

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, July 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 7:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

-Mayors introduction of the Executive Director of the Chicago Heights Development Corporation Pat Reardon.

Pat Reardon was hired as the Executive Director out of 78 applicants. He comes to the Chicago Heights Development Corporation by way of Hammond, Indiana. He possess over 32 years of experience in "Rebuilding Communities". The office location will be at 365 W. Lincoln Highway (city owned building). The budget for the Development Corporation is \$400,000 (TIF funds).

Jack Hynes informed the Council of the structure of the Chicago Heights Development Corporation.

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on August 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barack Obama School of Leadership STEM.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on July 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary 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. Alderman Rodgers announced the sixth annual 3rd Ward Extravaganza event to be held on August 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at King Park. She requested that Police and Fire personnel be present at the event.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 27nd at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, and the sixth annual 4th Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 2nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held with Park District Commissioner Straczek on July 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Andrea Garcia, a resident of the City, was concerned with littering on the Westside of Chicago Heights (16th Street between Division & Chicago Road) and bicycling on the wrong side of the streets.

Courtnae Harris, a resident of the City, inquired about the issues with water coming into her home since the new alley was installed by the city. She also inquired about her water bill and the meter reading (concerned with the installation of smart meters) and she is requesting that the building on the corner of 16th and Edgewood be demolished.

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, inquired about the Flood Committee.

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Pat Lukacek, a resident of the City, complimented the city on the Fireworks and was concerned about the traffic on “Willow Drive” after the fireworks. Mayor, Police and Fire offered recommendations.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – LISA APRATI

COS Lisa Aprati announced that the Open Streets event is back for a fourth year in a row! Open Streets is an inclusive community event that offers residents a chance to have fun on the street – this year, Joe Orr Road – that will be closed during the event to all vehicle traffic. Residents can hike, roller skate, exercise and celebrate community! Open Streets will take place Sunday, July 31st, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, The section of Joe Orr Road between Chicago Road and Dixie Highway will be closed to all vehicle traffic (except first-responders).

We ask that residents and drivers please cooperate with both Police and Fire personnel with regard to detour signs and roadblocks to make this a fun and enjoyable event for all. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Heights Active Transportation Alliance, the City of Chicago Heights, the Chicago Heights Park District, the National Park Service and the University of Illinois Extension.

REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL – T.J. SOMER

Reminder: Thursday, July 21th at 5:30 p.m. Grand Opening of Bloom Townships Food Pantry

1. MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2016

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

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

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JUNE, 2016 AND FIRST RUN OF JULY, 2016

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

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

3. ORDINANCE #2016 - 15: APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2016 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2017.

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

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

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4. **RESOLUTION # 2016 - 40 : AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO TRANSFER MONEY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CITY FUNDS.**

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

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

Treasurer Jim Dee explained that the state statute required the City to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to transfer money between various city funds. All funds must be transferred back when funds are deposited or by the close of the fiscal year. (Funds are transferred as needed). Alderman Deabel inquired on whether funds are transferred from TIF's. Mayor recommended that the transfers be brought before the council.

5. **ORDINANCE #2016 - 16 : APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A HOME DAY CENTER AT 422 S. COOLIDGE STREET.**

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

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

Courtney Anderson, City Engineer explained the home daycare application to the council. The application was approved at the last plan commission meeting and is recommended to the council. (Discussion)

6. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 41 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE VACANT CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE AT 535 ASHLAND AVENUE. (Former Speedway Station).**

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

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

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Consultant, explained that Zarlengos plans to expand their operations 2000 SQ FT with an investment of \$500,000. Alderman Deabel recommended utilizing the 50/50 Sidewalk Program to assist with the expansion of the sidewalk. (Discussion)

7. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 42 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE GROUND LEASE RIGHTS TO THE CITY CELL TOWER AT 431 W. 14TH STREET TO GLOBAL SIGNAL ACQUISITIONS, LLC.**

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

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

TJ Somer, Corporation Counsel explained the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City to contract a brokerage agreement with "Cell It Auction" to take the Ground Lease rights out to auction for an estimate of \$225,000-\$250,000, offer

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was received for \$390,000 sale or 100 year lease from Global Signal. (Net Estimate \$350,000). Alderman Deabel opposed the lease or sale.

8. **RESOLUTION # 2016 - 43 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF GOVERNING THE USE OF THE SWAP AND RENEW PROGRAMS.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion carried.

TJ Somer, Corporation Counsel explained Cook County Sheriff's Work Alternative and Renew Programs. (updated agreements)

9. **RESOLUTION #2016 - 44 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE AT 83 EAST 14TH STREET. (BRP Program).**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion carried.

TJ Somer, Corporation Counsel explained the City Council previously approved going out to bid on the Blight Reduction Program for quotes on this demolition and received one response. Additional funds for asbestos removal were \$8800.

10. **MOTION TO ENTER INTO AND ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL ISSUES, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS AND USE OR SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND.**

At 8:32 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to enter into executive session and adjourn the council meeting from executive session.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 9:03 p.m.