

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, August 1, 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 7:01 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>Absent</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 announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership. He asked that department heads attend the meeting if possible.**

**Alderman Perez was absent**

**Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on August 9th at 6:00 p.m. at King Park. She announced that the Chicago Heights Park District, the Chicago Heights Public Library and Cornerstone Church were hosting a back to school give-a-way event the coming Sunday at the park district. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Extravaganza event would be held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. at King Park.**

**Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. The sixth annual 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church.**

**Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held in September, due to construction currently taking place in the Greenbrier area.**

**Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.**

**Alderman Torres expressed her gratitude for the dedication given to resident problems that she brought before the City.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Chuck Dieringer, a resident of the City, commented on the agenda Items dealing with the national electric code and the railroad “quiet zone.”**

**Nathan Davis, a resident of the City, informed the council about a vacant lot in the 1300 block that was not being maintained by its owner.**

**REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL-T.J. SOMER**

**No report.**

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JULY 18, 2016**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: Torres**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JULY 2016.**

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

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

**Nays: Deabel**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**3. ORDINANCE #2016 - 17; AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 16 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE STANDARDS.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Gary Miller, Code Enforcement Director, explained that the amendments were necessary for practical and safety reasons.**

**4. ORDINANCE #2016 - 18 : AMENDING THE CITY POLICY FOR DETERMINING BENEFITS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ACT.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Corporation Counsel explained that the amendment updated the current policy by adding an appeal process that would be through an administrative hearing officer. A brief discussion followed.**

**5. RESOLUTION #2016 - 45 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR THE EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 41 W. HICKORY STREET.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Gary Miller, Code Enforcement Director, reported that a recent house fire had destroyed most of the dwelling, rendering it hazardous and necessitating the emergency demolition. A brief discussion followed.**

**6. RESOLUTION #2016 - 46 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CMAP FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEVELOPING A DOWNTOWN REZONING PLAN.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that this next step in the City's Comprehensive Plan would undertake a rezoning of the City's downtown area, with the assistance of a third part consultant provided by and paid for by CMAP. A discussion followed.**

**7. RESOLUTION #2016 - 47: APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM SRF CONSULTING GROUP, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S RAILROAD QUIET ZONE.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, reported that the City's recent study showed that it was possible to have a quiet zone in the area, and the next step would be to implement the plans for its establishment. A discussion followed.**

**8. RESOLUTION # 2016 - 48: AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECTS:**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the resolution listed the City's upcoming road resurfacing projects and provided a map of roads intended to be paved. Project specifications would be put together by the engineer to determine actual costs. A discussion followed.**

**9. RESOLUTION #2016 - 49 : RECONCILING FUND TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN CITY FUNDS.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Present: Deabel**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Treasurer Dee stated that the items listed in the resolutions were actual transfers and not “due to” and “due from” transactions. The auditors had recommended that the Treasurer seek city council approval to permanently forgive those amounts due to each fund.**

**10. RESOLUTION #2016 - 50 : APPROVING THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STATE ROADS FOR THE SISTER CITIES FESTIVAL.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jessica Mancina, Director of Residential Services, sought approval for the closure of certain streets on September 9, 10 and 11 for the City’s fifth annual Festival of Sister Cities.**

**11. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW POLICE PATROL OFFICERS BENJAMIN GIFFORD AND JOSEPH TORRES.**

**Police Chief Thomas Rogers introduced the two officers who had recently joined the City’s Police Department, giving the council a brief history of their careers thus far.**

**City Clerk Lori Wilcox proceeded to administer the oath of office to Officer Benjamin Gifford and Officer Joseph Torres.**

**Fire Chief Jeffrey Springer informed the city council that the fire department had responded to a house fire that afternoon, and that a veteran firefighter had suffered heat exhaustion.**

**Chief Springer said that the firefighter was transported to St. James Hospital, and that he seemed to be doing a little better.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 7:53 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Perez**

**Motion carried.**

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**Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**