

These minutes were approved at the 6/18/07 City Council meeting with no changes.

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO – 475 Main Street

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2007

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Michael B. Kwasman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.** Alderman Gianforte 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, Joey Gianforte, Nanette B. Connelly, Rebecca Stout, Nicholas Dzierzanowski, and Matt Fuesting present. The 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, Chief of Police Donald Goncher, and City Administrator Michael L. Guttman.

**5. Public Participation.**

**A. Presentation – Community High School District 94 – Students and Teacher of the Year.** The Mayor said he has dreamed for years of recognizing those students who try harder. He recognized District 94 Superintendent Dr. Lee Rieck and District 94 Board of Education President Tony Reyes. Mr. Reyes thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to speak about people that achieve great things at the high school. The school was very excited about this event and found appropriate people who showed hard work against all odds. Senior Ashley Conway fit the description. Her mother died when she was in sixth grade; she is the oldest of three girls; and her father is unemployed. But, she has achieved a 3.55 grade point average while participating in many extracurricular activities both in the school and community. She could not be here this evening. The next student is Ralph Calleros who overcame many difficulties in his life growing up in gang infested neighborhoods. He started playing football and learned that other things were more important than gangs. He played football for four years and wrestled for three years at the high school. The Athletic Director described him as having become a "quality kid." The Mayor then called upon Alderman Pineda to present the certificate and City seal pin from the City to Ralph Calleros.

Dr. Rieck was pleased to talk about the teacher, Donald Zabelin, who was recommended as the Teacher of the Year. Dr. Rieck said he could talk for a long time about Mr. Zabelin, as he has been involved in leading programs of distinction including writing a textbook and leading the Life Smarts team to five state championships. He has also been nationally recognized for his work with teaching about the stock market. The Mayor read the certificate and presented Mr. Zabelin with the certificate and gave him a West Chicago Railroad Clock.

The following persons spoke during public participation:

- 1) Sandy Riess, West Chicago, discussed her concerns with the City meeting with the USEPA regarding thorium. She said the City's legal counsel has advised against assisting her. City Administrator Guttman said the response to Ms. Riess was made before the EPA responded. The City is trying to set up a meeting with the EPA and gather all the appropriate information. He said the City would see what it could do to help out everyone.
- 2) Paula Neltner, 216 Stimmel Street, West Chicago, said she has lived in West Chicago her entire life. She felt the City needs to take care of its citizens and said the streets in her neighborhood are in terrible condition. She was also concerned about contaminated soil coming to her neighborhood from all over to be shipped out to Utah. She wanted the thorium gone and asked what the City would do to help.

The Mayor agreed that he also would like to see the thorium gone from the City. He said this is one of the biggest priorities in the City. He said the clean up is a work in progress, but did call for a meeting with the EPA for updates. He said once the trucks are through, the streets can be repaired. This will be brought up to the Infrastructure Committee and a timeline will be developed. The City will notify Ms. Neltner of this timeline in writing.

## 6. Correspondence and Announcements.

Alderman Nannette Connelly spoke from the public participation podium to say she was at the high school Honors Night to present a scholarship on behalf of the Lion's Club of West Chicago. She said this was just one of many to honor the achievements of the students. She said she was in awe of the students. There were five National Merit Scholars in this graduating class.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The Mayor announced the following meetings.

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| - June 5, 2007  | Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals |
| - June 7, 2007  | Infrastructure Committee                |
| - June 7, 2007  | Cultural Arts Commission                |
| - June 11, 2007 | Development Committee                   |
| - June 16, 2007 | Youth Commission                        |

## 7. Approval of Minutes.

**A. City Council Meeting of May 21, 2007.** Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 21, 2007, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**B. Special City Council Meeting of May 21, 2007.** Alderman Radkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kauth, to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of May 21, 2007, with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**8. Corporate Disbursement Report.** Alderman Kauth made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pineda, to approve the June 4, 2007, Corporate Disbursement Report in the amount of \$ 636,636.05. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Alderman Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

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

**A. Ordinance 07-O-0042** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago to Provide for Notification and Authorization to the Secretary of State to Commence Drivers License Suspension Proceedings

**B. Ordinance 07-O-0045** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations to Add Article XX, Police Towing License System to the West Chicago Code of Ordinances

**C. Ordinance 07-O-0040** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 – Mayor (removed and voted upon separately)

**D. Ordinance 07-O-0043** – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Internet Auction of Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago

**E. Ordinance 07-O-0047** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 – Environmental Commission

**F. Ordinance 07-O-0044** – An Ordinance Establishing Article VII, of Chapter 11, Vehicle Immobilization Program, of the City Code of the City of West Chicago, Illinois

**G. Resolution 07-R-0074** – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the City of West Chicago's Revised Emergency Operations Plan, Dated April 13, 2007

**H. Authorize** – The Purchase of Three (3) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Pursuit and Two (2) Ford Explorer XLT 4 Door 4x4 Police Vehicles, through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract (for an amount not to exceed \$109,474.00)

**I. Approve** – Railroad Days 2007 Business Proposal

**J. Approve** – Reappointment of Willine Mahony to the Civil Service Commission for a Three-Year Term

**K. Approve** – Reappointment of David From to the Civil Service Commission for a Three-Year Term

**L. Approve** – Appointment of Roxanne Westrom as Chairman to the Civil Service Commission for a One-Year Term

**M. Approve** – Reappointment of Marianne King to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Four-Year Term

**N. Approve** – Reappointment of Heidi Morris to the Cultural Arts Commission for a Four-Year Term

**O. Approve** – Appointment of Heidi Morris and Lori Majeen as Co-Chairmen to the Cultural Arts Commission for a One-Year Term

**P. Approve** – Reappointment of Dan Beebe to the Environmental Commission for a Three-Year Term

**Q. Approve** – Reappointment of Trini Cantu to the Environmental Commission for a Three-Year Term

**R. Approve** – Appointment of Dan Beebe as Chairman to the Environmental Commission for a One-Year Term

**S. Approve** – Reappointment of Garth Keck to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Three-Year Term

**T. Approve** – Reappointment of Jennifer Maglinite-Timbrook to the Historical Preservation Commission for a Three-Year Term

**U. Approve** – Appointment of Janet Hale as Chairman to the Historical Preservation Commission for a One-Year Term

**V. Approve** – Approve the Reappointment of Jeff Psodzny to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a Five-Year Term

**W. Approve** – Approve Appointment of John Banas as Chairman to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals for a One-Year Term

**X. Approve** – Appointment of Martin Swinney as Chairman to the Youth Commission for a One-Year Term

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

#### **10. Reports by Committees.**

**From Item 9.C: Ordinance 07-O-0040** – An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago, Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 – Mayor. Alderman Dzierzanowski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to adopt Ordinance 07-O-0040. During discussion, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beifuss, to amend Section 2-45 of the ordinance by adding the following words to the first sentence, “from among the elected officials of the city.” Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Voting Yea on the amended ordinance: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

#### **11. Unfinished Business.** None

#### **12. New Business.**

**A. Approve** – Appointment of Steve Carrow to the Environmental Commission for a Three-Year Term.

**B. Approve** – Appointment of Norm Mosena to the Environmental Commission for a Two-Year Term.

**C. Approve** – Appointment of Rasham Grewal to the Environmental Commission for a Two-Year Term.

Alderman Bunch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to concur with the Mayor's appointments of Steve Carrow, (three-year term), Norm Mosenia (two-year term), and Rasham Grewal (two-year term) to the Environmental Commission. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**13. Mayor's Comments.** The Mayor said tonight the Environmental Commission was reactivated. This is the Commission where he and some of the Aldermen first started with local government. Some of the issues that the Commission will tackle include adopt-a-highway for clean up and recycling opportunities. The Mayor reminded everyone that West Chicago has been a leader in recycling and everyone knows about the City's successful battle with Kerr McGee. The Commission will also be asked for recommendations on open space and tree and planting around the community. The Commission will also work with local garden clubs to enhance the City's landscape.

The Mayor said tonight the City instituted a new program on recognizing students who try a little harder to become leaders in their schools. He said those students that excel always are recognized. From a City that does always try a little harder, it is time to show those students the West Chicago version of cheering them on.

**14. Executive Session.** At 7:36 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murphy, to recess into executive session to discuss Land acquisition [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) (6)], Litigation [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Personnel matters [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)], and Review of Official Record [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)]. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried. Minutes for the executive session are filed separately.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:09 pm. Present were Alderman Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting.

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

Alderman Fuesting made a motion, seconded by Alderman Chassee, to pull the letter of credit for R.C. Soto on Stimmel Street. Voting Yea: Aldermen Chassee, Beifuss, Monroe, Kauth, Radkiewicz, Pineda, Dimas, Murphy, Bunch, Gianforte, Connelly, Stout, Dzierzanowski, and Fuesting. Voting Nay: 0. Motion carried.

**16. Adjournment.** At 8:10 pm, Alderman Chassee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gianforte, to adjourn. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Smith  
City Clerk