

These minutes were approved at the 8/4/08 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 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 Gianforte led all in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Invocation.** The City Clerk gave the invocation in honor of the memory of former Alderman Rose Volkert. The Mayor called for a moment in silence.
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, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman Sandy Dimas 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Marketing and Communications Assistant Krista Coltrin.

5. Public Participation.

A. Recognition of Pioneer School Students – 2008 International Competition for Future Problem Solving. The Mayor recognized Becky J. Koltz, Director of Community Relations, West Chicago Elementary School District #33. She in turn introduced Kathy Grogan, the teacher in charge of the students. Ms. Grogan thanked the City Council for asking them to participate tonight. She said there were six students involved in the project. They chose a problem to solve that would help their school community and the community at large. Their choice was to fix up their playground. They started last November to raise funds through donations and bake sales. They fixed up the playground in April on several Saturdays. They won first place in the State and then went on to the international competition in Michigan. They came in third. Teams competed from around the world. Ms. Grogan then introduced Wendy Garcia, Ana Ibarra, Ariana Vigil, and Claudia Vilalba. Also on the team, but absent this evening were Carlos Lara and Alex Leal. On behalf of the City, the Mayor presented each student and the teacher with *Excellence in Education* pins with the City logo on them. He thanked them for making West Chicago so very proud. A video of the project was then shown. Ms. Koltz said these sixth grade students have taken ownership of the playground and watch it to ensure it stays in good condition. She then passed around a book about the project. She said it meant a lot to be recognized this evening. The Mayor said he was proud of these students and with the youth in West Chicago, the future is in very good hands.

B. Public Hearing: North Atlantic Place Annexation Agreement. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm. Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting were in attendance. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner provided an overview of the application. Bill Ulrich, attorney for the applicant, was present. Residents of the area, Rita Kitching and Victor Pietrobon, voiced concerns regarding the impact of the project on local properties. There were no other comments from the audience or the City Council. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

C. Update on Residual Thorium Clean Up. City Administrator Guttman provided an update on the thorium clean up as provided by Special Counsel Barb Magel. Twenty-three properties were scanned, and of the hundreds of borings, only a few properties tested above background. The EPA will complete its work this summer unless some issue arises. There will be another update at the 2nd meeting in August.

The following persons spoke during regular public participation:

1) Nicholas Dzierzanowski, former Chairman of **4 the People**, said he was here to give thanks for a wonderful Railroad Days. He thanked a number of individuals as well as the West Chicago Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, Park District, Kane County Sheriff, City of West Chicago, **4 the People**, and his wife Kate. Through the speed pitching cage and other events, they took in a total of \$815 for the weekend. They will use the funds to fight the CN acquisition of the EJ&E. They will have a meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 9, 2008, at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a prayer breakfast November 15, 2008, at Wheaton Academy. The Mayor said **4 the People** did a remarkable job.

2) John Kruser, CableCom, said he echoed Alderman Dzierzanowski's comments. It was a great party. CableCom filmed the parade. He thanked Comcast for providing remote facilities and providing three engineers. He thanked the CableCom volunteers and his daughter and son. He also said Bob Martin provided technical direction. Mr. Kruser said the parade would be broadcast this week on Wednesday and Friday and next week on Tuesday and Thursday. This is the first time it will be shown so quickly. The Mayor said CableCom did a great job at the festival and the parade.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

City Clerk Smith said the memorial service for Rose Volkert would be held this Sunday at the Woodward-Williams Funeral Home at Route 59 at Pine Street, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Alderman Pineda said this Friday, July 25, 2008, there would be the *Golf for a Cure* fundraiser at St. Andrews Country Club, with registration starting at 10:00 am. The cost is \$100 and includes lunch, dinner, and a golf cart. This is for a great cause, juvenile diabetes. Many people have signed up, but there is still room for more. People should call St. Andrews Country Club and mention *Golf for a Cure*. The dinner will include a raffle and silent auction. The cost for dinner only is \$45.00. He invited everyone to come for a great cause.

Alderman Beifuss said he wanted to say a few words on the passing of Rose Volkert. He said he thought he spoke for everyone who served with her. They loved and respected her. She had a thousand watt smile and a laugh that welled up from the center of the earth. He respected her dedication and grit. Many times she came to the meetings escorted by her husband Roy after chemotherapy. Alderman Beifuss said they all loved and respected her.

Upcoming Meetings. None

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith, to approve the July 21, 2008, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 383,282.85. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, 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:** Alderman Pineda read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 08-R-0084 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Vincente Azpilcueta – 334 S. Nelnor Boulevard, #G

B. Resolution 08-R-0082 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Annexation Agreement – North Atlantic Place

C. Ordinance 08-O-0055 – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – Southwest Corner of North Avenue and Atlantic Drive

D. Ordinance 08-O-0056 – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from ER-1 to B-2 – Southwest Corner of North Avenue and Atlantic Drive - North Atlantic Place PUD

E. Ordinance 08-O-0057 – An Ordinance Approving the Preliminary PUD Plat – North Atlantic Place

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

* **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** No report

* **Finance Committee:** City Treasurer Early said at the special meeting last week the Finance Committee reviewed staff recommendations for the restaurant/rental property on

Route 59 and Washington. The sense of the Committee was to follow the recommendation of staff, and they made a motion to do that.

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

F. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2008

G. Resolution 08-R-0079 – A Resolution Approving a Second Amendment to the Hartwig Mechanical Subdivision Improvement Agreement – Northwest Corner of Prince Crossing Road and Geneva Road

H. Ordinance 08-O-0054 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago – Printer/Plotter

I. Waive – Competitive Bidding and Authorize the Purchase of Three Ford Explorer XLT 4-Door 4X4 Vehicles for the Police Department from Zimmerman Ford, Inc., for a Cost Not to Exceed \$75,165.00

J. Authorize – The Release of the Development Security Posted by Triumph Development Corporation for the Development Located at 333 Charles Court in the North Industrial Park

Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Smith, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, 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 as a Mayor of a community like West Chicago one of the things he always feared was to eulogize someone he knew in a very personal way. He spoke of other former aldermen and mayors that passed on that he knew of, but he knew Rose. He knew her by her radiant smile. When he first became Alderman, Rose acted as the den mother. She watched all of them and took care of them. Whether with a smile, a pat, a hug or with her robust laugh she helped him in his darkest moments. She hid her darkest moments. She loved her City and they loved her and he loved her. She was a great leader, a great human being, wife, and alderman. Whenever he felt down, it was always Rose that came and said tomorrow is another day and we'll get over it. The Mayor called upon God to bless Rose. He said he knew she was looking down and he thanked her for the time she spent with us.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:40 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