

These minutes were approved at the 2/4/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 21, 2008

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Dimas led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Gregory L. Kauth, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Russell Radkiewicz was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Patrick K. Bond, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

The following members of the West Chicago Police Department were present: Chief Donald Goncher, Deputy Chiefs Bruce Malkin, Laz Perez, and Michael Uplegger, Commander Chris Shackelford, Sergeants William Hall, Eric Shipman, and Michael Zepeda, Officers Drake Darlak, Marty Griffin, Michael Makofski, Michael Rosenwinkel, Adam Reavley, Joseph Stewart, and Social Worker Rosie Valencia.

5. Public Participation.

A. Police Department Promotions (Introduction of Sergeant Zepeda and Officers Reavley and Stewart). Chief of Police Goncher introduced Officers Adam Reavley and Joseph Stewart. They have completed their training course in Champaign, Illinois, and are now in a field-training program. Chief Goncher introduced twelve-year veteran Michael Zepeda who has been promoted to Sergeant. The Mayor welcomed new Officers Reavley and Stewart to the best police department in DuPage County.

No one spoke during regular public participation.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

The Mayor introduced Special Counsel Barb Magel who would be reporting on the Tronox (formerly Kerr-McGee) clean up. Ms. Magel said the really active issue is the residential neighborhood and the differences between the 1980's and 1990's clean ups. There have been meetings with Tronox to develop criteria on how those properties would be addressed. The focus will be on 90 some properties as possibly having a question. 'They will do surveys of them starting this March and they will look at every residence cleaned in the 1980's. If anything is found exceeding the standard of 7.2 Pico curies per gram, it will be removed and the property restored. All the homes will be surveyed and sampled by summer at the latest. The EPA will be developing fact sheets for the City's newsletter. The Mayor said open session reports would be ongoing to keep the residents and City Council informed of the progress.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- January 22, 2008 Historical Preservation Commission
- January 24, 2008 Finance Committee
- January 28, 2008 Public Safety Committee (cancelled)

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve the January 21, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 604,659.14. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.

- * **Development Committee:** No Report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** No Report
- * **Public Safety Committee:** No Report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** No Report

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early provided a graph showing a comparison of water and sewer rates based on a family of five in 15 communities. West Chicago's rate was the 6th highest. He said Chicago would be raising the rates for Lake Michigan water so there would be an increase in the other communities while West Chicago's water rates should remain steady. There will be an increase in the West Chicago sewer rate. Treasurer Early said the City gets less than 4 cents for every tax dollar. The rest goes to the schools, fire district, county, and forest preserve. He also said the City's bond rating as been increased. Treasurer Early read and explained the following item:

A. Resolution 08-R-002 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Organization and Operation of the City's Summer Festival

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt the item on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

* **Items Not Sent to Committee:** The Mayor read and explained the following items:

B. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008 (removed and voted upon separately)

C. Resolution 08-R-0003 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain License Agreement with CenterPoint Properties for Use of the City's Right-of-Way

D. Resolution 08-R-0004 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Right-of-Way Dedication for a Portion of Topsoil Drive West of Kress Creek Drive

E. Resolution 08-R-0005 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Vacation for a Drainage and Utility Easement on Lot 3 Jigged Ventures Subdivision

F. Resolution 08-R-0006 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Right-Of-Way Vacation for a Portion of Topsoil Drive West of Kress Creek Drive

G. Ordinance 08-O-0001 – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the B-2, General Business District to the ORI Office Research and Light Industrial District – 620 W. Roosevelt Road – Jigged Ventures, L.L.C.

H. Ordinance 08-O-0002 – An Ordinance Approving a Second Amendment to the Preliminary PUD Plan and Lots 2 through 4 of the Jigged Ventures Subdivision and Approving the Final PUD for Lots 1 through 3 in the Jigged Ventures Resubdivision – Roosevelt Road Between Town and Pearl Roads

I. Resolution 08-R-0001 – A Resolution Approving a Final Plat of Subdivision – Jigged Ventures Resubdivision – South Side of Roosevelt Road between Town and Pearl Roads

J. Resolution 08-R-0007 – A Resolution Objecting to the Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E West Company by the Canadian National Railway Corporation

K. Resolution 08-R-0008 – A Resolution Endorsing the Greenest Regions Compact

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

9. Reports by Committees.

From Item 8.B: Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008. City Clerk Smith said the roll call should reflect that Aldermen Dimas and Bunch were not present. Alderman Bunch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to approve the City Council meeting minutes of January 7, 2008, as amended. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business. None

11. New Business.

A. Approve – Appointment of Anni Holm to the Cultural Arts Commission, Term Ending April 30, 2008

B. Approve – Appointment of Jesse Felix to the Cultural Arts Commission, as an Ex-Officio Member, Term Ending April 30, 2009

Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dzierzanowski, to concur with the Mayor's appointments of Anni Holm and Jesse Felix to the Cultural Arts Commission as stated above. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Kauth introduced Anni Holm who was in the audience and said he was real happy she was stepping up to the Cultural Arts Commission. The Mayor also thanked Ms. Holm.

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said when he was growing up on the south side of Chicago he watched TV and wondered what the disturbance was about when a small time church minister marched in Selma, AL. He said he had trouble understanding why people were so angry about segregation and wondered how it would affect him. He had friends of all colors, religions, and ethnic heritages. These were friends he was in Scouts with and with whom he played baseball. He ate at their homes and listened to their stories of the past. He said during the Viet Nam war these kids all bled the same: Red, White and Blue. He asked then what was the big deal? The Mayor then said, the big deal was equal rights for all and all must understand that we are all Americans, and understand that our forefathers, as they entered New York harbor, saw their first person, a lady of color, the green Statute of Liberty. The Mayor said we, as a society, must look at the man, not his color, not his religion, but what he stands for: nothing more or nothing less. The Mayor said to remember the quote of the man honored tonight, The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., "The time is always right to do what is right."

13. Executive Session. At 7:23 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kauth, to recess into executive session to discuss litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review of official record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:56 pm. Roll call found Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting present.

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

Ordinance 08-O-0009 - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Amending the Redevelopment Agreement with Springbrook Partners for the Oliver Square Shopping Center.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt Ordinance 08-O-0009. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment. At 7:58 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk