

These minutes were approved at the 10/21/24 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2024

1. Call to Order. Mayor Ruben Pineda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2024.

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

3. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.

A timely and proper request to attend remotely was received from Aldermen Brown. There was no objection from the City Council.

Roll call found Dan Beebe, Rebecca Stout, Sandy Dimas, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Heather Brown, Alton Hallett, Joseph C. Morano, Jayme Sheahan, Christine Dettmann, Jeanne Short, Christopher Swiatek, John Smith, Jr. and John F. Banas were present. Alderman Lori Chassee was absent.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, Assistant City Administrator Tia Messino, Finance Director Nikki Giles, Community Development Director Tom Dabareiner, Public Works Director Mehul Patel, Management Fellow Parker Ford and City Attorney Pat Bond.

4. Public Participation. None

5. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024. Alderman Swiatek made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024.

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

6. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve October 7, 2024, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$2,496,899.43.

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

7. Consent Agenda:

***Items Not Sent to Committee:**

A. Approve – The West Chicago Community High School’s Homecoming Fireworks – Scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2024.

B. Resolution No. 24-O-0070 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain License Agreement with Vero Fiber Network, LLC for the Use of Right-of-Way Along Marcella Lane, Willow Creek Road, W. Hawthorne Lane, Ingaltion Avenue, Hawthorne Lane, Kenwood Avenue, Ann Street, Joliet Street, E. Geneva Street, Chicago Street, S. Oakwood Avenue, Colford Avenue, E. Hazel Street, Forest Avenue, August Avenue, S. Oak Avenue, and Gary’s Mill Road.

C. Resolution No. 24-R-0073 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Amendment to the Downtown Retail & Restaurant Grant Agreement with Yolanda Peterson (124 Main Street).

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

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

8. Reports by Committees: None

9. Unfinished Business:

A. Update on Recording Meetings.

Parker Ford made a presentation on the videorecording of City Council Meetings and inquired if the City Council would also like to have the Standing Committees and Plan Commission/ZBA meetings be videorecorded. The City Council directed staff to do so.

10. New Business:

A. Concur – With the Mayor’s Appointment of Alderman Rebecca Stout to Handle the Duties of the Office of the Mayor from October 11-22, 2024.

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

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

11. Correspondence and Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

October 14, 2024	Development Committee
October 21, 2024	Public Affairs Committee

Alderman Birch Ferguson mentioned the West Chicago Park District Run will be held on October 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Cornerstone Lakes Park.

12. Mayor’s Comments.

Mayor Pineda mentioned the West Chicago Community High School is celebrating 50 years since winning the State Football Championship.

At 7:12 p.m., Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to adjourn to Executive Session. All Aldermen voted Aye by Roll Call.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guttman
City Administrator