

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, February 5, 2018 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

***Alderman Mosby entered the council chambers at 7:11 p.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby had no announcements.

Alderman Perez announced her next ward meeting would be held on February 26th at 7 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Thursday, March 8th with the location to be announced.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. He said his next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on March 14th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Curtis Straczek on Thursday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres had no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Carlson, from the office of the U. S. Secretary of Defense, was there to honor Police Chief Thomas Rodgers with an award that recognized the Chief as a "Patriotic Employer" for supporting employee members of the National Guard and Reserve.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante gave the council an update on the emergency repairs at the 21st and Halsted Street railroad crossing.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JANUARY 2018.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2018 - 4 : APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ZONING CODE TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR "DRIVE-UP/SERVICE WINDOWS."

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the ordinance would provide the City with a review process for service windows to determine if their location would adversely affect a neighboring home. Brief discussion on the matter took place.

4. ORDINANCE #2018 - 5 : AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESS LICENSEES.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the ordinance would prohibit the serving of alcohol by or at any business that was not licensed under the City Liquor Code. The council had some questions on the matter.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 6 : APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE CITY EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY PREMIUM.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante stated that the recommendation was to keep the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield. There would be no plan changes. Although the City had sought other markets, no competitive proposals had been received. Discussion on the matter was held.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 7 : APPROVING A REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COOK COUNTY FOR FUNDING OF THE CITY'S 2018 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM (# 16 REHAB-02-PV).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Mayor Gonzalez announced that Cook County had initially awarded the City \$ 425,000 for pavement projects, and now was awarding an additional \$ 650,000 for same.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 8 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE OLD PLANK BIKE TRAIL LAND TO THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the long term plan for the bike path was that once the path was completed, the City would turn the path over to the Park District, whose mission involved recreational endeavors for the community. There were questions and discussion on the matter.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 9 : APPROVING THE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT ESCROW FUNDS.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that a review and analysis of the Escrow Fund found that \$ 244,000 had been forfeited for non-compliance and would be transferred to the General Fund.

9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 10 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE REPORTING (EPCR) HARDWARE & SOFTWARE BY THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

COS Zerante stated that fire personnel had researched various programs, and it was their recommendation to proceed with the system they had found to be most advantageous. It was noted that implementation of the EPCR system was mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Brief discussion was held on the matter before roll.

10. RESOLUTION #2018 - 11 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 10 WEST 23RD STREET. (BRP PROGRAM)

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Corporation Counsel reported that it was the recommendation to award the projects in Agenda Items # 10 & # 11 to low bidder KLF Enterprises.

11. RESOLUTION #2018 - 12 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 33 FOREST AVENUE. (BRP PROGRAM).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Discussion on the matter was held during discussion of the previous agenda Item.

12. RESOLUTION #2018 - 13 : APPROVING A REVISED COOK COUNTY CLASS 6b TAX CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION FOR 220 E. 17TH STREET. (NUFARM).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the resolution was revised to include a P.I.N. # that had been left off the original resolution.

13. RESOLUTION #2018 - 14 : APPROVING THE 2018 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL.

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

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

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried

Corporation Counsel reported that it was the consensus of the city council to change the scheduling of the regular meetings to the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Corporation Counsel Somer made note that the next council meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 21st. Brief commentary on the matter was held.

14. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEWLY APPOINTED CITY POLICE OFFICERS.

Chief Thomas Rodgers introduced the candidates and provided a brief background on each. City Clerk Lori Wilcox administered the oaths of office. Mayor Gonzalez and the city council welcomed the new officers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Deabel seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk