

These minutes were approved at the 2/5/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2007

1. **Call to Order.** Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Chassee 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, James E. Beifuss, Jr., H. Ronald Monroe, Gregory L. Kauth, Russell Radkiewicz, Ruben Pineda, Sandy Dimas, Alan Murphy, Gregory D. Bunch, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Matthew Fuesting and Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman present. The Acting 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, Museum and Cultural Services Director LuAnn Bombard, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. **Public Participation.** The following person spoke during public participation:

Ms. Jeanne Becker, Director of Program Evaluation, Child Serv, 8765 W. Higgins, Chicago, spoke about Ordinance 07-O-0003 regarding zoning that includes transitional living facilities. She requested that the ordinance be amended to allow children on probation into the facilities. Child Serv has been in existence for over 110 years and their three other facilities (in Naperville, Downers Grove, and Lisle) allow children on probation.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - January 16, 2007 | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - January 18, 2007 | Community Affairs Committee |
| - January 20, 2007 | Youth Commission |
| - January 22, 2007 | Public Safety Committee |
| - January 23, 2007 | Historical Preservation Commission |
| - January 25, 2007 | Finance Committee |

There were no announcements or correspondence.

7. **Approval of Minutes. City Council Meeting, January 2, 2007.** Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 2, 2007, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

8. **Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Radkiewicz, to approve the January 15, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 463,147.15. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

9. **Consent Agenda.** The Acting Mayor read the following items:

A. Ordinance 07-O-0004 – An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to the Final PUD Plan and Plat of Lots 4 and 5 in Franciscan Way – Shoppes of West Chicago – 296 Teresa Lane

B. Resolution 07-R-0001 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement with Frances Spear, Owner of Arbor Avenue Antiques – 100 Arbor Avenue (for an amount not to exceed \$1,458.00)

C. Ordinance 07-O-0007 – An Ordinance of the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel Commonly Known as the “Grobe Parcel – 103 W. Washington Street” for the Downtown Redevelopment Plan and Project

D. Resolution 07-R-0009 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Grant of Public Roadway Agreement with the Commonwealth Edison Company for Construction and Maintenance of a Public Roadway for the Hawthorne Lane Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$19,300.00)

E. Resolution 07-R-0010 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Temporary Access License Agreement with the Commonwealth Edison Company for Construction and Maintenance of a Public Roadway for the Hawthorne Lane Improvement Project (for an amount not to exceed \$500.00)

F. Resolution 07-R-0008 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Organization and Operation of the West Chicago Summer Festival (for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00) (removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately)

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

10. Reports by Committees.

From Item 9.F: Resolution 07-R-0008 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Organization and Operation of the West Chicago Summer Festival (for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00). Alderman Pineda made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kauth, to approve Resolution 06-R-0008. During discussion, Ms. Mary Ann Manna, Vice President of the West Chicago Chamber of Commerce, spoke about their plans for Railroad Days. She said the Chamber would work very closely with the City and the Park District. They have a committee of 9-10 people from the Park District, the City, the Chamber and other residents. She said the event planner was good, but they feel they can do better entertainment with less money. Alderman Chassee asked about accountability of the expenses and reports to the City Council. Ms. Manna said the Chamber president will be representing the Chamber and will report back to the committee each month. The Chamber will have a budget and a separate account. Funds will be distributed from a trust. Alderman Pineda asked that the City Council be notified when those briefings will occur. Ms. Manna said they would be happy to have City Council members attend. Museum and Cultural Services Director Bombard said they would report back to the Community Affairs Committee once a month. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A. Ordinance 07-O-0003 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Sections 4.1 and 9.7 of the Zoning Code Relating to Transitional Living Facilities. Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-003. During discussion, Alderman Chassee asked if there had been any discussions on safety needs. She asked if the Council would consider amending the ordinance to allow non-violent, non-sexual, and non-felonious probationers. Community Development Director Kalchbrenner said the Development Committee considered a percentage of children on probation, but the facilities will have a low number of residents. The ordinance was written to not allow any felonies. Alderman Beifuss said the Plan Commission initially did not have any limitation before them, so 100% of the residents could be probationers. The Development Committee put the restriction in. These facilities could be anywhere as long as they are 90 feet apart. The preferred place is downtown and only a block from the high school and transportation. This is advantageous to the home, but may not be to the community. He said he was not comfortable having any probationers within this ordinance. Alderman Kauth said he agreed with Alderman Chassee. He said he could not accept that if someone goes to jail, they are bad for life. He thought the ordinance could be changed to allow non-violent and non-sexual probationers. He said they would be close to the high school because they are high school age. They need to get their degree and move forward. Alderman Radkiewicz said he agreed with Aldermen Kauth and Chassee. He made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kauth, to send the ordinance back to the Community Affairs Committee for further discussion. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Motion carried. The Acting Mayor said this will go back to the Development Committee for further discussion and there will be a police officer present during the discussion.

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. None

13. Mayor's Comments. The Acting Mayor said it felt like yesterday when he watched in disgust the treatment of our fellow man just to eat at a lunch counter. He said the words of Dr. King's that impacted him the most were, "We have flown the air like birds and swum the seas like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers." Acting Mayor Kwasman said people must not look at one's color or one's religion, or one's ethnic heritage, but must respect our brothers on actions and how they respect the right to live in a world free from all oppression.

14. Executive Session. At 7:24 pm, Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review executive session minutes [5 ILCS120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

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

16. Adjournment. See above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk