

Minutes of the Special City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, January 17, 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 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gonzalez announced that School District 170 had been awarded a federal grant for a \$ 52,000,000 interest free loan over a twenty-year term. The school board planned to invest the money into existing neighborhood schools and a new junior high school. The board had already scheduled community meetings so that it could receive input from the public. Mayor Gonzalez stressed the importance of the aldermen and public attending the community forums.

Alderman Mosby announced his next ward meeting to be on February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers had no announcements.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

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

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

Suzanne Boyle, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding Hispanic translation at council meetings, City schools, and City owned property at 1020 Dixie Highway.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante thanked to everyone who attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. event at the Chicago Heights Library, saying that it was very inspirational. She commended the Street, Water and Sewer Departments for their extraordinary response to issues caused by recent weather conditions. Lastly, she reported that there was an option on the City website whereby the complete website could be translated into several languages for the public's information.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

Corporation Counsel Somer asked that council members notify the Mayor's Office of their planned attendance at any of the school district open forum meetings in order to avoid any violation of the Open Meetings Act.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: Deabel

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF JANUARY, 2018.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

3. **RESOLUTION #2018 - 4 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY AT 1020 DIXIE HIGHWAY TO CHICAGO HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 170.**

Alderman Amadio 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.

Mayor Gonzalez made note of language in the agreement stating the School District's desire to undertake due diligence before accepting the conveyance. A discussion followed with comments by Mayor Gonzalez, Corporation Counsel Somer, and City Council members.

4. **RESOLUTION #2018 - 5 : APPROVING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND PURSUANT TO THE CITY SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.**

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.

Mayor Gonzalez announced that Fr. John Siemianowski would serve as the City's Ethics Officer, and Patrick Lewandowski would serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. **ORDINANCE #2018 - 2 : APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1317 HALSTED STREET. (Applicant: Iglesias Bautista De Chicago Heights, NFP).**

Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Amadio 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 City Code required the approval of a special use permit in order to have a church at the location.

6. ORDINANCE #2018 - 3 : AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING NOTICE FOR MAP & TEXT AMENDMENTS.

Alderman Zaranti 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 Somer explained that the ordinance would amend the City ordinance so that it was consistent with the State ordinance, whereby requirements for public notice for map or text amendments would be met by publishing notice in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk