

These minutes were approved at the 6/4/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 21, 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 Dzierzanowski 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., 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. Alderman H. Ronald Monroe 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, 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, HR Coordinator Carol LeBeau, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Rosemary Mackey, Administrative Services Director Linda Martin, Executive Secretary/Deputy Clerk Kimberly Wayne, and many police officers.

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

1) Steve Davidson, attorney for Local 150, spoke about the recently laid off City employees. He said the Union understands economic downturns and would like to offer a plan wherein the City would save money now and in the future and the employees would not have to be laid off. He would like to have detailed discussions with the City before the effective date of the lay off.

2) Warren Warren, 327 Edgewood, Lombard, Illinois, said he had been the Finance Director of West Chicago for over 20 years and took an early out. He was here to discuss the recent changes to retiree health benefits, which he said did not agree with the terms of his contract. He asked the City Council to honor his contract and do the right thing. It will cost the City less than \$3,000 per year.

A. Proclamation Honoring Frank M. Burzynski. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk read Proclamation 468 in which the Mayor recognized the accomplishments of Frank M. Burzynski for his 37 years of service to West Chicago Community High School District 94.

B. American Cancer Society Presentation. John Czeck, and a representative from the American Cancer Society, said the recent Relay for Life raised over \$51,000. He presented a plaque to Acting Mayor Kwasman and thanked him for all the cooperation given to the event and then presented another plaque to the City of West Chicago stating that West Chicago is a Relay for Life community. The Mayor personally thanked them and thanked them on behalf of a grateful City.

C. Police Department Promotions/Swearing-In Ceremony (Chief of Police, Deputy Chiefs of Police, Sergeants and Patrol Officers). It was the honor of the City Clerk to swear in Donald Goncher as Chief of Police as Acting Mayor Kwasman stood by. Chief Goncher said he was honored to wear the Chief Joe Buenrostro's badge that was last worn in 1954. Chief Goncher then swore in new Deputy Chiefs Bruce Malkin and Laz Perez, new Sergeants William Hall and Rich Theo, and new officers Meagan Perry and Antonio Reyes. Deputy Chief Malkin noted that family and friends and police chiefs and officers witnessed the swearing-in ceremony from a number of other communities.

6. **Correspondence and Announcements.**

The City Clerk announced that Memorial Day activities would take place next Monday, May 28, 2007, with an honor guard of members from West Chicago American Legion Post 300 and Leon Richardt Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6791. They will visit Glen Oak and Calvary Cemeteries in West Chicago and St. John's Cemetery in Winfield. The observance will culminate at Oak Wood Cemetery in West Chicago at 10:00 am. The main speaker will be Mayor Kwasman. The public is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Meetings. The Mayor announced the following meetings.

- May 22, 2007 Historical Preservation Commission
- May 24, 2007 Finance Committee (cancelled)
- May 29, 2007 Public Safety Committee (rescheduled meeting)
- May 30, 2007 Development Committee

7. Approval of Minutes.

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

8. Corporate Disbursement Report. Alderman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the May 21, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 423,713.65. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Dimas, Bunch, 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-0073 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Certain Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the First Floor Unit at 461 Main Street – Z-Way Realty

B. Resolution 07-R-0055 – A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Closed Session Minutes

C. Resolution 07-R-0056 – A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Certain Closed Meetings

D. Resolution 07-R-0057 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the DuPage Airport Authority and the City of West Chicago for Dedication of Tech Park Infrastructure

E. Resolution 07-R-0058 – A Resolution Accepting a Plat of Dedication and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same – DuPage Airport Authority – DuPage National Technology Park

F. Resolution 07-R-0059 – A Resolution Accepting a Plat of Easement and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Same – DuPage Airport Authority – DuPage National Technology Park

G. Resolution 07-R-0060 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Reservation and Easement Terms and Provisions to be Included on the Plat of Dedication – DuPage Airport Authority Reservation of Non-Conveyed Improvements and Easement

H. Ordinance 07-O-0037 – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Landbank Required Off-Street Parking and a Variance to Reduce the Required Transition Yard Landscape Setback – 530 Industrial Drive – Mapei Corporation

I. Ordinance 07-O-0036 – An Ordinance Granting Special Uses for a Motorcycle Training Facility and Outside Storage – 1800 W. Hawthorne Lane Unit 113 – Illinois Council of Safety

J. Ordinance 07-O-0034 – An Ordinance Granting a Certain Waiver to the Appendix Code – 130 Hazel – Daniel Czuba

K. Resolution 07-R-0066 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute a Certain Downtown Rehabilitation Façade Program Agreement – Edward Malina – 101 E. Washington Street (for an amount not to exceed \$8,750.00)

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

10. Reports by Committees.

A. Ordinance 07-O-0038 – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – Appendix A, Section 10.5-5 of the Zoning Code. Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0038. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: Alderman Beifuss. Motion carried.

11. Unfinished Business. None

12. New Business. None

13. Mayor's Comments. The Acting Mayor said the last five months have been exciting for him as Acting Mayor and really wanted to thank each and every one of the Aldermen who supported him and had the confidence in him to go forth. He also thanked the City Clerk and the City Attorney. He said the City staff has worked extremely hard to bring West Chicago up to the value and level that it is today and he thanked them. He also thanked the City Treasurer for keeping the City on track and with a finance plan that will help the City go forward.

The Acting Mayor said he started building his house in the Forest Trails Subdivision about 20 years ago and moved into it about 18 years ago. He said he started a homeowners association and met people who wanted to get him involved in local government. He said Tom Janaes, Bob Winkler, John Smith, Paul Bauer, Steve Lakics, and others were involved and made changes for the better. The Acting Mayor said those changes can be seen today and will be seen tomorrow.

14. Executive Session. There was no executive session.

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

16. Adjournment. At 7:35 pm, Alderman Murphy made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kauth, to adjourn. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, Fuesting, and Acting Mayor Kwasman. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Acting Mayor Kwasman said the next meeting would be held at 8:00 pm to swear in newly elected officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith
City Clerk