

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, March 20, 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	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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that he would not hold a ward meeting in April, 2017.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers was absent.

Alderman Deabel announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Amadio announced that he would not hold a ward meeting in April, 2017.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting would be held along with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres had no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2017

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Torres

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MARCH, 2017

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

Ayes: Mosby, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE#2017 - 4: AMENDING BOND PARAMETER ORDINANCE

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

Ayes: Mosby, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Eric Anderson, bond counsel, gave the council an update on the amendment. Mayor Gonzalez recalled for the council the original bond parameters, and informed it of the reasons for the decreased refunding amount that would be done currently. The balance of the bonds to be refunded would be revisited in two years. A question and answer period preceded the vote.

4. ORDINANCE #2017 - 5 : ADOPTING ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION AND RENEWING LEGAL NON-CONFORMING USE STATUS FOR PROPERTY AT 398 W. 14TH STREET.

Alderman Torres 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 that the new owner applied for the restoration of the legal non-conforming use that the City granted for the property for many years in the past. A brief discussion followed on the matter.

5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 17 : RECERTIFYING CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: Deabel

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Karen Zerante, Human Resources Director, addressed the council and answered its questions on the matter.

6. RESOLUTION #2017- 18 : APPROVING A MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked Mr. Larry Stringfellow, board chairman, who had recently retired, for his long years of dedicated service. Mayor Gonzalez introduced Macharia Fortson, a former City of Chicago Heights police officer, and currently a master sergeant with the State Police, Internal Affairs Division.

7. RESOLUTION #2017 - 19 : APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NUFARM FOR TEMPORARY USE OF CITY OWNED VACANT LAND.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel explained that Nufarm's renovation process had caused the need for additional, temporary parking space. Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, gave the council a background on Nufarm and its current activities.

8. RESOLUTION #2017 - 20 : APPROVING THE 2017 CDBG ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion to approve carried.

Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, addressed the council on the project, which would take place in 2018. Mayor Gonzalez explained the possible scope of the project, part of which was based on grant funding. Discussion on the matter took place.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m. Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Rodgers

Motion carried by acclamation.

Attest:

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**