

**Minutes of the Special City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Gonzalez called the special meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:09 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>Present</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Joshua Deabel</b>	<b>Absent</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>

**Alderman Mosby joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Alderman Mosby had no announcements.**

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

**Alderman Rodgers had no announcements.**

**Alderman Deabel was absent.**

**Alderman Amadio had no announcements.**

**Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, January 25, at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.**

**Alderman Torres had no announcements.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**None**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE**

COS Zerante reported that the Water, Sewer and Street Departments had been exceptionally busy in the new year. She said that a tip sheet with helpful suggestions to prevent issues with service lines or frozen water pipes was available for residents. Also, certain potentially problematic areas in the City would begin to be charted in the GIS System in order to provide residents with helpful information in advance of cold weather.

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER**

**No report.**

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2017**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: Torres**

**Absent: Deabel**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF DECEMBER, 2017.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Deabel**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**3. ORDINANCE #2018 -   1  : AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING A REVISED SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Deabel**

**Motion to approve carried.**

COS Zerante explained that the ordinance contained compliance language necessary to update the City's policy and make it compliant with new provisions required to be met by statute. No discussion by council.

4. **RESOLUTION #2018 -   1  : APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE OLD PLANK TRAIL BIKE PATH LAND TO THE CITY FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

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

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

Corporation Counsel Somer reported that the State was transferring ownership of the Old Plank Trail land to the City, as it had agreed to do when the project was complete. There was a brief question on the matter before roll.

5. **RESOLUTION #2018 -   2  : APPROVING A DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY AT 121 W. MAIN STREET AND 49 EAST 19<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.**

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

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

Corporation Counsel explained that in the interest of eliminating blight and vacant properties, the City was looking into taking ownership of the properties, which could be made marketable once again.

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND USE OR DISPOSITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY.**

Corporation Counsel stated that he had polled the aldermen, and that it was their unanimous conclusion that there did not need to be an executive session in order for them to be ready to take action on the next item as set forth on the agenda.

**6. RESOLUTION #2018 -   3  : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF PENDING CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THIS DATE.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Deabel**

**Motion to approve carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:21 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Deabel**

**Motion to adjourn carried by acclamation.**

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**Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**