

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 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	Absent
	5th Ward Richard Amadio	Present*
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

***Alderman Amadio entered the council chambers at 6:08 p.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced his next ward meeting would be held on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership and Stem.

Alderman Perez announced her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Thursday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

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 February 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council on several topics, including storm water issues, postings on cable television for non-profits, and potable water.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante announced that the City had been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fifth consecutive year. She stated that there would be an Open Enrollment presentation on the City's health insurance benefit on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers. She reminded everyone that after hours emergency calls could be made to Resident Services at 708-755-3160, where they would be handled by City dispatch.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF FEBRUARY 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2018 - 6: AMENDING THE CITY ZONING CODE RELATED TO USES AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN "MIXED USE" DISTRICT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that Leslie Oberholtzer of CodeMetrics had been working on behalf of the City on various zoning regulations, including the creation of a mixed use zoning designation for the downtown area. The council was provided copies of the chapters that would be revised in the zoning code. Leslie Oberholtzer was present for any questions. Mayor Gonzalez commented that this was one part of implementing the Comprehensive Plan for the City's future years.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (IF NECESSARY).

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that he had polled the aldermen, and that it was their unanimous consent that an executive session would not be needed to address item #4 on the agenda.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 15 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THIS DATE.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Deabel, Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk