

These minutes were approved at the 5/19/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 5, 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 Connelly led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation in honor of Theresa Czajka and all mothers.
4. **Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.** Roll call found Aldermen Lori J. Chassee, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Nicholas Dzierzanowski arrived at 7:41 pm. 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 and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Gus Kimball Day Proclamation.** At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 478 (copy attached), in which the Mayor proclaimed May 18, 2008, as Gus Kimball Day in West Chicago, and urged all to recognize and honor Gus Kimball for his many accomplishments and years of unwavering dedication to St. Mary's Parish School.

**B. Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.** The Mayor read Proclamation Number 479 (copy attached), in which he recognized the week of May 4-10, 2008, as Municipal Clerks Week, and extended appreciation to City Clerk Nancy Smith and Deputy City Clerks Kimberly Wayne and Lois Mastaler and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent. City Clerk Smith thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation and Alderman Stout for a rose plant and card.

The following person spoke during public participation:

Sandy Riess, 233 W. Stimmel, West Chicago, spoke about the remediation progress at her home. She had several questions for Special Counsel Barb Magel who was not present this evening. The Mayor said everything involved with the thorium clean up is made public with nothing hidden in executive session. Every month there is an update from Special Counsel Barb Magel or staff. The City is still putting in staff and attorney time and continues to work with the EPA. The Mayor said his goal is to get it all done during this City Council's tenure.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

Alderman Pineda announced that on June 14, 2008, the Friends of the West Chicago City Museum would be sponsoring a lawn party at the Currier-Reed House in the afternoon. There will be a Civil War theme and everyone on the City Council and in the community is invited and encouraged to attend. Mr. And Mrs. Lincoln will be there. Mr. Lincoln will give a Flag Day speech. There will be games for the children. Tickets are available at the City Museum.

Alderman Dimas said this week is Amnesty Day in West Chicago. People should put out their items with eight stickers.

City Clerk Smith said the Veterans of Foreign Wars would be having their first steak fry of the season on May 17, 2008, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- May 6, 2008 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- May 12, 2008 Development Committee
- May 15, 2008 Community Affairs Committee
- May 17, 2008 Youth Commission

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch, to approve the May 5, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 601,137.35. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

**8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.**

\* **Development Committee:** No report

\* **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Beifuss read and explained the following:

**A. Resolution 08-R-0057** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering, LTD., for Phase III Post Construction Engineering and Surveying Services Related to the Hawthorne Lane Reconstruction Project (for an amount not to exceed \$59,966.29)

**B. Resolution 08-R-0058** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Heartland Recycling, LLC., for the Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project (for an amount not to exceed \$237,320.00)

**C. Authorize** – The Purchase of One (1) 2008 Ford F150 2WD Pickup Truck, from Landmark Ford, Inc., Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program (for an amount not to exceed \$21,400.00)

**D. Authorize** – The Purchase of Superpave Asphalt Materials from Plote Construction, Inc., Through the DuPage County Joint Purchasing Program (for an amount not to exceed \$36,800.00)

**E. Resolution 08-R-0056** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with International Piping Systems, Inc., for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Boiler Replacement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$158,900.00)

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

\* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

\* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

\* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early read and explained the following items:

**F. Ordinance 08-O-0026** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago to Add Section 1-12, to Chapter 1 to Provide for the Assessment of Certain Delinquency Fees for Outstanding Fees and Debts Owed to the City of West Chicago

**G. Resolution 08-R-0053** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Management, Inc., for Professional Services Related to the Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FYE 2009 (for an amount not to exceed \$61,740.00)

**H. Ordinance 08-O-0032** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Cemeteries, Section 13-2 – Cemetery Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances

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

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

**I. Approve** – City Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2008

**J. Ordinance 08-O-0031** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Handicapped Parking on Saturdays and Sundays on the West Side of Oakwood Avenue, South of York Avenue

**K. Ordinance 08-O-0021** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Internet Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago - Vehicles

**L. Resolution 08-R-0054** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 461 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**M. Resolution 08-R-0023** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of West Chicago and the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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

**9. Reports by Committees.** None

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.**

**A. Approve** – Appointment of Richard Vignes to the Historical Preservation Commission for a One-Year Term

**B. Approve** – Appointment of Mark Davis to the Environmental Commission for a Two-Year Term

**C. Approve** – Appointment of James Smith – Alderman Ward 2

Alderman Monroe made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of Richard Vignes to the Historical Preservation Commission for a one-year term, his appointment of Mark Davis to the Environmental Commission for a two-year term, and his appointment of James Smith as Alderman Ward 2. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**D. Swear In** – James Smith as Alderman Ward 2. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to James Smith, upon which Alderman Smith took his place at the Council.

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor thanked Mr. Smith for stepping forward and said he has great shoes to fill since Alderman Kauth was an inspiration to the ward. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Smith to the vision of West Chicago. He said he might get telephone calls at odd hours and people knocking on his door. The Mayor said he looked forward to Alderman Smith's input and said he would be joining a tremendous team of Aldermen.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:25 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fuesting, to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)], and review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:00 pm. Present were Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting.

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

**Ordinance 08-O-0028** - An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition through Condemnation of a Parcel Commonly Known as the "Carnitas Vanias, Inc. – 122 W. Main Street," for the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dzierzanowski, to adopt Ordinance 08-O-0028. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**15. Adjournment.** At 8:02 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk