

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 7:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>David Gonzalez</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Walter Mosby</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Joshua Deabel</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ward Richard Amadio</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Ward Vincent Zaranti</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Ward Sylvia Torres</b>	<b>Present</b>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Alderman Mosby was absent.**

**Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Garfield School at 6:00 p.m.**

**Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District. She also announced that the sixth annual 3rd Ward Extravaganza would be held on Saturday, August 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.**

**Alderman Deabel asked if the City could do more about door to door solicitors who caused problems for residents. Corporation Counsel Somer responded that new procedures had recently been implemented to ensure that solicitors understood the ordinance. In addition, the solicitor permit would be issued on a probationary basis, and would be revoked if solicitors violated any part of the ordinance.**

**Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Greenbrier Elementary in the gymnasium.**

**Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.**

**Alderman Torres did not have any announcements.**

**Mayor Gonzalez reported that over two hundred and fifty applications had been received in the Rain Barrel Program; Kelli Merrick, of the Mayor's office, would be available for ward meetings to demonstrate how to connect the rain barrel. Meetings would soon take place to plan the next CDBG street project. The Mayor congratulated Treasurer Jim Dee for the Government Excellence in Financial Reporting Certificate that the City had received again.**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**None**

#### **REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – LISA APRATI**

**No report**

#### **REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL – T.J. SOMER**

**No report**

#### **1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2016**

**Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the minutes.**

**Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: Deabel**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: Mosby**

**Motion to approve carried**

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MARCH, 2016.**

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to approve the bills.

**Ayes:** Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** Deabel

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Mosby

**Motion to approve carried.**

**3. RESOLUTION #2016 - 12 : APPROVING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SBE MEDIA FOR WEBSITE CONSULTING SERVICES.**

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

**Ayes:** Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Mosby

**Motion to approve carried.**

Jack Hynes, the City's Economic Development Consultant, explained that that the renewal agreement was basically the same as the original. The company uploaded videos and performed technical updates on the City's economic website.

**4. RESOLUTION #2016 - 13 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR ARBORIST SERVICES RELATED TO THE MORTON ARBORETUM TREE GRANT.**

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.

**Ayes:** Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** Mosby

**Motion to approve carried.**

Karen Zerante, Executive Assistance to the Mayor, stated that the proposal was for services to re-plant parkway trees and to maintain those trees over the next three years. The recommendation was to accept the proposal from Desiderio Landscaping, who would provide the services of a certified arborist. The city council members discussed the matter, asked questions and expressed their concerns.

**5. RESOLUTION #2016 - 14 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR THE 2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**

**Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.**

**Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**COS Aprati stated that the proposal was from the same company that had performed the award winning fireworks display in the City last year. The fireworks display would be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a rain date of September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sister City Festival.**

**6. RESOLUTION #2016 - 15 : APPROVING CERTAIN ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE CITY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT 5K RUN FOR THE TROOPS.**

**Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.**

**Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jessica Mancina, Residential Services Director, informed the council which streets would be closed for the two events.**

**7. RESOLUTION #2016 - 16 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BLOOM TOWNSHIP FOR THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PARCELS OF LAND.**

**Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to approve the resolution.**

**Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the site where the township highway department was located was being remediated, and that the highway department would be relocating to land conveyed to it by the City at no cost. After remediation, the township would convey the old site to the City for incorporation into the State Street Industrial Park Area. Joe Stanfa, Bloom Township Highway Commissioner, Matt Welch, attorney and Kevin Hayes, architect addressed the council, which discussed the matter at length before proceeding to the vote.

8. **ORDINANCE# 2016 -   9   : APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ITS ROAD DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AS A "PUBLIC UTILITY & SERVICE" HEADQUARTERS AT INDEPENDENCE AVENUE AND OAK STREET.**

Alderman Amadio moved and Alderman Rodgers seconded a motion to approve the ordinance.

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby

Motion to approve carried.

Discussion on the matter occurred during the discussion for the preceding Agenda Item # 8.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Mayor Gonzalez updated the city council on the discussions with St. James Hospital, saying that the Illinois Health Facility Board would hold its hearing on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussions were ongoing for extra ambulances, the placement of more primary care physicians, and a fully staffed, state of the art urgent care center. The Mayor hoped to have an announcement before March 29<sup>th</sup>.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Amadio moved and Alderman Rodgers seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby

Motion to approve carried by acclamation.

**At 8:02 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Attest:**

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**Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**