

These minutes were approved at the January 7, 2008 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2007

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Pineda 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 was absent. The Mayor announced a quorum. Alderman Kauth left at 7:08 pm.

City Clerk Nancy M. Smith and City Treasurer Donald F. Earley were also present.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Police Sergeant Leo Aviles, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, Deputy Chief Bruce Malkin, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, Deputy Chief Laz Perez, Police Officer Mike Rosenwinkel, Police Officer Joe Stewart, and Deputy Chief Mike Uplegger.

5. Public Participation.

A. National Night Out 2007 Award Presentation. Chief Goncher said the National Night Out Committee members were invited to this meeting. He said Sergeant Leo Aviles was here to make a presentation to the City Council of the National Night Out Award for 2007. He said this was the 18th year in a row that West Chicago has won this award. The Mayor joined the Chief and the Committee, as did Alderman Stout who is a member of the Committee. Sergeant Aviles presented the award to the Mayor. The Mayor thanked the Committee for all their help in this wonderful event. Sergeant Aviles then recognized the six important organizations that helped sponsor the event: Northwest Flavors, General Mills, Lions Club, West Chicago Community High School, Scooby's Red Hots, and Jel-Sert.

No one spoke during regular public participation.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Murphy announced that tomorrow is Alderman Pineda's birthday and so everyone rose and sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - December 18, 2007 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled) |
| - December 20, 2007 | Community Affairs Committee (cancelled) |
| - December 24, 2007 | Public Safety Committee (cancelled) |
| - December 25, 2007 | Historical Preservation Commission (cancelled) |
| - December 27, 2007 | Finance Committee (cancelled) |
| - January 2, 2008 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (rescheduled from January 1, 2008) |
| - January 3, 2008 | Infrastructure Committee (cancelled) |
| - January 3, 2008 | Cultural Arts Commission |
| - January 7, 2008 | City Council Meeting (7:30 am) |

7. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the December 17, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 404,989.38. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, 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.

- * **Development Committee:** No report
- * **Infrastructure Committee:** Alderman Dzierzanowski read and explained the following items:

A. Resolution 07-R-0125 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with American Ground Cover, LLC, for the Spring 2008 Parkway Tree Planting Program (for an amount not to exceed \$30,285.00)

B. Resolution 07-R-0126 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Winkler's Tree and Landscaping, Inc., for the 2008 Forestry Maintenance Program (for an amount not to exceed \$71,459.06)

C. Resolution 07-R-0127 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment Number 1 to the Contract with Waste Management, Inc., for Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Hauling and Disposal – for FYE 2008 (for a total amendment amount not to exceed \$153,216.00)

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

* **Public Safety Committee:** No report

* **Community Affairs Committee:** Alderman Murphy read the following item:

D. Resolution 07-R-0129 – A Resolution Adopting the Updated 5-Year Strategic Plan or the West Chicago City Museum

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

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

E. Ordinance 07-O-0110 – An Ordinance for Levying Taxes on Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of West Chicago as that Property is Assessed and Equalized for State and County Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008

F. Ordinance 07-O-0106 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 2

G. Ordinance 07-O-0107 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 23

H. Ordinance 07-O-0108 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 27

I. Ordinance 07-O-0109 – An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, in and for the City of West Chicago Special Service Area No. 28

J. Ordinance 07-O-0102 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2007, and Ending April 30, 2008, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance Number 07-O-0018 and Amended by Ordinance Numbers 07-O-0039 and 07-O-0081

K. Ordinance 07-O-0105 – An Ordinance Modifying the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Building, Planning and Certain Business License Fees

L. Resolution 07-R-121 - A Resolution Amending the Term of the Inter-Fund Loan with Respect to the East Main Street Area Improvements

M. Resolution 07-R-0122 – A Resolution Authorizing Military Service Credit Prior to IMRF Participation

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

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

N. Approve – City Council Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2007

O. Ordinance 07-O-0101 – An Ordinance Granting Setback and Lot Coverage Variances for 825 E. Elmwood Avenue

P. Resolution 07-R-0128 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Grant of Easement for Watermain at 333 Charles Court

Q. Ordinance 07-O-0111 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Bearing the Common Address 419-421 Main Street for the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Monroe, to adopt those items on the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, 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 it has been a year since he took office as Mayor. It has been a year of highs and lows, but everyday he found new opportunities to make the City better. He said there is a humbling effect when one's peers trust and target their vision to parallel his. He said it is an opportunity that he could never replace in his memory. He said it was an honor to serve with the 14 aldermen, the City Clerk, and the Treasurer. He referred to them as his dream team. He thanked all of them for the opportunity to serve as their Mayor and teammate. He wished them a Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season.

He said people take it for granted that the City workers will see that the streets are cleaned, water will flow, and the police will serve and protect. However, these are dedicated people and provide excellent service to all and he wished them a Merry Christmas.

While "dedication" is an over used word, the senior staff also should be singled out because of the job that they do above and beyond expectations. The Mayor said it is an honor to work with finance, administration, police, utilities, development, and the museum on jobs well done. He wished them a Merry Christmas.

Last, but not least, the Mayor addressed his fellow West Chicagoans. He wished them friendship from their neighbors, love from their family, and a prayer for peace. The Mayor asked for God's blessing for all and wished all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

15. Adjournment. At 7:24 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adjourn. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk