

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, April 18, 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 7:09 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>Present</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>

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership and Stem.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School. The alderman also announced two events for May 7<sup>th</sup>: Union Street Gallery's Derby Day and the annual Fiesta in the Park.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran. He also announced a clean-up event at Wilson Woods and McEldowney Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the annual Bloom High School 5k Run/Walk on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Greenbrier School.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres announced the upcoming Global Youth Service Day and the Chrysalis fund raiser at St. Kieren on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She asked for volunteers for the April 30<sup>th</sup> clean-up event at Wilson Woods and Golden Towers.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

## **REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Lori Wilcox announced the winners of the 2016/2017 City Vehicle Sticker Design Contest and presented awards to the three winners: Kalil Little, first place, Javier Velasquez, second place, and Nicolas Lopez, third place. School officials and family were in attendance for the presentation.

## **REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF**

COS Lisa Aprati announced the Bloom High School Jeff Woodham 5K Run/Walk for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She said that a team representing the City would participate.

## **REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Corporation Counsel stated he had no report.

## **COMMUNICATION-MAYORAL**

Mayor Gonzalez reported that on March 29, 2016 the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved the closure in October, 2018 of the St. James Hospital emergency room. The Mayor stated Franciscan St. James had committed to a 24/7 super urgent care facility in the City, additional doctor offices, a pharmacy, ambulance transport support, and a one million dollar economic incentive contribution for the redevelopment of the St. James Hospital or Well Group sites. The Mayor also reported that the City, Cook County and the railroad companies were working to establish a quiet zone at railroad crossings in the City. Also, the City was looking into the use of TIF funds for the improvement of roads that were located in TIF areas.

### **1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MARCH 21 , 2016**

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mosby

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried.

### **2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF MARCH AND FIRST RUN OF APRIL 2016.**

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried.

### **3. RESOLUTION #2016 - 17 : APPROVING A TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT WITH THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY AND IHDA FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHASE II OF STATE OF ILLINOIS BLIGHT REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, the City's Economic Development Consultant, stated that demolition funding in the amount of \$ 525,000 had been awarded to the City. He explained what changes there were in the agreement from last year. The council briefly discussed the matter.**

- 4. RESOLUTION #2016 - 18 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OWNED SURPLUS LAND AT 1020 WASHINGTON STREET TO WILKENS REBUILDERS, INC.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, the City's Economic Development Consultant, stated that the three parcels had been acquired by the City in the No Cash Bid program. Peter Wilkins, owner of Wilkins Rebuilders, a recycling and truck dismantling company in the City, addressed the council and answered questions from the council.**

- 5. RESOLUTION #2016 - 19 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CITY OWNED SURPLUS LAND AT 303 STATE STREET TO K & S TIRE RECYCLING, INC.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, the City's Economic Development Consultant, stated that this property had been acquired by the City in the No Cash Bid program. Khaled Khalil, owner of K & S Tire Recycling, a tire recycling company in the City, addressed the council and answered questions from the council.**

- 6. RESOLUTION #2016 - 20 : APPROVING AN "OPTION" AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED SURPLUS VACANT LAND LOCATED AT CHICAGO ROAD & INDEPENDENCE AVENUE TO WEITZMAN REALTY, LLC.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, the City's Economic Development Consultant, stated that the developer proposed to build a five to ten thousand square foot building for doctor offices at the site. The city council briefly discussed the matter.**

**7. RESOLUTION #2016 - 21 : APPROVING THE CITY'S 2016 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, reported that 170 residents had registered for the program in which the City and resident shared equally in the cost of sidewalk replacement. Seniors received a larger replacement cost discount. The council asked questions before proceeding to the vote.**

**8. RESOLUTION #2016 - 22 : APPROVING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE CDBG 2016 STREET REPAVING PROJECT**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, provided a map of the proposed street improvement area. She stated that the City would apply for \$ 400,000, which was the maximum amount that could be granted. The council asked questions before proceeding to the vote.**

**9. ORDINANCE# 2016 - 10 : AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING WATER BILLING. (amending the language regarding senior discounts to add home ownership as has been the regular practice)**

**Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to approve the ordinance.**

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, addressed the council on the ordinance, which defined the senior water usage discount and requirements for its qualification.

**10. ORDINANCE #2016 - 11 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL BY M.E. SIMPSON, INC., FOR THE CITY'S 2016 WATER LINE LEAK DETECTION SURVEY.**

Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to approve the ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: none

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, explained to the council that the needed survey would identify water line leaks that caused approximately 409,000 gallons of water loss per day.

**11. ORDINANCE #2016 - 12 : APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A HOME DAY CARE CENTER AT 77 WEST 26<sup>TH</sup> STREET. (Applicant: Margarita Pompa).**

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion to approve carried.

Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, explained that a special use permit application for the daycare had been approved at a public hearing on April 13, 2016. Margarita Pompa, daycare owner, addressed the council and answered the council's questions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS OR USE OF CITY OWNED LAND**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:04 p.m. Alderman Amadio moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to enter into executive session and to adjourn the meeting after executive session.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carried by acclamation.

Attest:

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk