

Minutes of the Special City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.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 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK LORI WILCOX

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Present
Council:	1 st Ward Renee Smith	Present
	2 nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3 rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4 th Ward Christopher Baikauskas	Absent
	5 th Ward George Brassea	Present
	6 th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7 th Ward Kelli Merrick	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Darade Collins, President of Grand Legacy Group, introduced himself to the city council. Grand Legacy Group submitted an offer to the City related to the item on the agenda.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve a Letter of Intent (LOI) with one of the companies that submitted an offer to the City for the property listed on the agenda relative to a Craft Growers License.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, went over the Purchase and LOI Comparison Summary that was provided to the council. The summary listed three companies and the categories that the City was taking into consideration in its decision: Experience, Financial Resources, Social Justice Initiative, MBE Qualifications, and Miscellaneous.

Corporation Counsel Somer clarified that the option to purchase agreement would be for a term of 180 days, and that there was an extension provision in the agreement if needed.

The Mayor and Aldermen expressed their thoughts on which companies appealed to them and the reasons why. They asked questions on the matter to which Jack Hynes and Corporation Counsel Somer responded to. The city council had a fairly lengthy discussion on the subject matter before the vote.

1. RESOLUTION #2020 - 10 : APPROVING AN OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO PURCHASE THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 711 W. 15TH STREET, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL.

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Smith seconded, a motion to enter into an agreement with the exclusive right to purchase the City owned real estate located at 711 W. 15th Street with Grand Legacy Group, LLC for the purchase offer of \$200,000.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baikauskas

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 a.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti, Merrick

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Baikauskas

Motion to adjourn carried

Rachel Vega, Deputy Clerk