

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, June 6, 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 7:02 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	Present
	5th Ward Richard Amadio	Present
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Present

***Alderman Mosby entered the council chambers at 7:10 p.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby stated that he did not have a ward meeting scheduled for July.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on June 27th at Garfield Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and the annual 4th Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 2nd with check-in at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio did not have any announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held with Park District Commissioner Straczek on June 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres did not have any announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Francine Maccaroni, a resident of the City, thanked Residential Services for promptly addressing the vacant property issues that she had brought to the city council at a previous meeting.

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council about a new, non-soluble fertilizer, and about free trees that were available to Cook County residents from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

Rev. Trevor Davis, Assoc. Minister at Union Evangelist Baptist Church, spoke of the need for representation of African American males at the City's Veterans Mound. Mayor Gonzalez responded that his concern would be looked into.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – LISA APRATI

COS Lisa Aprati announced that vehicles in the "Driving the Dixie" event would drive in front of Bloom High School on June 18th sometime between 9:00 a.m. and noon. She also announced that the Independence Day fireworks would be held on Sunday, July 3rd at Bloom High School's north field. All related information would be posted on the City's website.

REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL – T.J. SOMER

Corporation Counsel Somer reminded everyone that the Police Torch Run benefitting the Special Olympics would be held on Wednesday, June 8th, at 10:00 a.m.

1. MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 23, 2016

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Zaranti

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

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

Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Amadio 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 - 34 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT REGULATING POLICE DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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

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

Nays: none

Present: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Police Chief Thomas Rogers explained the rules, rights, and authority under the agreement. Christian Daigre, Interim Police Chief for the Chicago Heights Park District, also addressed the council on the matter and responded to the council's questions.

4. RESOLUTION #2016 - 35 : AUTHORIZING DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTIES AT:

- i. 333 Dixie Highway (commercial structure and vacant land)**
- ii. 1300 D'Amico Drive (vacant commercial lot)**
- iii. 1500 Wallace (vacant residential lot)**
- iv. 1620 Portland Avenue (vacant residential lot)**

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.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that acquisition would allow the City to gain control of the properties for proper maintenance, and would allow the elimination of back taxes that made the properties unmarketable.

5. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 36 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE SALE OF 19 USED POLICE VEHICLES.**

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.

Matt Fares, Executive Administrator, explained that the surplus vehicles were related to the recent purchase of new police vehicles. The vehicles were put out for bid with Lou Pleason Motor Sales coming in as the highest bidder. The council briefly asked questions before proceeding to the vote.

6. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 37 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2016 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

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.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, stated that the project was an effort to resolve flooding issues in certain areas. Manholes would be sealed off so that storm water was not carried into the sanitary sewer lines. Mayor Gonzalez gave a summary of the study, analysis, and televising that had been done in preparation for the rehab project. There followed a discussion on the matter by the city council.

7. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 38 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2016 SANITARY SEWER LINING PROJECT.**

Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Zaranti 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.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, stated that the sewer lining process was very effective and able to extend the life of the lines twenty or thirty years. Mayor Gonzalez elaborated on the City's efforts to put a 3-5 year plan together to address sanitary sewer line issues. A discussion by the city council followed before the vote.

8. RESOLUTION #2016 - 39 : APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Alderman Zaranti moved and Alderman Perez 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, stated that the grant funds would be used to develop an attractive gateway to the City at the U. S. 30 and Western Avenue intersection. Annual funding was based on an 80/20 split, with the City's 20% share being eligible as a Motor Fuel Tax Fund expenditure. Discussion followed on the matter and on other projects that might be possible through the program.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none
Motion to approve carried by acclamation.

Attest:

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk