

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday May 2, 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:	1 st Ward Walter Mosby	Present
	2 nd Ward Sonia Perez	Absent
	3 rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4 th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5 th Ward Richard Amadio	Present
	6 th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7 th Ward Sylvia Torres	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers had no announcements.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 13 at St Paul Lutheran Church. The Annual 4th Ward Garage Sale would be held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9 from 8-3:00 p.m.

Alderman Amadio announced his next ward meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym of Greenbrier School.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Maria Zerante, a resident of the City, expressed her concern about incorrect information on street addresses being given to police officers by dispatch.

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding the possibility of coal fired plants being operated in Illinois, and the importance of House Bill 4408.

Roy Dillard from the Dr. Gavin Foundation honored Mayor Gonzalez with the Foundation's Man of the Year award and presented him with its 6th Annual Golf Outing T-shirt.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE

COS Karen Zerante reported on the \$ 350,000 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant for the revitalization of the East Side Downtown Neighborhood. Recent meetings with team members and residents had been very productive and informative. She announced that the National Honor Society Bloom High School 5K run would be held on Saturday, May 5th.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF APRIL 2018.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 33 : PROPOSING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT AND THE DESIGNATION OF THE EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, AND THE ADOPTION OF TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING THEREFORE AND CONVENING A JOINT REVIEW BOARD AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer made the opening comments on the matter. He introduced Charles Durham of Kane, McKenna & Assoc. which had done an extensive study of the area. Mr. Durham stated that creation of the TIF area was very important in the development of that area for industrial use. Mayor Gonzalez also spoke saying that the TIF incentive would attract manufacturing companies into the area. Discussion on the matter took place before the vote.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 34 : APPROVING AND RATIFYING A PROPOSAL FOR PAVEMENT CORING RELATED TO THE 2018 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported on the project areas, two of which were Serena Hills and Holbrook Circle.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 35 : APPROVING A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1111 WASHINGTON. (Applicant: P&J Properties, LLC d/b/a Wilkins Rebuilders).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer addressed the council on the matter. Mr. Pete Wilkins, applicant, was present and briefly addressed the council.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 36 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE 2018 CDBG STREET RESURFACING PROJECT. (Project# 1706-007).

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported that the recommended low bidder was Iroquois Paving; project would take place on 22nd and 25th Streets between East End Avenue and State Street. Mayor Gonzalez added that Cook County had awarded the City \$ 300,000 for the project, and that \$ 257,000 in capital funds would be used for the remaining cost of the project. Discussion took place on the matter.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 37 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE 2018 CAPITAL FUND STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported that the engineer's recommendation was to award to low bidder Iroquois Paving. Project areas were Serena Hills, Holbrook Circle, and Roberts Cove. Mayor Gonzalez noted that the project was valued at \$ 1,162,022.86.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 38 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR THE SPRING 2018 STREET & CURB RESTORATION PROGRAM.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante stated that this project consisted of repairs to curbs, concrete, and asphalt that were needed as a result of water and sewer repairs that had been done in the preceding season.

9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 39 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FOR THE 2018 SPRING SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported that Mark Moen, engineering consultant with HBK Engineering, recommended that the project be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Misfits Construction. This project would be completed before all major street resurfacing projects, and sewer and sanitary storm projects already planned for 2018 and beyond were started.

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

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Police Chief Thomas Rogers summarized Lt. Mikal El-Amin's illustrious career with the Chicago Heights Police Department. City Clerk Lori Wilcox administered the oath of office, and Mayor Gonzalez congratulated and thanked Lt. El-Amin on behalf of himself and the city council.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Deabel seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk