

These minutes were approved at the 8/21/23 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2023

1. Call to Order. Mayor Pro Tem Lori Chassee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Sheahan led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.

Roll call found Lori Chassee, Dan Beebe, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Sandy Dimas, Heather Brown, John C. Smith, Jr., Joseph C. Morano, Alton Hallett, Christine Dettmann, Rebecca Stout, Jayme Sheahan, Christopher Swiatek, and Jeanne Short were present. Mayor Ruben Pineda was absent. The Mayor Pro Tem announced a quorum.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Public Works Director Mehul Patel, Assistant Community Development Director John Sterrett and City Attorney Pat Bond.

Mayor Pro Tem explained why Mayor Pineda was not present. His wife was attacked for a third time in a year by a neighbor's dogs, this time one of their dogs was bitten too; unfortunately the Pineda's dog passed.

4. Public Participation. None

5. City Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023. Alderman Morano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson, to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beebe, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Morano, Dettmann, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

6. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dettmann to approve the August 7, 2023, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$1,493,494.18.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beebe, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Morano, Dettmann, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

*** Infrastructure Committee:**

- A. **Reject** – Bids for the North Public Works Garage Insulation Project – 135 W. Grandlake Blvd.
- B. **Resolution No. 23-R-0067** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Anthony Roofing Tecta America, LLC of Aurora, Illinois, for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid for the Public Works Garage Re-Roofing Project (for an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00).
- C. **Resolution No. 23-O-0070** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Change Order No. 1 of the Professional Engineering Design Services Contract with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for the IL 38 and Technology Boulevard Traffic Signal Project (for an amount not to exceed \$27,300.00).

Alderman Morano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Swiatek, to approve the above items.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beebe, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Morano, Dettmann, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

***Public Affairs Committee:**

- D. **Resolution No. 23-R-0062** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the West Chicago Fire District Regarding Certain Code Enforcement Matters.
- E. **Approve** –Marketing and Communications Strategic Plan.

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

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beebe, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Morano, Dettmann, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

***Items Not Sent to Committee:**

- F. **Resolution No. 23-R-0063** - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of West Chicago Regarding Access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program.
- G. **Resolution No. 23-R-0065** - A Resolution Approving a Plat of Easement and Abrogation for Storm Water Drainage, Detention and Retention with Midwest Industrial Funds - 537 Discovery Drive.
- H. **Resolution No. 23-R-0066** - A Resolution Approving a Plat of Easement for Watermain and Sanitary Sewer with Midwest Industrial Funds - 537 Discovery Drive.
- I. **Ordinance No. 23-O-0067** - An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago - Article VII, Sec. 4-111 Relating to the Definition of Default.
- J. **Resolution No. 23-R-0071** - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the MuniReg LLC Regarding Certain Code Enforcement Matters Related to Vacant and Foreclosed Properties.

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

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: Chassee, Beebe, Birch Ferguson, Dimas, Brown, Smith, Jr., Morano, Dettmann, Stout, Hallett, Sheahan, Swiatek, and Short. Motion carried.

8. Reports by Committees: None

9. Unfinished Business: None

10. New Business:

Alderman Dettmann asked that, without objection, staff to look at the fines associated with the owner whose dog bites humans and their animals to create a financial reason why owners should keep their dogs under control. Several Aldermen shared their own stories of neighborhood dogs venturing off of others' properties and impacting them and their pets. Staff will research the request.

11. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

August 14, 2023	Development Committee
August 15, 2023	Plan Commission/ZBA
August 21, 2023	Public Affairs Committee

12. Mayor's Comments. None

At 7:18 p.m., Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen voted aye by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman
City Administrator