

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent Zaranti, as most senior alderman and in the absence of Mayor Gonzalez, called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Absent
Council:	1 st Ward Walter Mosby	Present
	2 nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	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 that he would not hold a ward meeting in June.

Alderman Perez announced that she would not hold a ward meeting in June.

Alderman Rodgers announced that the Chicago Heights Park District would hold its 5th Annual Charity & Memorial 5K Run/Walk on June 2nd. Persons could contact the park district for details.

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 alderman stated Union Street Gallery was hosting an art event at McEldowney Park on June 2nd from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 p.m.; the annual 4th Ward Garage Sale would be held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9 from 8:00 -3:00 p.m.

Alderman Amadio announced his next ward meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Greenbrier School in the gym.

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

Charles Dieringer, a resident of the City, addressed the council regarding issues with storm water and Thorn Creek.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante
COS Zerante was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Zaranti congratulated the 2018 Chicago Heights Small Fry Green Streaks on winning the 50th Small Fry International Tournament at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. He presented the team with a plaque in honor of the win.

Jim Dee, Treasurer, gave recognition to the Small Fry organization. Carmen Sendejas spoke on behalf of Mayor Gonzalez, her spouse, who could not be present. She praised and thanked the team and coaches, and had a donation from the Mayor in support of the organization.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER
None

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MAY 2, 2018

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF FIRST RUN OF MAY 2018.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. RESOLUTION #2018 - 40 : APPROVING AN IHDA GRANT AWARD FOR THE ABANDONED PROPERTY MUNICIPAL RELIEF PROGRAM. (APP 3).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that this was phase three of the IHDA grant for \$ 250,000 that the City had received for board ups, cleanup, and demolition of abandoned properties. Brief discussion on the matter followed.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 41 : APPROVING A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH LIVING WORD CHURCH FOR THE CITY ACQUISITION OF THE VACANT LOTS AT 320 W. 202ND STREET.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that there was a possibility that property could serve as a retention area in relieving severe flooding there. There was some discussion on the matter before the vote.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 42 : APPROVING A DONATION/DEED IN LIEU AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE LEASING COMPANY FOR ACQUISITION OF THE VACANT LAND AT 990 DIXIE HIGHWAY.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer addressed the council, saying that the property owner no longer had a use for the property. The City would acquire the property, and be prepared for potential development when the opportunity presented itself. Brief discussion followed on the matter.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 43 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE VACANT CITY LOTS AT 800-804 HALSTED STREET TO BOULEVARD BILLARDS, INC.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the owner of Boulevard Billiards would improve the lots, thereby providing parking for his business as well as for the businesses to the north. Brief discussion took place.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 44 : AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE CITY'S 2018 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Courtney Anderson, City Engineer, stated that letters would go out to residents already on the program list, and that persons wanting to be in the program could contact Residential Services.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 45 : APPROVING A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT 1401 STATE STREET. (Applicant: 1401 State Line, Inc. d/b/a Citgo Gas).

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Director, addressed the council on the extension of the tax incentive for the current business at the location. Brief discussion took place.

9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 46 : APPROVING MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S 911 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that previous retirements of police and fire personnel had caused two vacancies on the board and therefore, the need for the Mayoral appointments of two other police and fire board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (IF NECESSARY)

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that he had communicated with all of the aldermen and that the alderman believed that they were ready to take action on agenda item #10 without going into an executive session.

10. RESOLUTION #2018 - 47 : APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CIVIL LITIGATION AS PRESENTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THIS DATE.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to approve carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Deabel seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk