

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, March 7, 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	Absent
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Absent
	4th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5th Ward Richard Amadio	Present
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Present

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that that he would not be hosting a ward meeting in the month of April.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers was absent.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary School. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Alderman Amadio announced that the ward meeting scheduled for March 14 was cancelled and rescheduled to Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Greenbriar Elementary.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres had no report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, spoke about flooding issues and the quality of water in the City.

Margaret Burns-Westmeyer, a resident of the City, informed the council that applications were currently being accepted for the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardner Program. She provided details on the program, and said that interested persons could contact her.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Karen Zerante provided a year-end summary on Cartograph, a program used by the City to address issues that were reported to Resident Services. COS Zerante also reported on the Geographic Information System (GIS), a program used by the City to track various information. It was a helpful resource with FEMA grants, such as the \$ 2.5 million dollar drainage plan for the West Side that would address water, sewer and curb issues in the City. She reported that Comcast had provided \$ 10,000 in funds to the City for software updates to the Channel 4 public announcement channel.

Mayor Gonzalez announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through its Choice Neighborhood Program, had awarded the City a \$ 350,000 grant. The phase one grant would be used in community planning of schools, open space, and commercial areas for the City's East Side Neighborhood.

Police Chief Thomas Rogers reported that the Police Department's "Beards for Kids" Christmas fundraiser had been very successful. Police officers in uniform delivered gifts to needy families, and \$ 3,300 in donations had been raised and would personally be delivered to Shriners Children's Hospital.

REPORT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL – T. J. Somer

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Deabel, Torres

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF FEBRUARY, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 16 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH "CHRIST FOR EVERYONE CHURCH", AN ILLINOIS NFP CORPORATION, TO INDUCE THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY AT 276 EAST 16TH STREET. (former Goodwin Church).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained the circumstances surrounding the property which came to be vacant and City owned. He introduced Bishop Kenneth Franklin, of "Christ for Everyone Church," who addressed the city council. The Mayor and city council welcomed the church to the City.

4. Adjournment

At 6:33 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion carried by acclamation.

Attest:

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk