Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, March 20, 2019 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 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: David Gonzalez Present

Council: 1st Ward Walter Mosby Present
          2nd Ward Sonia Perez Present
          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 his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. Barack Obama School.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers - Absent

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres announced her next ward meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. at Golden Towers in the Community Room.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked the Police and Fire Department for the great job done at their charity basketball game. It was for a good cause and brought the whole community together.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joe Reda, Athletic Director of Bloom High School, thanked Mayor Gonzalez, Dr. Lenell Navarre, Superintendent of Bloom High School, and the Board of Education for their vision in the various improvements at Bloom School, including the new blue turf at Sarff Field. He extended an invitation to Mayor Gonzalez to be the honorary starter for the boy’s track meet on May 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Sarff Field. Mayor Gonzalez was honored to accept.

Sebastian C Giles, a resident of the City, submitted certain documents to some of the City Council members and to the Deputy Clerk.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Zerante announced that the annual clean-up on major thorough fares would soon begin, as well as pot hole repairs, spring restoration of asphalt or concrete damaged by water or sewer repairs, and parkway restoration.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2019.

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

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

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MARCH 2019

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Rodgers
Motion to approve carried.
3. RESOLUTION #2019-__23__: APPROVING A MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION.

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

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

Mayor Gonzalez announced the appointment of Lennie Pulliam, a resident of the City whose resume demonstrated the extensiveness of his experience and volunteerism.

4. RESOLUTION #2019-__24__: APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY’S 2019 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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

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

Mayor Gonzalez stated that this project would take place in the Hickory and Euclid area, and would precede the CDBG project also planned for the area.

5. ORDINANCE #2019-__4__: RESERVING THE CITY’S 2019 VOLUME CAP ALLOCATION IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS.

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

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

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the ordinance was an annual adoption. By the City being the issuer, any bonds that might be issued would have a tax-free status for developers, thus making the bonds more attractive in the marketplace. The City would have no obligation or liability if there were a bond issue.
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Torres seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk