

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, May 16 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gonzalez acknowledged the presence of Herman Tieri, former Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Gonzalez read and presented Mr. Tieri with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his forty-five years of service on the board. Mr. Tieri expressed his honor and deep gratitude for the opportunity to have served the citizens of the City.

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on June 2nd 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, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District. The alderman also announced the 3rd Ward Extravaganza event for Saturday, August 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at King Park.

Alderman Deabel was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Amadio was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres announced that her next ward meeting would be held on May 24th at 3:00 p.m. at Golden Towers. She also announced the success of the Global Youth Service Day on May 14th at Wilson School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suzanne Boyle, a resident of the City, addressed the problem of traffic and parking congestion on Willow Drive during morning school drop-off hours.

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, commented on the Thorn Creek Science Club, issues of flooding in the area and a letter of support from the City for a grant application.

Lawrence Blackful, Senior Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, conveyed the concern of a resident over loud music and loitering on her street. He also stated that he had received a letter of support from the City for a redevelopment plan for the City's East Side. Pastor Blackful requested that the name of the development company be added to the letter. Mayor Gonzalez responded that the template for the letter would be pulled and reviewed.

Francine Maccaroni, expressed her concern over poor maintenance of vacant homes on her block and litter on nearby streets. Mayor Gonzalez instructed the director of streets to give the matter his full attention.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

COS Lisa Aprati announced that the annual City-Wide Clean-Up Event would be held Saturday, May 21st from 9-11:00 a.m. Volunteers would gather at Bloom Plaza; there would be a disposal drop-off for old appliances, scrap metal, yard waste, etc. She also announced that the annual Memorial Day Ceremony would be held Monday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Mound at Chicago Road and Lincoln Highway.

REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Corporation Counsel T. J. Somer stated there was no report.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MAY 2 , 2016

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MAY, 2016.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2016 - 30: APPROVING A TEMPORARY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW COVENANT FAITH CHURCH FOR THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 65 EAST 16TH STREET.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the City recently took title to the property, and that it would be in the best interest of the City to have a lease in place while the current tenant was able to relocate to another location.

4. RESOLUTION #2016 - 31: APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS GOVERNING TEMPORARY PRISONER DETENTION.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Police Chief Thomas Rogers explained that the agreement would allow the temporary housing of prisoners in the City's jail in exchange for a fee. He explained that it was the same agreement that the City currently had with Prairie State College, and the Villages of Olympia Fields and Steger.

5. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 32 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF TASERS AND BODY CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Police Chief Rogers recommended approval of the resolution, and stated that use of the equipment resulted in the elimination of officer and suspect accusation, and it supported evidence in the court of law. Mayor Gonzalez added that the cost of the five year agreement was \$ 572,578.88, and that the Police had offered the first year's payment to be made out of its federal narcotic fund. Members of the city council asked several questions before proceeding to the vote.

6. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 33 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FROM HOH ASSOCIATES, INC., RELATED TO THE 2016 CDBG ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, explained that services under the agreement would include HOH's attendance at the project's pre-construction meeting, the preparation of project bid documents, bid review, and award recommendation after bid analysis.

7. **ORDINANCE #2016 - 13 : RESERVING THE CITY'S VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel explained that the annual ordinance allowed the City to reserve tax free bond allocation in excess of three million dollars in the event that a developer desired to fund a project in the City. If the City did not reserve, the allocation would revert back to the State.

COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gonzalez informed the council that he would be calling a Special Meeting requiring an Executive Session within the next couple of weeks, and that Karen Zerante, Executive Assistant, would be contacting them about the matter.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to enter into executive session and to adjourn the meeting directly after executive session.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Deabel, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Motion carried.

Attest:

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk