

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday April 18, 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**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>David Gonzalez</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Walter Mosby</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Joshua Deabel</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ward Richard Amadio</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Ward Vincent Zaranti</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Ward Sylvia Torres</b>	<b>Present</b>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Alderman Mosby announced his next ward meeting would be held on May 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Barack Obama School of Leadership and Stem.**

**Alderman Perez announced her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.**

**Alderman Rodgers announced that she held her quarterly meeting the previous Thursday. Alderman Rodgers reported issues that residents brought to her attention at the meeting.**

**Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. The alderman announced several events as follows: Earth Day on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at McEldowney Park and 13<sup>th</sup> & Scott Avenue; South Suburban Crop Walk on April 29 supporting local food pantries; Bloom H. S. 5K on May 5 at 8 a.m.; and, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Garage Sale on June 8 and 9.**

**Alderman Amadio announced his next ward meeting would be held on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym of Greenbrier School.**

**Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek would be held on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.**

Alderman Torres announced her next ward meeting would be on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Library.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, made brief comments regarding a program at Prairie State College by the Environmental Commission of Park Forest, items eight and nine on the agenda, and storm water efforts.

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante**

COS Karen Zerante reported on upcoming events: Union Street Gallery art presentation on April 21 at McEldowney Park from 10:00-4:00 p.m.; free Tree Give-A-Way on April 26 at City Hall; Bloom H. S. National Honor Society 5k on May 5; Bloom Township Center community art sale, garage sale, and free recycle on May 12; and the City’s Clean-Up Day on May 19.

Mayor Gonzalez read one of two proclamations recognizing John Head, age 8, and his thoughtful efforts to honor First Responders. Mayor Gonzalez presented John with the proclamations and a gift in recognition of his birthday and his good efforts.

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER**

Corporation Counsel Somer said that he would ask for a motion to table item eight on the agenda as the council was not ready to take action. Also, he said that there would be no need to go into executive session, since a poll of the city council indicated that it was ready to take action on the matter.

**1. MINUTES: MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2018**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: Deabel

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF APRIL 2018.**

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

Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion to approve carried.

**3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 26 : APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS GREENEST REGION 2 COMPACT.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried.**

COS Zerante reported that the Greenest Region 2 Compact had a vibrant program that provided information, workshops, and other opportunities for sustainable communities and environment. Some discussion followed.

**4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 27 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S 2018 JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> FIREWORKS SHOW.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Jessica Mancina, Special Events Director, addressed the council on the matter.

**5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 28 : AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF EDELSON, PC TO PROSECUTE A CIVIL ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the agreement would be at zero cost to the City for participating. If there were a recovery, it would be based on a sliding scale from 28-32% plus expenses. He stated that the agreement would ensure that the City had a voice in this very important public health crisis. There was discussion on the matter by the city council.

**6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 29 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 1529, 1539-41 AND 1549 CHICAGO ROAD.**

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

**Ayes:** Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion to approve** carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer reported that the low bids on the projects were received from KLF Enterprises, which had done a great job on two previous demolition projects for the City.

**7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 30 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 1542 HALSTED STREET.**

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

**Ayes:** Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion to approve** carried.

Discussion for this resolution was included in the discussion of the preceding agenda item.

**8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 31 : APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS COMMANDER.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (IF NECESSARY)**

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

**Ayes:** Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres

**Nays:** none

**Abstain:** none

**Absent:** none

**Motion to TABLE** carried.

**9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 32 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THIS DATE.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**10. ORDINANCE #2018 - 8 : AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ½ OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REGULATING SMALL CELL FACILITY DEPLOYMENT WITHIN THE CITY.**

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

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to approve carried.**

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that there was an amendment to Illinois' Small Cell Act pending in Springfield. If that amendment were adopted, it would exempt home-rule communities from having to abide to mandates under the Act. The City's resolution would permit the City to mandate its own designs, restrictions, and fees concerning small cells.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:05 p.m. Alderman Torres moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Ayes: Mosby, Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti, Torres**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: none**

**Motion to adjourn carried.**

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk