

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Monday, May 15, 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	Present
	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 had no announcements.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers had no announcements.

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 Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. He asked to be contacted by anyone who wished to participate.

Alderman Amadio announced that his next ward meeting would be held on May 25th 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 had no announcements.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked all volunteers and sponsors who participated in the City's annual City-Wide Clean-up. Mayor Gonzalez also thanked the department heads for their attendance at the recent Mayor's Night Out meetings, and for their resolution of issues reported during those meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fr. John Siemianowski, Pastor of St. Agnes and St. Kieran Church, addressed the council on the agenda item related to minimum wage and paid sick leave.

William Marconi, a resident of the City, addressed the council on the agenda item related to minimum wage and paid sick leave.

John Scheel, plant manager of Keystone Calumet located in the City, addressed the council on the agenda item related to minimum wage and paid sick leave.

Marilyn Tucker, a resident of the City, informed the council about problems that she and surrounding neighbors were having with a resident on her block.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MAY 1, 2017

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rogers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Torres

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

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

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2017 - 8 : "OPTING OUT" OF COOK COUNTY ORDINANCES REGULATING MINIMUM WAGES AND PAID SICK LEAVE.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel T. J. Somer explained the issue and its effect. Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, gave further input on the matter. The city council discussed the matter before proceeding to the vote.

4. RESOLUTION #2017 - 33 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ACTUARIAL SERVICES WITH FOSTER & FOSTER, INC.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Treasurer Dee stated that this was a three year contract renewable year by year. Mayor Gonzalez added that the cost was \$6,000 per year for services related to each of the two pensions funds-Police and Fire. There were brief questions from the council before the vote.

5. RESOLUTION #2017 - 34 : APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM M.E. SIMPSON FOR THE CITY'S 2017 WATER SYSTEM LEAK DETECTION SURVEY.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, explained that the survey would cover 185 miles of water main for the purpose of detecting leaks and reducing water loss.

6. **RESOLUTION #2017 - 35 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LOWE AVENUE WATER STATION ALTITUDE VALVE.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Tena Marquie, Water Superintendent, explained the project's valve installation, as well as the separate purchase of the valve for cost savings. She proceeded to answer questions for the council.

7. **RESOLUTION #2017 - 36 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE LOWE AVENUE REPLACEMENT ALTITUDE VALVE FROM METROPOLITAN PUMP COMPANY.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Discussion on the matter was held in the previous agenda item discussion.

8. **RESOLUTION #2017 - 37 : APPROVING DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 1526 WALLACE, 203 EAST 17TH STREET, AND 1322 D'AMICO STREET.**

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that two of the properties would be submitted for demolition under the Blight Reduction Property Program, and the other, a vacant lot, would potentially be developed by the owner of an adjacent business. The council briefly discussed the matter.

9. RESOLUTION #2017 - 38 : APPROVING THE SALE OF THE VACANT CITY OWNED SURPLUS LAND AT 88 EAST 14TH STREET UNDER THE "LOT NEXT DOOR" PROGRAM.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the current neighbor proposed to purchase the property in order to build a garage on the site. The council discussed the matter before the vote.

10. RESOLUTION #2017 - 39 : APPROVING A DONATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE APX. FOUR ACRE VACANT PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 415 EAST 16TH STREET.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to table carried.

Mayor Gonzalez asked the city council to table the resolution. No discussion.

11. RESOLUTION #2017 - 40 : APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO LAWN TRACTORS BY THE CITY STREET DEPARTMENT.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Aaron Del Valle, Public Works Director, addressed the council on the circumstances involving the emergency purchase.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:56 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Mosby seconded, a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk