

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, June 6, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Absent
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	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, 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. He announced that the annual 4th Ward Garage Sale would be held on Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on June 28 at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres had no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shirley Ross, a resident of the City, asked for help with the problem of break-ins and vacant homes in her neighborhood.

Rosa Williams, a resident of the City, asked for a solution regarding the problem of flooding and backup in her basement.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante updated the council on the resurfacing and water and sewer projects that were currently ongoing in the City: the CDBG project along 22nd and 25th Streets, the capital improvements project in the whole of Serena Hills, and the 50/50 Sidewalk Program.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF MAY 16, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: Torres

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

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

Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Amadio 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. RESOLUTION #2018 - 48 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SURPLUS CITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT 712 HALSTED STREET. (To James & Mary Weissman).

Alderman Amadio 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 Weissmans planned to rehab the vacant building in order to move their business to the site. There was some discussion on the matter.

4. RESOLUTION #2018 - 49 : REVOKING THE CITY BUSINESS LICENSES OF ALMANAR FOOD, INC. & ABDULRAHMAN BASHARAHIL. (current location 844 Halsted Street).

Alderman Amadio 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.

Corporation Counsel Somer provided a background and said that there had been a preliminary hearing. Flagrant and repeated violations of City, County, and State codes prompted the recommendation to revoke the license. The council asked questions before voting on the matter.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 50 : APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH FIRE SERVICE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 FORD AMBULANCE.

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.

Fire Chief Jeffrey Springer and Treasurer Jim Dee provided information to the council on the matter. A brief question on the matter was asked.

6. ORDINANCE #2018 - 9 : VACATING 17TH STREET AND 23RD STREET GRADE CROSSINGS AT THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TRACKS.

Alderman Torres moved, and Alderman Rodgers 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 Somer stated that the vacation were required as part of the City's quiet zone application. By vacating, the Railroad Safety Fund would eventually contribute \$ 250,000 dollars to the quiet zone project. The resolution was a preliminary step in the process.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:43 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk