

These minutes were approved at the 5/7/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 16, 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 Connelly 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, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, Matthew Fuesting and Acting Mayor Michael B. Kwasman present. Alderman Gregory D. Bunch was absent. 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, Public Works Director Rob Flatter, City Administrator Michael L. Guttman, Community Development Director Joanne Kalchbrenner, and Administrative Services Director Linda Martin. From the West Chicago Police Department were Acting Chief of Police Donald Goncher, Commanders S. Kroning, Bruce Malkin, Laz Perez, and Mike Uplegger, Sergeants C. Shackelford and Leo Aviles, and Patrolmen R. Bailey, F. Cadena, D. Herbert, Anthony Quarto, and Rich Theodore,

5. Public Participation.

A. Proclamation – Earth Day 2007 – At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 464 (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor encouraged the residents to learn about the environmental importance of *Earth Day* and to support and participate in "West Chicago Celebrates Earth Day 2007" on Saturday April 21, 2007.

B. Proclamation – River Sweep 2007– At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 465 (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor encouraged the residents to learn about the environmental importance of clean waterways and to support and participate in "River Sweep 2007" on Saturday, June 2, 2007.

C. Proclamation – Simply-A-Mom Day– At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 466 (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor proclaimed Saturday, April 28, 2007, as "Simply a Mom" day in West Chicago. The Acting Mayor called upon Ms. Heather Stout of the *Simply a Mom* organization who said they are doing so well that her church, Willow Creek of DuPage, used the organization as a venue for teaching children the importance of giving back to neighbors in need. Five other S.A.M. groups are now active or being formed in Wheaton, Warrenville, Glen Ellyn, Batavia, and Naperville. Ms. Stout thanked the Mayor and City Council for its support. She received a standing ovation.

D. Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week– At the Acting Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation No. 467 (copy attached) in which the Acting Mayor proclaimed the week of April 29 through May 5, 2007, as Municipal Clerks Week and extended appreciation to West Chicago City Clerk Nancy Smith, and Deputy City Clerks Kimberly Wayne and Lois Mastaler. The Acting Mayor thanked Clerk Smith on behalf of the City Council.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

- 1) Barb Guetler, 29W131 Blair, West Chicago, spoke of her dissatisfaction with the completion of the Blair Street subdivision and the City's response to her requests for information. The Acting Mayor called upon Public Works Director Flatter to address the issue. Upon the Acting Mayor's request, Mr. Flatter said he would contact the developer tomorrow morning to set up a meeting to work on a resolution to the situation.
- 2) Donna Santiago, 220 George Street, West Chicago, discussed several issues starting with the early decision to appoint the new police chief as she was told a decision would not be made until after the election. She also felt the City Council should hold City department directors accountable for their departments and their jobs. She would like for City employees to make repairs without waiting for a call to come in from a resident, and they should not be talking on cell phones. She also has not seen her Aldermen asking for opinions or concerns. Residents want to help, but the Aldermen have to make an effort. Finally, she said she took out a petition, but did not file due to family concerns, not because a civic organization, as alleged in a political paper, intimidates candidates. She said she plans to participate in the political process again. She said it was important for people to get out and vote tomorrow.

6. Correspondence and Announcements.

The Acting Mayor recognized Acting Chief Goncher who thanked the Acting Mayor for his recommendation to be appointed Chief and for the City Council's vote of trust and confidence in him. He then recommended two officers who have risen through the ranks to fill the two Deputy Chief positions: Commander Laz Perez and Commander Bruce Malkin. They received a standing ovation. The Acting Mayor said Commanders Perez and Malkin are highly respected and the citizens are grateful for their work. He personally thanked them and thanked them on behalf of the City Council. He said they have the Council's trust.

Alderman Stout said funds are being raised by the District 33 Pre-School to build a playground through a "Bowling Fundraiser" which will be held on April 28, 2007, at Bowling Green Sports Center from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. She encouraged everyone to show their support.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- April 17, 2007 Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals
- April 19, 2007 Community Affairs Committee
- April 20, 2007 Youth Commission
- April 23, 2007 Public Safety Committee
- April 26, 2007 Finance Committee (cancelled)

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

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly, to approve the April 16, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 275,396.87. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Aldermen Pineda and Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

A. Resolution 07-R-0033 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Joint Purchasing Requisition to the State of Illinois Bureau of Strategic Sourcing and Procurement for Rock Salt for FYE 2008

B. Resolution 07-R-0051 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Boughton Trucking and Materials for Course and Fine Aggregate Material Delivered (for an amount not to exceed \$34,187.50)

C. Resolution 07-R-0045 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Perfect Cleaning Service, Inc., for Janitorial Services for Municipal Buildings (for an amount not to exceed \$159,120.00) for FYE 2008 through FYE 2010

D. 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 \$33,200.00)

E. Resolution 07-R-0046 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with Atlantic Coast Polymers, Inc., for the Procurement of Polymer for Use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (for an amount not to exceed \$25,462.50)

F. Resolution 07-R-0048 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract Agreement with K.A. Steel Chemicals, Inc., for the Procurement of Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite (for an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00)

G. Resolution 07-R-0049 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Certain Agreement for Services for Safety Educator – Michael Buenrostro (for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00)

H. Resolution 07-R-0032 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Amendment No. 1/First Extension to the 2006 Contract for Hydrated Lime Delivery with Mississippi Lime Company for FYE 2008 (for an amount not to exceed \$451,934.00)

I. Approve – Job Descriptions – Marketing Assistant and Public Information Officer

J. Ordinance 07-O-0032 – An Ordinance Amending the West Chicago Code of Ordinances – Changes to the Personnel Rules

K. Ordinance 07-O-0017 – An Ordinance Amending Penalty Provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago

L. Ordinance 07-O-0033 – An Ordinance Granting a Certain Waiver to the Appearance Code – 1171 Commerce – Suburban Teamsters of Northern Illinois

M. Resolution 07-R-0031 – A Resolution Authorizing Revoking a Special Use Permit for an Automobile Body Shop, Care Center, Rental and Repair – Michael Dieter, House of Customs, 705 E. Roosevelt Road

N. Resolution 07-R-0052 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 328 ½ High Street, 2nd Floor–Helen Walsh and Josh Pinder

O. Resolution 07-R-0053 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 461 Main Street, 2nd Floor – Kristine Conway

P. Resolution 07-R-0054 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain 2nd Amendment to the Lease Agreement for 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor – Brian Santiago

Q. Ordinance 07-O-0035 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of West Chicago – Chapter 3, Section 3-12 (C) Decreasing Class A-1 and Increasing Class E-1 Liquor Licenses (Luigi's)

R. Approve – The City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Professional Services with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., to Operate the Water Treatment Plant for \$168,940.74

S. Approve – The City Administrator's Emergency Purchase of Snow Removal Services with American Ground Cover L.L.C. for \$100,000

Alderman Kauth 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, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

10. Reports by Committees. None

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. None

13. Mayor's Comments. The Acting Mayor said in light of Earth Day approaching, he was making a requisition to reactive the Environmental Commission with new looks and new ideas pertaining to tree replacement, open areas, etc. He asked for new volunteers and a fresh look.

The Mayor urged people to vote tomorrow in the municipal election. He said the people running are neighbors who put in their time and do the best they can. They take time away from their families to step up to the plate for the residents of West Chicago. There are two referendums on the ballot. One is for the Winfield Township roads and one for the West Chicago Fire Protection District. This is a way government getting citizen opinion on spending taxpayer money.

14. Executive Session. At 7:38 pm, Alderman Kauth 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, 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