

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Gonzalez called the regular city council meeting of the Chicago Heights city council to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Alderman Zaranti entered the council chambers at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on September 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers was absent.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on September 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Greenbrier School in the gym.

Alderman Zaranti was not present for the communications segment of the meeting.

Alderman Torres thanked all City departments for their service and great job that they did.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Koenig, a veteran of the Chicago Heights Fire Department, addressed the city council regarding the proposed restructuring of the Fire Department and his concerns over the manpower cuts and firehouse closure that it involved.

Tom Martello, a resident of the City, addressed the city council on his concerns regarding the effect on emergency services that the restructuring of the Fire Department would have.

Suzanne Boyle, a resident of the City, addressed the city council on her concerns regarding the reduction of fire department and paramedic staff.

Ralph Cyrkiel, a resident of the City, addressed the city council on the values, beliefs, and dedication of the firemen and urged the council to keep those in mind when making its decision about the restructuring of the Fire Department.

Joseph Chapleau, a resident of the City, addressed the city council on his concerns regarding the privatization of ambulance service and firehouse closure.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked the participants. He stated that the proposals had been offered, and informed union President Steve Koenig that the proposals, with details of what services would be provided, were available to him at any time so that the dialogue could begin.

REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL – T.J. SOMER

No report.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2016

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Amadio, Torres

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers, Zaranti

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF AUGUST 2016.

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

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

Alderman Deabel had questions on the D'Las Sports Blue payment on page seven, the Sounds Cool payment on page twenty-eight, and the Lester Swintek payment on page thirty.

- 3. ORDINANCE #2016 - 18 : AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM REGULATING ELECTRONIC SWEEPSTAKES KIOSK MACHINES.**

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

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

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained the idea behind the program and how the kiosks were used for promotional purposes. Corporation Counsel and Mayor Gonzalez further explained the matter during a question and answer discussion that preceded the vote.

- 4. RESOLUTION #2016 - 51 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SURPLUS CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE AT 154 E. 24TH STREET.**

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

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

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that a church proposed to purchase the tax delinquent property, which would be re-habilitated and returned to the tax rolls. A brief discussion occurred on the matter.

- 5. RESOLUTION #2016 - 52 : AUTHORIZING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTIES AT 1639 CHICAGO ROAD AND 1220 HALSTED STREET.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that once title was acquired, the City would be able to submit the properties for demolition through the Cook County Blight Reduction Program. A brief discussion followed on the matter.

6. RESOLUTION #2016 - 53 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2016 PAVEMENT RESTORATION PROGRAM

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, reported that the program was the restoration of asphalt, concrete and parkways that had been damaged as a result of leak and water main repairs between November 2015 and May 2016.

7. RESOLUTION #2016 - 54 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2016 SEWER AND WATER REPAIR PROGRAM.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, stated that these repairs were repairs to pavement or repairs in paved areas of the CDBG project area, and therefore needed to be done before the CDBG project started.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Torres moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Rodgers

Motion to adjourn carried.

Attest:

Lori Wilcox