

Minutes of the Regular City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Thursday, July 5, 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 6:00 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	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby announced that his next ward meeting would be held on Thursday, July 12th at 6:00 at Barack Obama School of Leadership and Stem.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers had no announcements.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary. His next neighborhood watch meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 15th at St. Paul Lutheran Church. He announced that the annual 4th Ward Bike Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 7th with check in at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Amadio had no announcements.

Alderman Zaranti announced his next ward meeting would be held in coordination with Park District Commissioner Straczek on Thursday, July 26th at 7 p.m. at Commissioners Park.

Alderman Torres was absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante updated the council on the sewer repairs and the resurfacing projects taking place throughout the City. She announced community events that being held by the Union Evangelistic Baptist Church and the Union Street Gallery.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2018

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

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

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

3. ORDINANCE # 2018 - 14 : APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL LAND NEAR 28TH & STATE STREET INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that the property was an active industrial complex located at 2905 State Street. The annexation would bring the property into the new TIF district that would be adopted later in the meeting. Brief discussion.

4. ORDINANCE #2018 - 15 : TERMINATING THE CALUMET STEEL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer stated that the Calumet Steel TIF had never really generated any increment. The plan was to terminate the old TIF and incorporate that area into the new TIF district in case there was new development there in the future. Some discussion on the matter.

5. ORDINANCE #2018 - 16 : APPROVING THE PROPOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that this ordinance would officially approve the Eastern Industrial Redevelopment Plan and Project.

6. ORDINANCE #2018 - 17 : DESIGNATING THE PROPOSED CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that this ordinance would approve the geographic area of the new TIF, set the boundaries and list the PIN numbers comprising the TIF.

7. ORDINANCE #2018 - 18 : ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS EASTERN INDUSTRIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA & DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING ACT.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

Corporation Counsel Somer explained that this ordinance would adopt tax increment financing, for when developers actually entered into redevelopment agreements for the new TIF district. Mr. Charles Durham, of Kane, McKenna & Associates, consultant to the City, was present and answered questions for the council.

8. RESOLUTION #2018 - 55 : APPROVING AND RATIFYING MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) EXPENDITURES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to approve carried.

COS Zerante explained that the resolution was related to projects previously approved by the council and the MFT funds that were already expended for the projects. IDOT required the council's approval of the MFT expenditures in order to formally close out the project files.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Rodgers seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Mosby, Rodgers, Deabel, Amadio, Zaranti

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez, Torres

Motion to adjourn carried.

Lori Wilcox, City Clerk