

These minutes were approved at the 10-15-07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2007

**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 Radkiewicz 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, H. Ronald Monroe, Gregory L. Kauth, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. 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, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, and Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Wayne.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Public Hearing – St. Andrews Annexation Agreement.** The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner provided a summary of the application. Stacey Kasson, attorney for the applicant, respectfully requested approval. No one spoke against the annexation agreement. Alderman Dzierzanowski asked about encroachment on the property. The attorney and Jerry Hinckley, President of St. Andrews, said they are investigating the matter. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

No one spoke during regular public participation.

Later in the meeting, Alderman Pineda introduced Gary Major, the new executive director of the West Chicago Park District. Mr. Major said he appreciated coming to meet the Council and said there will be a Meet and Greet event at St. Andrews Golf Course on Wednesday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm with a short presentation on their new initiatives. Mr. Major said he was very excited to be here and would like to integrate the Park District more with the community and make West Chicago an even better place. He then introduced the new Superintendent of Recreation, Leslie deMoss who said it was an honor to be invited here to say hello, and said he would see everyone at the Meet and Greet on Wednesday.

**6. Correspondence and Announcements.**

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

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| - October 2, 2007 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - October 4, 2007 | Cultural Arts Commission                |
| - October 4, 2007 | Infrastructure Committee                |
| - October 8, 2007 | Development Committee                   |

Alderman Fuesting thanked the Mayor for his leadership and for arranging to have a meeting with residents and Commonwealth Edison to address their concerns with continuing power outages. He also thanked the Aldermen who attended. Commonwealth Edison spent over three hours talking to over 100 residents. They came up with some short, intermediate, and long-term solutions.

**7. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch, to approve the October 1, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 639,440.18. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

**8. Consent Agenda – Consideration of an Omnibus Vote.** The Mayor read the following items:

- **Development Committee:**

**A. Resolution 07-R-0100** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Annexation Agreement – St. Andrews Golf Course Property (removed from agenda and voted upon separately)

**B. Ordinance 07-O-0077** – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – South Side of Smith Road and West of Klein Road (removed from agenda and voted upon separately)

**C. Ordinance 07-O-0059** – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1 Estate Residential District to the R-3 Single Family Residence District – 3N441 Route 59 – St. Andrews Golf Course (removed and voted upon separately)

- **Infrastructure Committee:** No report

- **Public Safety Committee:** No report

- **Community Affairs Committee:** Chairman (Alderman) Kauth said the *Tales Tombstones Tell* event would be held this Friday.

- **Finance Committee:** Chairman (City Treasurer) Earley thanked the Mayor and Aldermen for changing the structure of the agenda so as to allow the Treasurer to speak. He then provided an explanation of why the City has recently changed banks.

- **Items Not Sent to Committee:**

**D. City Council Meeting Minutes** of September 17, 2007.

**E. Authorize** – the City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Brush Collection and Tree Trimming/Removal as a Result of the August 23, 2007, Weather Emergency with American Ground Cover in the amount of \$97,414.00 and with Kramer Tree Service in the amount of \$70,295.65.

**F. Authorize** – the Discharge of Fireworks within the City Limits – Wheaton Academy Homecoming Game, Saturday, October 8, 2007

**G. Resolution 07-R-0109** – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of West Chicago and the Other Participating Agencies (Public Police Mental Health Associates)

**H. Resolution 07-R-0112** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with West Chicago School District #33, West Chicago, Illinois

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

## 9. Reports by Committees.

**From Item 8.A: Resolution 07-R-0100** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Annexation Agreement – St. Andrews Golf Course Property. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to approve Resolution 07-R-0100. During discussion, Chairman (Alderman) Pineda said the property owner requested that the City annex in 203 acres near the golf course. Alderman Pineda provided a summary of the process involved. He said all the property to be annexed would be a definite benefit to the City as it fits the Comprehensive Plan and brings in more taxes. He said the issue of the Forest Preserve District getting 100 acres of the 203 acres is between the property owner and the Forest Preserve District. This evening's action is only concerned with the annexation of property into West Chicago. Alderman Dzierzanowski asked if the revised annexation agreement detailed lot sizes and exteriors. City Administrator Guttman answered affirmatively. Alderman Dzierzanowski said it is important to keep in character with the surrounding properties. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**From Item 8.B: Ordinance 07-O-0077** – An Ordinance Annexing Property to the City of West Chicago – South Side of Smith Road and West of Klein Road. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0077. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**From Item 8.C: Ordinance 07-O-0059** – An Ordinance Rezoning Land from the ER-1 Estate Residential District to the R-3 Single Family Residence District – 3N441 Route 59 – St. Andrews Golf Course. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0059. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**10. Unfinished Business.** None

**11. New Business.** None

**12. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor thanked the homeowners of Cornerstone Lakes and Prairie Meadows. The meetings with the two groups involved over 170 people last week. He said the property owners treated all the elected officials with great respect. They have problems and worked together with the elected officials to solve them. The Cornerstone Lakes – ComEd matter will be in front of the Infrastructure Committee. Prairie Meadows is starting a homeowners association. Alderman Gianforte was present and the Mayor stood in for Alderman Bunch. The homeowners will take more responsibility. The Mayor thanked the two groups of homeowners and the Aldermen and those that came on behalf of the City.

**13. Executive Session.** At 7:34 pm, Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to adjourn into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)] and review of Official Record [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Motion was carried by voice vote. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

**15. Adjournment.** See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk