

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved September 5, 2023

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES Regular Meeting July 12, 2023

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Alderman Dimas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023. Roll call found Daniel M. Beebe, Christine Dettmann, Sandy Dimas, Joseph C. Morano, Jayme Sheahan, and Rebecca Stout present. Alderman Christopher Swiatek was absent. Alderman Dimas announced a quorum.

2. Selection of a Chair and Vice-Chair

Alderman Dimas opened nominations of a Chair. Alderman Stout nominated Alderman Dimas for Chair, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. All Aldermen voted Aye by voice vote. Motion carried.

Alderman Dimas nominated Alderman Stout for Vice-Chair, seconded by Alderman Morano. All Aldermen voted Aye by voice vote. Motion carried.

3. Moving Regular Meeting Day of the Month

Alderman Dimas spoke on moving the regular Finance Committee meeting date stating the meeting can be moved to 6:00pm on a Monday before a regular Council meeting.

City Administrator (CA) Michael Guttman noted that the Finance Committee meeting could be moved to the first or third Monday of the month before a regular Council meeting because the Finance Committee meetings does not meet regularly and the meetings are usually not that lengthy. If this idea was supported, CA Guttman suggested the Finance Committee meeting be changed to the first Monday of the month recognizing that the meeting day could change for the Labor Day holiday to a Tuesday.

Alderman Dettmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sheahan to move the regular meeting day of the month. All Aldermen voted Aye by voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023.

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to approve the minutes of April 27, 2023. Voting Aye: Alderman Beebe, Dimas, Dettmann, Sheahan, Stout, and Morano Voting Nay: 0 Absent: Alderman Swiatek. Motion carried.

5. Public Participation/Presentations.

Finance Director Nikki Giles introduced Monica Adamski from Lauterbach & Amen to present the 2022 Fiscal Year Audit to the Committee members. Ms. Adamski provided a high level overview to the Committee. Aldermen Dimas thanked staff for their hard work during the audit process.

6. Items for Consent.

A. Ordinance No. 23-O-0022 – Increasing the Home Rule Sales Tax Rate

B. Ordinance No. 23-O-0023 – Collection of Debts from All Entities Associated with Someone in Violation of the City Code

Alderman Dettmann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to approve the consent agenda items. Voting Aye: Alderman Dimas, Dettmann, Beebe, Sheahan, Stout and Morano. Voting Nay: 0 Absent: Alderman Swiatek. Motion carried.

7. Items for Discussion. None

8. Unfinished Business. None

9. New Business. None

10. Reports by Staff.

City Administrator (CA) Michael Guttman informed the Committee of upcoming discussions. He said the Infrastructure Committee is suggesting that the City consider issuing debt for the resurfacing of industrial streets. CA Guttman informed that the Police Chief has requested that the final approved but unbudgeted position be restored and that is a third Community Service Officer who would primarily be handling parking tickets. CA Guttman spoke on the recent water and sewer rate increase and noted the increase was large, but future increases will be in lower increments. He lastly noted that the Police Pension Fund contribution will be increasing significantly as well, and that the annual increase in the Property Tax Levy has historically covered all or a portion of this.

11. Executive Session (if needed). None

12. Adjournment.

At 6:15 p.m., Alderman Sheahan made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted Aye by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Josie Avilez