

These minutes were approved at the 6/16/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 2, 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 Bunch led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Alderman Bunch also led all in a moment of silence for the little girl, Adrianna Victoria-Chew, who was killed by a train this past weekend.

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, James Smith, 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 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 Mary E. Dickson, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Office Manager/Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Wayne. The following members of the West Chicago Police Department were present: Chief Donald Goncher, Deputy Chiefs Bruce Malkin, Lazzro Perez, and M. Uplegger, Commander Christopher Shackelford, Sergeants Michael Zepeda, Eric Shipman, and Officers Kowalik, Alaniz, McCall (retired), and Records Clerks Teri Gardner and Fran Haagenson.

5. Public Participation. The agenda was adjusted so items F and E came first.

F. Presentation – Certificate of Re-Accreditation for the Police Department. The Mayor called upon Chief Goncher who said the West Chicago Police Department has been reviewed for the third time by CLEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.) This is a formal process which matches actions with policy. He introduced Lisa Womack, Elgin Police Chief and a Commissioner of CLEA. Chief Womack said it was an honor and a privilege to represent the Commission. As a Commissioner, she reviews numerous groups throughout the nation. She said West Chicago has a wonderful commitment to its Police Department. Police Departments across the nation strive to do their best and they look to their legislative bodies to support them. Being involved in the process means the City has a Police Department that holds itself to the highest standards. West Chicago has been accredited from March 2002. The hardest part is to maintain the commitment to this process. She said as a Police Chief from another Illinois community, West Chicago should continue to be proud of its Police Department and she thanked the City for supporting the Police. On behalf of the CLEA she said it was an honor to present the Certificate of Accreditation effective March 23, 2008, for a period of three years, to the Mayor. The Mayor thanked her and said the City is proud of its Police Department. :

E. Introduction of Two New Police Officers. Chief Goncher introduced the two new police officers: Officer Robert Kowalik and Officer Andrew Alaniz. He said Officer Kowalik came from the Sheriff's department. The Mayor welcomed the officers to West Chicago's finest.

A. Proclamation – Recognize Fran Haagenson. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 483 (copy attached), Honoring Fran Haagenson on her Retirement, in which the Mayor recognized Fran Haagenson for her 20 years of service to the citizens of West Chicago. The Mayor thanked Ms. Haagenson for her many years of service and presented her with a copy of the Proclamation.

B. Proclamation – River Sweep 2008. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation Number 485, River Sweep 2008, in which the Mayor urged all residents of the City of West Chicago to learn about the environmental importance of clean waterways, and further urged them to support and participate in River Sweep 2008 on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

C. Presentation – Recognize Outstanding Community High School Students. The Mayor introduced Tony Reyes, President of District 94 Board of Education. Mr. Reyes said it was an honor to recognize these students. He then announced the outstanding students for 2007-2008. The Mayor presented Mayoral Circle of Excellence commemorative notebooks and certificates to those present. Two groups of students were recognized:

Students-of-the-Month, and PeaceBuilders-of-the-Month. Students-of-the-Month were Stephanie Perez, Lilana Perez (both September 2007), Jim Miner (October 2007), Chelsea Steck (November 2007), Matt Ziffra (December 2007), Sarah Pierpoint (January 2008), Tim Schuda (February 2008), Maria Ortiz (March 2008), Matt Youngwith (April 2008), Lisa Trygar (May 2008), and Ryan Scheck (June 2008). PeaceBuilders-of-the-Month were Sadie Roberts (September 2007), Miguel Quinonez (October 2007), Alejandro Garcia (November 2007), Rocio Estrada (December 2007), Danny Calabrese (January 2008), Shannon Cassello (February 2008), Isabel Correa (March 2008), Cole Paler (April 2008), Calvin Holt (May 2008), and Yesenia Gomez (June 2008). Mr. Reyes thanked Mayor Kwasman for his support of the school. He said this is the first time since he has been on the school board that the Mayor and City Council have reached out to work with the school. Mr. Reyes then introduced District 94 Superintendent Dr. Rieck who has been here for about nine years, over which time, many outstanding events have occurred under Dr. Rieck's leadership. Dr. Rieck said he was pleased to share how these students were chosen. The Students-of-the-Month are chosen by their commitments and activities and only partially by their grade point average. The PeaceBuilders come from students caught in acts of kindness.

D. Presentation – Honoring Commission Members. The Mayor called upon the following Commission members and presented them with Mayoral Circle of Service Awards in recognition of their dedicated service to the community:

Cultural Arts Commission: Fredericka Howard (1993-2008). The Mayor thanked her for her years of service and Ms. Howard thanked the artists who helped her through the years and the Mayor and City Council for supporting the Cultural Arts Commission.

Environmental Commission: Trini Cantu (2001-2008). The Mayor said he was one of the founders of the Environmental Commission many years ago and it gave him great pleasure to award Ms. Cantu for all she has done.

Historical Preservation commission: Leonard Mahony (1998-2008) and Charles Bartsch (1999-2008) (both were absent)

Youth Commission: Dona Smith (1993-2008) the Mayor thanked her for all she has done and continues to do; Kathy McKee (1989-2008) (absent), and Ruben Campos (1992-2008) – the Mayor thanked Mr. Campos for he has done for the community.

No one spoke during regular public participation.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Stout spoke about the Friends of the City Museum's Currier-Reed House lawn party to be held on June 14th. It will be a Civil War theme and have music by the Battlefield Balladeers. President and Mrs. Lincoln will be attending, and there will be children's games. Tickets are available.

The City Clerk announced that the VFW and American Legion would be sponsoring a Flag Retirement ceremony on the morning of June 14, 2008 (Flag Day). Boy Scouts will be burning the flags. Worn out flags may be dropped off at either post or with the City Clerk.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - June 3, 2008 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - June 5, 2008 | Cultural Arts Commission |
| - June 5, 2008 | Infrastructure Committee |
| - June 9, 2008 | Development Committee |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the June 2, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 310,834.16. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, 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:** No report.
- * **Public Safety Committee:** No report.

* **Community Affairs Committee:** Alderman Stout read and explained the following item

A. Approve – Railroad Days 2008 Event Proposal.

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

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

B. Ordinance 08-O-0033 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2008, and Ending April 30, 2009, and Adopted by Ordinance Number 08-O-0018

C. Ordinance 08-O-0038 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 2 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

D. Ordinance 08-O-0039 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 17 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

E. Ordinance 08-O-0040 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 18 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

F. Ordinance 08-O-0041 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 20 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

G. Ordinance 08-O-0042 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 23 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

H. Ordinance 08-O-0043 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 27 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

I. Ordinance 08-O-0044 – An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the City of West Chicago, Illinois, Special Service Area No. 28 Purposes and Objectives for the Fiscal Year from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2009

J. Resolution 08-R-0062 – A Resolution Establishing the Parameters by Which the City Would Refund Its 2002 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Source Bonds.

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, 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:

K. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2008

L. Authorize – The Purchase of Twenty-Three Panasonic Toughbook 30 Laptop Computers for Police Vehicles from MCPc Computer Products and Consulting (for an amount not to exceed \$ 95,944.00)

M. Resolution 08-R-0063 – A Resolution Approving Participation in the Illinois Housing Development Authority First Time Home Buyer Single-Family Program – Mortgage Credit Certificates

N. Resolution 08-R-0064 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Local Agency/State Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the FY 2008 Member Initiative Pedestrian Underpass Project (project costs, up to \$125,000, paid by State of Illinois)

O. Resolution 08-R-0065 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

P. Resolution 08-R-0066 – A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Closed Session Minutes

Q. Ordinance 08-O-0045 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago – One (1) Vehicle

Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda (abstained for Item 8 K.), 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. None

12. Mayor's Comments. The Mayor said what has been seen here tonight is some of the best West Chicago has to offer. He said the students honored here tonight have not only made the City proud and their parents proud, but their peers as well. What has been seen here tonight shows that the future is in good hands.

The Mayor said school would be out soon which means children will be at play in West Chicago. He asked that everyone proceed with caution on West Chicago streets. If you see a ball rolling into the street, you can be sure a child will be following. If you see children on their bikes, slow down and give them the right of way. The Mayor urged West Chicagoans to be alert, look around, slow down, and enjoy the view, but remember that caution is the key word. Keep West Chicago kids safe; they are the most precious resource.

Over the weekend the City lost one of its most precious resources and as the City of West Chicago mourns, sympathy goes out to her family.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

14. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session. Not applicable.

15. Adjournment. At 7:39 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk