

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, February 6, 2017 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 7:05 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	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. He stated that the next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Elementary School gym.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, informed the council about the Calumet Region and a grant project for the National Park Service. He said there would be a Mayors and Managers meeting on February 9th to discuss storm water issues.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2017

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JANUARY, 2017

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Alderman Deabel had a question regarding the Meade Electric bill payments on pages forty three and forty four of the bill run, to which Corporation Counsel Somer responded to.

3. ORDINANCE #2017 - 2 : AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE LIQUOR CODE.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the ordinance placed a restriction upon liquor applicants requiring evidence that property tax bills for their establishments were paid at time of application. A discussion on the matter followed.

4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 2 : APPROVING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH UNITED ROAD TOWING, INC. FOR CITY TOWING SERVICES.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Police Chief Thomas Rogers stated that the local towing company had committed to remaining in the City for the term of the contract, and that it had provided great service for the past several years. He recommended the renewal of the agreement.

5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 3 : APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CALUMET PARK (CALCOMM) FOR EMERGENCY BACK-UP 911 DISPATCH SERVICES.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that the agreement would allow Calumet Park to be the City's emergency back-up dispatch service and vice versa at no cost. Police Chief Rogers gave further explanation on how the back-up plan would work. Questions and answers followed before the vote.

6. RESOLUTION #2017 - 4 : APPROVING CERTAIN MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS AS CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Present: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez announced the appointments of Karen Zerante as Chief of Staff, Les Swintek as Finance Director and Aaron Delvalle as Director of Public Works. The Mayor summarized their extensive credentials and asked for the council's approval of the appointments. There were some questions and answers before the vote.

**7. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY PROMOTED POLICE SERGEANTS AND NEWLY APPOINTED PATROL OFFICER:
(Sgt. Kenneth Newquist, Sgt. Daniel Riegler and Ofc. Philip Espinoza).**

Police Chief Rogers introduced Sgt. Kenneth Newquist and Sgt. Daniel Riegler, and gave the city council an informative background on their careers. City Clerk Lori Wilcox administered the oath of office to the sergeants. Ofc. Philip Espinoza was not present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion carried by acclamation.

Attest:

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**