

**Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 1601 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL.**

**\*To be conducted remotely by telephone conference pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Covid-19 Executive Order #8 dated March 9, 2020 and extension thereof set forth in Executive Order 2020-39. Meeting to be broadcast at City Hall with opportunity made available for public attendance and/or participation subject to social distancing regulations. Attendees must be attired in mask and gloves and may not be experiencing any symptoms of the COVID virus, i.e., fever, cough, sore throat, or uncommon fatigue.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Gonzalez called the regular meeting of the Chicago Heights City Council to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK RACHEL VEGA**

<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>David Gonzalez</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Council:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Ward Renee Smith</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Sonia Perez</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Wanda Rodgers</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Ward Christopher Baikauskas</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Ward George Brassea</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Ward Vincent Zaranti</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Ward Kelli Merrick</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Alderman Smith – no report**

**Alderman Perez – no report**

**Alderman Rodgers – no report**

**Alderman Baikauskas – no report**

**Alderman Brassea announced that he would hold his next ward meeting via Zoom on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and would send the link to the meeting to the Mayor's Office.**

**Alderman Zaranti announced that he would hold his next ward meeting in person along with Park District Commissioner Straczek on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Commissioners Park. Masks and social distancing would be required.**

**Alderman Merrick - Absent**

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None – Kaz Rossetto, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, announced that he was present in the council chambers and that no persons were in attendance of the council meeting.

### **REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF – KAREN ZERANTE**

COS Zerante reported that the City had again experienced heavy rains, and that Public Works, Street and Sewer had been out in advance, preparing for any anticipated flooding. The West Side Storm Water Project, which addressed storm water and flooding issues, was prepared, and waiting for the County to give its approval and funding so that it could move forward. Other studies on flooding issues in the City were also underway.

### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER**

Absent

**REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER:** announcing the posting of the City's 2020-2021 estimated budget for public review.

Treasurer Jim Dee stated that a draft of the budget was available for review in the Finance Office, and that he was available if any member of the city council wished to meet to discuss the budget.

#### **1. MINUTES: MEETINGS OF JUNE 17, 2020.**

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Merrick

Motion to approve carried.

#### **2. BILLS: APPROVAL OF SECOND RUN OF JUNE 2020.**

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Merrick

Motion to approve carried.

#### **3. RESOLUTION #2020 - 37 : APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO INDUCE THE SALE OF THE CITY OWNED SURPLUS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT 358 ALDEN COURT, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL.**

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti,

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Merrick

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Director, reported that the property would be sold under the terms of the City's APAP Abandoned Property Acquisition Program. The buyer, a current landlord in the City, intended to bring the property up to Code and operate it as a rental.

**4. RESOLUTION #2020 - 38 : APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S 2018 AGREEMENT WITH HAMMOND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAKE MICHIGAN WATER SUPPLY.**

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

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Merrick

Motion to approve carried.

Mayor Gonzalez explained that the amendment would set the term of the agreement to twenty-five years from the date a new municipal customer connected to the City's water system and hold the rate of Additional Water Quantity at \$ 2.05 per one-thousand gallons to January 1, 2023, as long as the connection occurred by December 31, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:40 p.m. Alderman Baikauskas moved, and Alderman Perez seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Smith, Perez, Rodgers, Baikauskas, Brassea, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Merrick

Motion to adjourn carried.

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Lori Wilcox, City Clerk