

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor:	David Gonzalez	Present
Council:	1st Ward Walter Mosby	Absent
	2nd Ward Sonia Perez	Present
	3rd Ward Wanda Rodgers	Present
	4th Ward Joshua Deabel	Present
	5th Ward Richard Amadio	Absent
	6th Ward Vincent Zaranti	Present
	7th Ward Sylvia Torres	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gonzalez announced that he had requested that a representative of Franciscan Health attend the council meeting to answer questions related to the closing of St. James Hospital. Mike Bruni, an official of Franciscan Health, was there to address the council on the matter. The discussion centered on the fulfillment of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by Franciscan Health and the City and other municipalities. One of the major concerns was that Franciscan Health had recently revealed that it would not build a 24/7 state of the art urgent care center on Vollmer Road as agreed to under the MOU. The discussion was a lengthy one with many questions and remarks. At the end of the discussion, a short recess was taken before the meeting proceeded to communications from the aldermen.

Alderman Mosby was absent from the meeting.

Alderman Perez announced that her ward meeting would be held on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Garfield School.

Alderman Rodgers announced that there was a free summer food program being held at city parks Monday through Friday.

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, August 15 at St Paul Lutheran Church. He announced that the annual 4th Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Amadio was absent from the meeting.

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

Alderman Torres had no announcements.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante announced a kickoff event for the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant on Saturday, June 23 at 13th and Wentworth. She related that the Bike Rodeo would be held on June 30, and invited residents to consult the event calendar on the City's website for other events.

Treasurer Jim Dee announced that a draft of the annual budget for fiscal year end 2019 was available in the Treasurer's office for review. Vote on the budget was anticipated for the July 18 city council meeting.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2018

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

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

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE #2018 - 10 : REGULATING WAGES OF LABORERS MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS ENGAGED IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS. (A/K/A THE PREVAILING WAGE ACT).

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the ordinance was mandated by law, and set the wages for any workers who were engaged in public work projects.

4. ORDINANCE #2018 - 11 : RESERVING THE CITY'S VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS.

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated in the previous agenda item that the ordinance was a standard ordinance approved by the city council annually.

5. ORDINANCE #2018 - 12 : AMENDING CHAPTER 39 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING A VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY FEE.

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer reported that the fee would apply to the storage fees collected at a facility in the City that was storing thousands recalled vehicles. The new facility fee could result in revenues to the City of up to \$ 250,000 in a year. Some questions on matter arose.

6. ORDINANCE #2018 - 13 : AMENDING CHAPTER 31 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING INSTALLMENT LOAN BUSINESS LICENSES.

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that it was the City's intention to reduce as they closed the number of payday loan businesses in the City; this amendment would reduce the number of active municipal licenses for these businesses from five to four.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 51 : APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH OAK STREET HEALTH TO INDUCE THE PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF 1401 WESTERN AVENUE. (the former Walgreens).

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Director of Economic Development, gave information to the council on the matter. He explained that the resolution would permit the City to contribute up to \$ 150,000 in TIF funds for the esthetic improvement of brick, pavement, and landscaping at the site. There was some discussion on the matter.

8. RESOLUTION #2017 - 52 : APPROVING A BROKERAGE AGREEMENT WITH COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL TO LIST "FOR SALE" THE SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY AT 600 EAST SAUK TRAIL, CHICAGO HEIGHTS. (vacant 60 acre industrial parcel).

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that Colliers would be able to market the large, industrial, prime property not just locally but also internationally. Brief discussion followed.

9. RESOLUTION #2018 - 53 : APPROVING AND RATIFYING MFT EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECT YEARS 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019.

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante reported that IDOT had conducted a comprehensive audit on the City's MFT Funds, and in response, the City provided required documentation to IDOT. Past MFT Fund projects were formally closed out with the documentation, thus making the City current in its MFT reporting. The city council discussed the matter.

10. RESOLUTION #2018 - 54 : APPROVING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH DIRECT ENERGY FOR ELECTRICITY PROVISION FOR CITY FACILITIES.

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

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel explained that the City's current Direct Energy contract expired in October, and a one-year renewal was available at essentially the same rate. There was a question on the matter before the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m. Alderman Rodgers moved, and Alderman Zaranti seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Perez, Rodgers, Deabel, Zaranti, Torres

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Mosby, Amadio

Motion to adjourn carried.


Lori Wilcox, City Clerk