

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, March 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 7:00 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	Absent
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership.

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

Alderman Rodgers announced that her next quarterly ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 9th.

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

Alderman Amadio was absent.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, March 30th 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 various subjects that included St. James Hospital, the CRE-CC survey, street lights, and a city-wide cleanup on Earth Day.

Gordon Moberg, a resident of the City, inquired about the city hall elevator and when it would be in operation again. Karen Zerante, Chief of Staff, responded to his inquiry and a brief discussion on the matter followed.

Mayor Gonzalez announced that he would host a Mayor's Night Out at five different locations in the City between the dates of March 16th to April 5th. Topics to be discussed were the City's budget, capital projects, and coming programs. Residents would have an opportunity to address his office and department heads regarding any concerns they might have at that time.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

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

**Ayes: Perez, Zaranti
Present: Deabel
Abstain: Mosby, Rodgers
Absent: Amadio, Torres
Motion to approve carried.**

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

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

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

3. RESOLUTION #2017 - 13 : APPROVING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE FOR THE 550 EAST 16TH STREET, LLC INDUSTRIAL FACILITY.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer provided the council with information about the company and about the redevelopment that it would be doing at the site.

- 4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 14 : APPROVING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE FOR THE AT&T INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AT 2665 STATE STREET.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the Atlantic Track and Turnout Company, one of the largest purveyors of railroad tracks and track switch equipment in the world, was seeking a renewal of its previous tax incentive.

- 5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 15 : APPROVING TEMPORARY GROUND LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE PGA TOURNAMENT CORPORATION, INC., FOR VEHICLE PARKING AT 1020 DIXIE AND 333 DIXIE HIGHWAY.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the agreement would permit the City to lease parking space in the City to the Women's Professional Golfing Association for its tournament in the area from June 23rd through July 2nd. A brief discussion took place before the vote.

6. RESOLUTION #2017 - 16 : APPROVING DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROPERTIES AT 1305 PORTLAND, 1510 PORTLAND, 1524 PORTLAND, 1526 PORTLAND AND 1507 FIFTH AVENUE, 1616 BUTLER, 1505 WALLACE AND 210 W. 16TH PLACE. (for BRP program).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel explained that these properties were no longer in good condition and were unable to be rehabbed; they were being acquired as part of the Blight Reduction Program. A brief discussion followed regarding the current program which enabled residents to acquire the lot next door to their residence.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:42 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Amadio, Torres

Motion carried by acclamation.

Attest:

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk