

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, May 1, 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**

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| <b>Mayor:</b>   | <b>David Gonzalez</b>                      | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Council:</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Walter Mosby</b>    | <b>Absent</b>  |
|                 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez</b>     | <b>Present</b> |
|                 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>   | <b>Absent</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>Absent</b>  |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Mosby was absent.

Alderman Perez announced that her next ward meeting would be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School. She announced the Park District's Fiesta in the Park event on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and the Union Street Gallery Derby Day event on May 5<sup>th</sup> as well.

Alderman Rodgers was absent.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School, and that his next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran. He also announced the annual Ward 4 Neighborhood Garage Sale for June 16th and 17th.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Greenbriar School.

Alderman Zaranti announced that his next ward meeting in coordination with Commissioner Straczek would be held on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

Jessica Mancina, Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, stated that the upcoming annual city-wide clean-up would be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer clean-up crews would go through-out the City, and bulk items could be dropped off by residents at the Bloom Township Plaza parking lot.

Mayor Gonzalez spoke in support of Senate Bill 2717 which was before the Local Government Committee. The bill dealt with municipalities sharing their sales tax information with third party companies who had the expertise to find new revenue for the municipalities.

The Mayor also spoke about House Bill 3052, which his office had initiated. The bill would bring tax relief to Chicago Heights businesses in Ford Heights' School District 169, but allow Ford Heights to keep its own school district intact without consolidating with Chicago Heights School District 170.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chuck Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council on item four of the agenda dealing with the position of Chief of Staff.

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

None

#### **1. MINUTES: MEETING OF April 17, 2017**

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

**Ayes: Perez, Amadio, Zaranti,**

**Nays: Deabel**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Alderman Deabel stated that he had issue with items not mentioned in the minutes, and made a motion to amend the minutes. Corporation Counsel Somer explained that there already was a motion on the floor to approve the minutes, and that if the person who made the motion wished to withdraw it, the motion to amend was possible. Alderman Zaranti, who made the motion to approve the minutes, declined to withdraw his motion and the vote on the first motion proceeded.**

**2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF APRIL, 2017.**

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

**Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**3. RESOLUTION #2017 - 30 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MELROSE PYROTECHNICS FOR PRESENTATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS ON JULY 3, 2017.**

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

**Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Jessica Mancina, Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, gave the council a brief background on the fireworks display company.**

**4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 31 : APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE CITY CHIEF OF STAFF.**

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

**Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Mayor Gonzalez briefly explained the matter, with brief discussion by the council.**

**5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 32 : RECONCILING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CERTAIN CITY ACCOUNTS.**

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

**Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion to approve carried.**

**Treasurer Jim Dee explained that this was a year-end reconciliation between the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the General and Capital Project Funds. There was no actual transfer of funds or changes in bank balances. The council asked questions and discussed the matter.**

**6. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEWLY PROMOTED FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.**

**Fire Chief Jeffrey Springer proudly introduced the newly promoted personnel and spoke of their hard work, commitment, dedication and sacrifice. Lori Wilcox, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to:**

**Engineer Keith Warren**

**Engineer Steve Koenig**

**Engineer Mike Janusek**

**Engineer Lou Wortel**

**Lieutenant Michael Napoli**

**Lieutenant Doug Fisher**

**Lieutenant Wendell Thomas**

**Lieutenant Zach McGathey**

**Mayor Gonzalez thanked the firemen for their service and commitment to the community, and their families for their support and dedication to the men for their service.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Perez moved, and Alderman Deabel seconded, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.**

**Ayes: Perez, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti**

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Absent: Mosby, Rodgers, Torres**

**Motion carried.**

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**Lori Wilcox, City Clerk**