

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby—absent

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary.

Alderman Rodgers—absent

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. The next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbrier School gym.

Alderman Zaranti—absent

Alderman Torres—no announcements

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding the demolition of the St. James Hospital Facility.

Michael Alexander, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding the Code of Ordinances of the City.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante reported that the City had received additional grant funds for training in public works. The funds would enable personnel to continue to the next phase in their training, which was Lane Closure. Successful completion of the training would lead to further certification for the personnel.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

Mayor Gonzalez thanked the administration for all its hard work in the set-up of City Hall as a warming center, and in its coordination with police, fire, and other warming centers during the recent cold front.

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2019

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

Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Zaranti

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JANUARY, 2019.

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

Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Zaranti

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2019 - 2 : CORRECTING SCRIVENER'S ERRORS IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND THE EAST INDUSTRIAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT TIF MAP ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #2018 -23.

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

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

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the ordinance would make minute corrections to the legal descriptions and map pursuant to Cook County's final review of the documents.

4. RESOLUTION #2019 - 8 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED VACANT SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1526 PORTLAND AVENUE TO BETHEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, NFP.

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

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

Corporation Council Somer stated that the sale was subsequent to a recent option agreement with Bethel Family Resource Center. Raymond Fleming, YouthBuild Program Manager at Bethel, addressed the council on the acquisition of the property for purpose of rehabbing and use in Bethel's training programs and goals for youth and community. The council asked questions on the matter before the vote.

5. RESOLUTION #2019 - 9 : APPROVING A MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

Mayor Gonzalez announced his appointment of Karla Fiaoni, long-time local attorney, former prosecutor with the State's Attorney's office and former Chicago Heights Police Chief; he asked for the city council's approval of the appointment.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND/OR USE OR SALE OF CITY OWNED LAND. (IF NECESSARY).

Corporation Counsel Somer reported that, having polled the aldermen, there was unanimous agreement that there was no need to enter into executive session to address Agenda Item # 6.

6. RESOLUTION #201 - 10 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Zaranti

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. Alderman Torres moved, and Alderman Deabel seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Zaranti

Motion to approve carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk