutes of February 21, 2022, with no changes.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Alderman Beifuss, Sheahan, Brown, Swiatek, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Alderman Dettmann abstained. Motion carried.

7. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout to accept the March 7, 2022, Corporate Disbursement Report for \$502,196.24.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Alderman Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Brown, Dettmann, Swiatek, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

*** Finance Committee:**

Items 8A, 8B and 8C were removed from the consent agenda by Alderman Garling.

D. **Resolution 22-R-0014** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Certain Changes to the Civil Service Commission Rules.

E. **Resolution 22-R-0016** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Engagement Letter with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for Professional Audit Services for Fiscal Year 2022 Through 2024.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to adopt and approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote Alderman Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Brown, Dettmann, Swiatek, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Garling, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0 Motion carried.

9. **Reports by Committees:** None

10. **Unfinished Business:**

From Item 8.A.: Ordinance 22-O-0006 - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois Approving the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District No. 2 Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project.

From Item 8.B.: Ordinance 22-O-0007 - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois Designating the City of West Chicago Downtown Tax Increment Financing District No. 2 Redevelopment Project Area.

From Item 8.C.: Ordinance 22-O-0008 - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District No. 2.

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson to adopt and approve the above items.

Before the vote, Alderman Garling indicated that he doesn't care for TIF Districts, but complimented staff on working with the other taxing bodies to gain their support.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote Alderman Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Brown, Dettmann, Swiatek, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: Alderman Garling. Motion carried.

11. New Business: None

12. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

March 14, 2022	Development Committee
March 15, 2022	Plan Commission/ZBA

13. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor thanked the Aldermen for supporting the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District No. 2 Designation.

14. Executive Session. There was no need for an executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:19 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn. Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote Alderman Beifuss, Sheahan, Hallett, Brown, Dettmann, Swiatek, Dimas, Birch-Ferguson, Garling, Short, Stout, Jakabcsin, and Morano. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman
City Administrator