

Minutes of the Special City Council Proceedings of the City of Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois held Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 7:25 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 7:25 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	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Mosby had no announcements.

Alderman Perez was absent.

Alderman Rodgers announced that she would host the Annual Back to School Extravaganza on Sunday, August 5th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District.

Alderman Deabel announced his next ward meeting would be held on Monday, August 27th 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. He stated that the next month's ward meeting would be held on August 30th.

Alderman Torres was absent.

Lori Wilcox, President of the Chicago Heights Library Board, made comments on the library's budget process, and ongoing efforts for better funding and services. It was noted that library board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gregory Matthias, a resident of the City, inquired about the schedule for street maintenance and abandoned homes in the 16th Street and Scott Avenue area.

Jeanette Golden, a resident of the City, addressed the city council regarding certain issues. She received responses from Mayor Gonzalez and Corporation Counsel.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF – Karen Zerante

COS Zerante announced the new, improved billing format for water bills would go into effect with the July billing notice. Residents had already received prior notice of the change. She stated that expanded water payment methods were also forthcoming in the near future.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL—T.J. SOMER

No report

1. MINUTES: MEETING OF JULY 5, 2018

Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Torres 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 FIRST RUN OF JULY 2018.

Alderman Zaranti moved, and Alderman Torres 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. ORDINANCE #2018 - 19 : APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CORPORATE AND SPECIAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2018 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2019.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

A question arose regarding the revenues that were budgeted for in the Bloom Plaza TIF account before the vote call.

4. RESOLUTION # 2018 - 56 : AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO TRANSFER MONEY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CITY FUNDS.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Treasurer Dee explained that the annual resolution allowed the City to move monies between funds as payments came due and until revenues came in. The City's auditing company reviewed all due to and due from transactions to make sure that all were done in accordance with the rules.

5. RESOLUTION #2018 - 57 : APPROVING A COOK COUNTY CLASS 8 TAX CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1035-1039 DIXIE HIGHWAY. (Applicant: Jasmine Carrasco d/b/a Jasmine's Petals Child Care).

Alderman Mosby 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.

Jack Hynes, Economic Development Director, explained that the applicant planned interior and exterior improvement of the property.

6. RESOLUTION #2018 - 58 : APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH COPART, INC., TO INDUCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VACANT INDUSTRIAL LAND AT 1301 STATE STREET.

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

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Perez

Motion to approve carried.

Jack Hynes, Economic Director, explained that the company would build a twenty thousand square foot facility, and would sell its cars on-line from that location. The agreement provided that the company would pay the City \$2 per car that was sold. Harte Passman, Copart's attorney, was present and answered questions for the council.

7. RESOLUTION #2018 - 59 : APPROVING A BID AWARD FOR THE CITY'S 2018 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM.

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.

COS Karen Zerante reported that it was the recommendation of the city engineer that the bid be awarded to Davis Concrete, who had done numerous projects for the City, providing excellent service and competitive pricing.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m. Alderman Mosby moved, and Alderman Zerante 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