

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 2/3/09

## MINUTES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 2, 2008

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Don Earley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rollcall found Aldermen Chassee, Pineda, Gianforte, Dimas, Fuesting and Smith present.

Staff in attendance were City Administrator Michael Guttman, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin.

Also in attendance representing City Departments were Nikki Giles, LuAnn Bombard, Bruce Malkin, Michael Uplegger, and Joanne Kalchbrenner. Dee Brading represented the league bowlers at Bowling Green Sports Complex. Alderman Beifuss arrived at 7:20 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

A. **Finance Committee – October 23, 2008. The Minutes were approved by voice vote with Alderman Pineda abstaining.**

#### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

Dee Brading – 1105 S. Allen Avenue, West Chicago

Ms. Brading spoke on behalf of the Bowling Green Sports Complex league bowlers in opposition to the 3% Amusement Tax, stating that many bowlers have not continued playing due to difficult economic times.

Alderman Pineda suggested that Ms. Brading provide a list of addresses to the Community Development Department so that an appropriate investigation could be made regarding her allegation of multiple home businesses at one address in her neighborhood.

#### 4. Items for Consent.

##### A. Ordinance No. 08-O-0091 2009 Proposed Budget.

This year's \$44 million budget is balanced. Chairman Earley noted a 5.75% decrease over last year's budget, with a decrease of 7.14% in the general fund. Chairman Earley commented on the ability of Budget Officer Michael Guttman to assemble the budget in a short amount of time due to the change in the fiscal year. Alderman Chassee thanked staff for writing a budget that was easy to comprehend.

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**Alderman Fuesting moved and Alderman Gianforte seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Ordinance No. 08-O-0091 2009 Proposed Budget. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Pineda, Gianforte, Dimas, Fuesting and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.**

**B. Ordinance No. 08-O-0097 – Property Tax Levy**

**Alderman Gianforte moved and Alderman Pineda seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Ordinance No. 08-O-0097 – Property Tax Levy. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Pineda, Gianforte, Dimas, Fuesting and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.**

**C. Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0093, 08-O-0094, 08-O-0095 and 08-O-0096 – Special Service Area Levies and Assessments.**

Special Service Area #2, in the amount of \$15,000 for Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0093  
Special Service Area #23, in the amount of \$2,515 for Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0094  
Special Service Area #27, in the amount of \$289 for Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0095  
Special Service Area #28, in the amount of \$2,015 for Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0096

**Alderman Chassee moved and Alderman Dimas seconded a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of Ordinance Nos. 08-O-0093, 08-O-0094, 08-O-0095 and 08-O-0096 – Special Service Area Levies and Assessments. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Pineda, Gianforte, Dimas, Fuesting and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.**

**5. Unfinished Business**

A. Amusement Tax. Alderman Fuesting suggested postponing the change of the amusement tax in the middle of the bowling season. Chairman Earley suggested discussing this amendment prior to the golfing season and post bowling season.

**Alderman Fuesting moved and Alderman Dimas seconded a motion to move discussion of the Amusement Tax to the March 2009 Finance Committee meeting. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Pineda, Gianforte, Dimas, Fuesting and Smith. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.**

**6. New Business. None.**

**7. Reports from Staff. None**

**8. Adjournment. Alderman Chassee moved and Alderman Fuesting seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Coltrin