

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Alderman Swiatek led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.**

Roll call found Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., Heather Brown, Jayme Sheahan, Alton Hallett, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Rebecca Stout, Christine Dettmann, Christopher Swiatek, John E. Jakabcsin and Joseph C. Morano present. Aldermen Matthew Garling and Jeanne Short were absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, City Attorneys Pat Bond and Mary Dickson, Mehul Patel, Director of Public Works, Tom Dabareiner, Director of Community Development and Daniel Peck, Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

4. **Public Participation.** Mehul Patel acknowledged Tim Wilcox's and Mark Ruddick's service to the City. Mayor Pineda read the Proclamation honoring the West Chicago Park District's 50th Anniversary.

5. **City Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022.** Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022, with no changes.

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

6. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jakabcsin to approve the August 15, 2022, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$667,893.23.

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

7. Consent Agenda

* Infrastructure Committee:

A. Resolution No. 22-R-0039 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Construction Engineering Services Related to the Lift Station #5 Rehabilitation Project (for an amount not to exceed \$75,518.98).

B. Resolution No. 22-R-0040 – A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Ingenuity Way Right-of-Way and Related Public Improvements.

C. Resolution No. 22-R-0041 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with RJN Group, Inc. for the 2022-2023 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey Program (for an amount not to exceed \$232,588.36).

D. Resolution No. 22-R-0043 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Contract with RJN Group, Inc. for the 2023 SSES Repair Program (for an amount not to exceed \$53,548.00).

E. Resolution No. 22-R-0044 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Current Technologies Corporation for the Installation of Security Cameras at the Water Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$70,967.84).

F. Resolution No. 22-R-0045 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Pursuant to the Illinois Adopt-a-Highway Act Between the City of West Chicago and the West Chicago Garden Club for Hawthorne Lane.

G. Resolution No. 22-R-0046 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with V3 Construction Group, Ltd. of Woodridge, Illinois, for the Special Service Area #2 Strom Outfall Repair Project (for an amount not to exceed \$83,830.00).

Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Stout, Dettmann, Swiatek, Jakabscin and Morano. Motion carried.

*** Public Affairs Committee:**

H. ****Approve** – The Mexican Independence Day Festival 2022 Event – Scheduled for September 10-11, 2022.

This item was moved from the consent agenda by Alderman Brown to Reports by Committees.

8. Reports by Committees: Alderman Brown inquired if Governor Pritzker was looking to financially support the Mexican Independence Day event, to which staff responded no. Alderman Chassee expressed that the request for a parade was withdrawn by the Mexican Cultural Center. Alderman Hallett expressed concerned that the MID event was being held on September 11th and that he would be voting no because of that.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beifuss, Brown, Sheahan, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Stout, Dettmann, Swiatek, Jakabscin and Morano. Voting Nay: Brown and Hallett. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business:

A. Union Pacific and Metra – Freight Train Interference

Lindsey Douglas, Sr. Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific as well as Benita Gibson, Andrew Steinkamp, and Doug Lee were present. Ms. Douglas shared how the Union Pacific was managing the freight train interference concerns.

Alderman Beifuss shared that his and fellow commuters' experience and reviewed the on time statistics and the poor performance of the Union Pacific West Line, especially Train #36. He mentioned there are longer trains too with fewer trains overall.

10. New Business: None

11. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

August 16, 2022	Plan Commission/ZBA (cancelled)
August 22, 2022	Public Affairs Committee
August 23, 2022	Historical Preservation Commission
August 25, 2022	Finance Committee (cancelled)
September 1, 2022	Infrastructure Committee

12. Mayor's Comments. Alderman Dimas mentioned the free Health and Wellness Fair on August 20, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. Alderman Beifuss mentioned the West Chicago Historical Society Annual Ice Cream Social on September 10, 2022 from Noon – 3:00 p.m. at the Kruse House. Mayor Pineda mentioned the West Chicago Park District's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 20, 2022 as well as the Healthy West Chicago 5K Run.

13. Executive Session. City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

14. Items to be Referred for final Action from Executive Session.

15. Adjournment. At 7:50 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson, to adjourn. All Aldermen voted aye by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman
City Administrator