

These minutes were approved at the 4/2/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 19, 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 Fuesting 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, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Matthew Fuesting and Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman present. The Acting Mayor announced a quorum. Alderman James E. Beifuss, Jr. was absent.

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

Also in attendance were City Attorney Mary E. Dickson, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, and Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner.

5. **Public Participation.** No one spoke during regular public participation.

A. Public Hearing: 2007-2008 Budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm. Present were Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connolly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman who called upon the City Treasurer for his report.

B. Report from City Treasurer. Treasurer Earley said the budget is a profile of the City and spoke of the population increase, the assessed valuation increase, and the City's primary goal to pursue commercial and industrial development to alleviate the tax burden on the residents and diversify the tax base. Treasurer Earley highlighted several portions of the budget and ended by commending the Finance Committee, and all department directors and their staffs for their hard work in development of the budget.

The Mayor then asked the City Council and audience members for their comments or questions. There were none. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm. Minutes for the public hearing are filed separately.

The Mayor then adjusted the agenda to take item 9, Consent Agenda, next.

9. **Consent Agenda and Omnibus Vote.** The Mayor read the following items:

A. Ordinance 07-O-0018 – An Ordinance Adopting 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

B. Ordinance 07-O-0019 – An Ordinance Amending the West Chicago Code of Ordinances – Business Registration Program, Rental Inspection Program, Contractor Licensing Program and Sewer Rates

C. Ordinance 07-O-0016 – An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the City of West Chicago, DuPage County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2006, and Ending April 30, 2007, Passed and Adopted by Ordinance 06-O-0018 and Amended by Ordinances 06-O-0048, 06-O-0094, and 07-O-0001

D. Resolution 07-R-0026 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with West Chicago Elementary School District No. 33 – School Liaison Officers

E. Resolution 07-R-0027 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with West Chicago Community High School District No. 94 – School Liaison Officers

F. Resolution 07-R-0034 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Cemetery Management, Inc., for Professional Services Related to Cemetery Sexton at the City's Glen Oak and Oakwood Cemeteries for FYE 2008 (for an amount not to exceed \$43,100.00)

G. Ordinance 07-O-0021 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Sections 2-215 and 2-216 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of West Chicago, Thus Amending the Cemetery Fees and Charges

H. Resolution 07-R-0039 – A Resolution Approving a Plat of Consolidation – Lots 25 and 26 in Jel-Sert II Industrial Park – 399 Wegner Drive

I. Ordinance 07-O-0023 – An Ordinance Granting a Variance to the Corner Side Yard Setback Requirements – 425 Joliet Street – Miner Residence

J. Ordinance 07-O-0024 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Sections 4.1 and 7 of the Zoning Code

K. Resolution 07-R-0021 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Umesh Thakkar – Chicago's Pizza – 334 S. Neltnor Boulevard (for an amount not to exceed \$1,850.00)

L. Authorize – The Purchase of One (1) 2008 Ford F350 Pickup Truck, Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract from Bob Ridings Ford (for an amount not to exceed \$30,218.00)

M. Resolution 07-R-0035 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Vacation for Drainage and Utility Easement at 399 Wegner Drive

N. Resolution 07-R-0036 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Plat of Easement for Utilities, Detention, and Drainage at 399 Wegner Drive

O. Resolution 07-R-0037 – A Resolution Accepting a Plat of Easement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same – Metra Parcels on Main Street

P. Resolution 07-R-0038 – A Resolution Accepting a Plat of Vacation and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same – Chad's Addition on Main Street

Q. Ordinance 07-O-0022 – An Ordinance Granting an Extension to a Special Use Permit to Allow Vehicle Sales and Service at 1250 W. North Avenue – A. & A. Conte

R. Resolution 07-R-0041 – A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Hartwig Mechanical Subdivision Improvement Agreement – Northwest Corner of Prince Crossing Road and Geneva Road

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

Aldermen Pineda and Radkiewicz were excused from the meeting at 7:18 pm.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- March 20, 2007 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals (cancelled)
- March 22, 2007 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- March 26, 2007 Public Safety Committee
- March 27, 2007 Historical Preservation Commission

7. Approval of Minutes. City Council Meeting, March 5, 2007. Alderman Bunch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2007, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, 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 Connelly, to approve the March 19, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 562,269.63. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Dimas, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. Alderman Dimas announced that Community Fellowship Church would be having their Fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, March 24, 2007, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The event should provide a lot of family fun. There will be an illusionist there.

13. Mayor's Comments. The Acting Mayor was pleased to announce that he has directed staff to move forward with the City's new adjudication court and send it on to the Public Safety Committee. This system will be addressing property maintenance code, building code, zoning and parking violations. With West Chicago taking care of its own problems without outside interference, cases will be heard more quickly and compliance will be achieved more quickly. The Acting Mayor said fines are increased (as he started with the Liquor Commission), and the City is demanding that the law be obeyed. He said he is a firm believer that fines should be incentives to obey the law, not a cost of doing business.

The Mayor said a new area of discussion includes plans for a senior citizen advisory council. The graying population is growing and the Council believes that the City needs their valuable input to address their concerns.

Also, the management team will be looking at a City Ombudsman position. This would be the "go to" person who would represent the interests of the public and address complaints reported by individuals and investigate those complaints. The Acting Mayor said this City Council has listened to the people in the past and acts on their requests.

The Acting Mayor said he would have more information in the near future on both of these reports.

14. Executive Session. At 7:24 pm, Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dzierzanowski, to recess into executive session to discuss land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (6)], personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and review executive session minutes [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:45 pm. Present were Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman present.

15. Items to be Referred for Final Action from Executive Session:

Ordinance 07-O-0030 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition Through Condemnation of Property at 119 W. Washington Street, West Chicago, Commonly Known as the "Jacobson Property" for the Downtown Redevelopment Project. Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0030. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Monroe, Kauth, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 07-O-0028 - An Ordinance Amending the West Chicago Code of Ordinances – Vacation Buy Back. Alderman Stout made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0028. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Kauth, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Monroe abstained. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment. At 7:50 pm, Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stout, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk